

DAI Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 28th/Thursday 29th June

2023 Minutes

Meeting opened at 9:45 am NZST (Auckland, New Zealand time)

1. Welcome: Alister Welcomed all to the 2023 Annual General Meeting

2. In Attendance:

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| 1. Christine Thelker | 7. Valerie Schache |
| 2. Dallas Dixon | 8. Masood Ahmed Qureshi |
| 3. Kate Swaffer | 9. Eileen Taylor |
| 4. Cheryl Day | 10. Hom Shrestha |
| 5. Janine Whited | 11. Dennis Frost |
| 6. Lyn Rogers | 12. Jane Washburn |

3. Apologies: Jennifer Bute, Maxine Linnell, Patricia Bowen

4. Confirmation of Minutes of the Dementia Alliance International (DAI) Annual General Meeting For 2022

Motion: That the minutes of the Dementia Alliance International Annual General Meeting held 27/28 July 2022 are accepted as a true and accurate record

Moved: Cheryl, Seconded: Valerie, Carried

5. Chair's report

- Noted that the annual report comprises both the chair's report and the financial accounts.
- 2022 was difficult due to a lack of volunteers stepping up to help with governance and operations with Kate Swaffer stepping down. We were fortunate to have Cheryl Day step up to help with many of these tasks. Many board members also helped out with operational tasks in addition to their

- governance duties.
- c) Alister was provided with absence of leave following the passing of his wife. At this time Cheryl Day and Emily Ong took on the role of acting co chairs.
 - d) In January DAI celebrated its 8th birthday and introduced the new board which comprised Cheryl Day, Emily Ong, Diana Blackwelder, Julie Hayden, Debbie Keay, Terry Montgomery, Dave Paulson and Bill Yeates.
 - e) Kate's term on the board of ADI came to an end in June and Bill Yeates and Emily Ong put forward nominations for this. Emily was the successful applicant. Kate has subsequently been appointed to ADI's nomination committee.
 - f) The AGM was moved from June to July so as to avoid a clash with ADI's conference. Members were advised that the board was facing difficulties with the lack of volunteers to help with operational tasks of DAI. The board had identified 3 options for future direction: wind up DAI, merge with another organisation, or to bring on members without dementia and employ paid staff. Members chose option 3.
 - g) At the AGM the new board was appointed. Alister became chair and Bill Yeates, vice chair. Terry Montgomery resigned early in the year and Diana Blackwelder resigned at the end of June. 2 new DAI members, Janine Whited and Linda Brewster, were appointed to the board. Patricia Bowen, Gary Johnson and Jacqueline Wong were also appointed as non-members to the board.
 - h) We also employed 2 staff for a combined 40 hours/week. Ellen Skladzien was appointed as strategic advisor, and Kathryn Fassbender was employed in an administration role.
 - i) Flinders University developed a marketable license program for the health sector. As a result, DAI is a benefactor of any licences sold.
 - j) Recipient of the Richard Taylor award for 2022 was Dr. Jennifer Bute. Jennifer joined DAI during 2014 and was an active member. She has written books, provided videos and raised awareness around dementia. Congratulations to her.
 - k) The website underwent an upgrade.

**Motion: To approve the Chair's Report.
Moved by Alister, Seconded by Christine, Carried.**

6. Financial Report

- a) This year we are presenting information from the past 2 years as we did not have the financial accounts from our accountant at the previous AGM.
- b) For 2022 we had \$171,241. \$25,000 accounts receivable was from Dementia Australia and wasn't received until this year. As of the end of December we had

accounts payable of \$3597, likely a payment for Ellen. We were in a reasonably strong position at the end of 2022.

- c) Overall income was just under \$45,000 for the year. This was made up of grants from Dementia Australia \$25,000 and \$10,000 from ADI.
- d) Expenses were a total of \$36,000. The 'Management and general' expense of \$6354 was for the employment of staff.

Motion: To approve the Financial Report for the year ending 31st December 2022.

Moved: Alister, Seconded: Janine, Carried.

Motion: To approve the Financial Report for the year ending 31st December 2021.

Moved: Alister, Seconded: Christine, Carried.

7. Election Of Board Members:

- a) This year there are 7 Board Positions falling vacant and we received:
 - i) 1 re- nomination for: Alister Robertson
 - ii) 4 nominations from those appointed since the AGM in July 2022: Janine Whited, Trish Bowen (non-DAI member), Gary Johnson (non-DAI member) and Jacqueline Wong (non DAI member)
 - iii) 1 new nomination for: Hom Shrestha
- b) The normal democratic process is that voting is required for each nomination, unless someone would like to propose that we accept all.
- c) Noted that we will still have 1 vacancy on the board, and will look to appoint another DAI member to the board.

Motion: To accept all 6 board nominations presented.

Moved: Christine, Seconded: Cheryl, Carried.

8. Meeting Closed at 10:10 am (New Zealand Time)