

VAGTC 2023 AGM Minutes Summary:

7.00pm meeting Started

Present - Kathy Harrison, Susan Nikakis, Claire Reid, Victoria Poulis, Amy Horneman, Karen Glauser-Edwards, Mel Mulligan, Laura Willcox, Bernadette Sheedy, Rhiannon Lowrey, Vincent Chiang (visitor), Annalisa Kerrigan (rejoined as Nathan Brunt), Lara, Michele Linossier, Catherine Frost.

3 proxies - (Paul Double, Geraldine Nicholas, Jeff Segal (VSV))

Apologies: Ruth Evans (Ruth arrived at 8:10 after the election was concluded due to technical issues)

Welcome and sharing - favourite animals, things that have sparked joy this week, welcome to Country.

1. President's Report (see reports)
2. Financial Report (no questions)
3. Motions
4. Election
5. Close meeting

8.00pm Join a breakout – meet with committee members and others

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DETAIL:

Start 7.00pm (online – Zoom link to be sent prior to meeting to those who have registered)

1. Attendance and apologies
2. Confirm minutes of preceding Annual General Meeting

Propose a motion that the AGM Minutes from last year are accepted as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Cath, seconded: Victoria **CARRIED**

3. President's report

Highlights from the year (Illness amongst committee members, Consult, parent seminars, change of nature of parent seminars (face-to face to online), relationship with DET and the funding arrangements. Positive partnership, trust and good will has been achieved. Signing off on the new agreement (funding for next 3 years) has also been achieved. VAGTC has also been invited to write an outline for the HAPL training for SEU for the next 3 years (outsourced to the UNE for the first year). Kathy was also invited to present to DET about positive partnerships and Transformational Leadership. Lots of members of DET in attendance showed a lot of interest in this presentation and had follow-up questions. An acknowledgment about the hours of work put in by the Consult team, and the difference that this makes to our members (and some non-members). Vision has had another phenomenal year and continues to be very well received. Vision was mentioned in the Monash Q project (postgraduate studies looking at research findings and taking best practice into their schools). Primary delivery of Vision will be digital going forward (though paper copies will still be available). A big shout out to our administrator, Julia Sales, for her ongoing support and her work on the new website. Karen, Simon, Kathy, Claire and Julia all contributed to this project. Membership retainment is an area for growth, particularly school membership. Sadly, Catherine Frost will retire from the role of Treasurer at the end of this term, and we thank her sincerely for her work. At this stage she will continue to help in this role as we continue to look for a new Treasurer. Through all of the Ups and downs; sincere thanks from Kathy to the exec team for their hard work this year. Two groups also presented at the World Gifted conference (Amy Horneman, Mark Smith and Victoria - Mentoring) and Claire, Susan and Kathy on the multifaceted approach towards gifted education in Victoria (SEU, HAPL training, VHAP, VAGTC). Interest in our presentation lead to some colleagues from NZ coming to Victoria to meet with Kathy and further investigate what we are doing for our students in Victoria. Changes of policy regarding access of programs out of zone - VAGTC advocating in this space. Student voice was a great joy to see this year (Amy and Karen recognised for their effort with the Exceptional Exchange Night at CHES, and the online Student Forum). Research support has also been provided (through FB!).

4. Questions
5. Financial Statement

Income and expenditure statement (Catherine Frost) as a not for profit we are not aiming to make profit but to serve members and “keep the light on” (achieved). Vision costs will be reduced by going digital. Assets and liabilities statements. Website costs explained. Catherine thanks VAGTC for having her as Treasurer and has enjoyed her time on committee.

- a. Fees for 2023-24
6. **Motion: The fees for 2024 and the remainder of 2023 are set at:**
 - a. **Individual and family: \$77**
 - b. **Student (full time)/ Health Care Card Holder: \$25**
 - c. **School/ Institution: \$165**
 - d. **VAGTC Committee Member: \$10**
 - e. **Note: publications in print form (AAEGT and Vision will be at cost for members)**

Motion: To receive the Committee Reports of the Association for the year ended 30 June 2023 as tabled

Moved: Victoria Poulos, seconded: Laura Wilcox CARRIED

Motion: Receive the financial report and to accept the Audited Financial Accounts for the year ended 30 June 2023 as tabled.

Moved: Catherine Frost, Seconded - Susan Nikakis CARRIED

Questions regarding any of the reports

7. Number of Vice Presidents

Background:

- To allow for back up within the Executive when members are unavailable due to illness or other circumstances.
- To allow more committee members to gain experience in an executive role.
- In line with the decision regarding the number of committee members to be appointed in any year, the committee would bring a recommendation to the AGM regarding whether having two vice presidents for the coming year would enhance the operational capacity of the organisation. See 53

Motion: That our constitution is changed to allow two Vice Presidents to be appointed for an upcoming term if an AGM resolves to do so. The amendments are as follows:

Division 2, 44 Composition of Committee (b)

From

(b) a Vice-President; and

To

(b) a Vice-President or two co-Vice Presidents (determined under rule 52); and

And Division 3—Election of Committee members and tenure of office

From:

52 Election of President etc.

(1) At the annual general meeting, separate elections must be held for each of the following positions—

(a) President.

(b) Vice-President.

(c) Secretary.

(d) Treasurer.

To:

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(a) President.

(b) Vice-President or two co-Vice Presidents if the annual general meeting has decided by resolution that two co-Vice Presidents can be elected for the upcoming term.

(c) Secretary.

(d) Treasurer.

11. Election

Motion: For the 2023-2024 term, two co-Vice Presidents be elected to the Committee.

Moved: Susan Nikakis, seconded: Claire Reid **CARRIED**

Motion: The Executive committee stand unopposed and be voted in (Kathy Harrison as president, Susan Nikakis and Victoria Poulos and co-Vice Presidents, Claire Reid and Secretary (Treasurer stands open).

Moved: Victoria Poulos Seconded: Bernadette Sheedy CARRIED

Motion:

For the 2023-2024 term, up to 10 ordinary members be elected to the Committee

12. Vote of thanks for retiring committee members
8. Declare all positions vacant (scrutineer Catherine Frost)
9. Election of office bearers
10. Election of ordinary members of the committee (those in favour, those against)
11. Elect auditor

Motion - the general committee members be elected as follows: Amy Horneman, Bernadette Sheedy, Karen Glauser-Edwards, Laura Wilcox, Melanie Mulligan, Ruth Evans.

Moved: by Catherine Frost, seconded: by Claire Reid CARRIED

Motion: That the VAGTC retains the services of Costa Golgut Pty Ltd to conduct the audit of the financial statements for the financial year ending 30 June 2024.

Moved: Susan Nikakis, seconded: Amy Horneman CARRIED

12. Meeting closed

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