

## SA SUPERANNUANTS – MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday 19 April 2021

**1 MEETING OPENED:** 10.45 am approximately

**PRESENT** Alan Raftery, Barry Grear, Brenton Pain, Eileen Pritchard, Ian Beckingham, James Vandenberg, Lindsay Oxlad, Max Jahn (part), Michael Evans, Peter Frick

**APOLOGIES** Peter Fleming, Keren Wicks

**2 WELCOME** President James Vandenberg welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Item 3 Confirmation of Minutes of Committee Meeting 22 March 2021**

Moved, Lindsay, that the previously circulated minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of 22 March 2020 be accepted as a correct record. Seconded, Barry. Carried.

**Item 4.1 Letter on Funds Selection bill**

Committee members agreed to rework the letter to include an expression of support for SSS members gaining choice of fund. Lindsay has received an acknowledgement of his personal letter to the Treasurer saying that a response was to follow.

**Item 4.2 General meetings start time**

It was agreed to leave the starting time of general meetings at 1:00 pm.

**Item 4.3 In person Committee meetings**

For most Committee members Zoom meetings a week or so before the General meetings were more convenient than in-person Committee meetings on General meeting days. It was agreed to proceed on a meeting by meeting basis, with the next Committee meeting by Zoom on Monday 24 May.

**Item 5 Correspondence**

Committee members noted the correspondence reported.

**Item 6 Treasurer's Report**

Michael had received no questions or comments about the March report. Moved, Michael, that the Treasurer's report be accepted. Seconded, Barry. Carried.

Moved, Michael, that the following expenses be approved:

Audit fee, Berry & Grosser	852.00
Receipt books, M Jahn	29.85
Stamps, M Jahn	45.10
FSBC, hall hire	112.50
Guest speaker donation, Foodbank	50.00
Envelopes, M Evans	7.95
Australia Post, reply paid letters	9.80

Seconded, Lindsay. Carried.

#### **Item 7            Membership Officer's Report**

IT issues prevented Max from participating in discussion. Committee members noted the report about unfinancial members and following them up by letter and email.

#### **Item 8.1            May Newsletter update**

The 3 May deadline for providing newsletter items (to Ray Hickman, who shares them with Peter) was confirmed. Michael had provided a preliminary draft of a contribution. Brenton and Lindsay will prepare something on the funds selection bill.

Members discussed Ray's resignation from the Committee, and how to go about replacing Ray's skills and judgment, particularly thinking of his technical understanding of superannuation. Some Association members would have a good knowledge of some aspects of superannuation, but they would need to be identified. Other sources of knowledge would be people with ACPsRO and former SCOA (eg, Victoria) connections. The way forward may be a technical reference group or network of some kind. Lindsay's background in the industry funds / APRA regulated environment was noted, and Lindsay's willingness to co-ordinate the pulling together of technical information and advice. It was arranged that Lindsay would come back to the Committee with names and ideas for recruiting a collective body of technical knowledge.

#### **Item 9.1            May 3<sup>rd</sup> General Meeting**

The low bookings for the meeting and current lack of a quorum for the special general meeting were noted. It was agreed to proceed with the general meeting in any event; to liaise with the guest speaker on the scope of the presentation, and to send a follow up email invitation to members with a positive message about attending. If necessary the decision on a name change would be deferred.

Other aspects of the change of name were raised. It was accepted that a decision on the quote for the website changes would be made after the name was settled. The bank requires evidence of approval of the new name before bank account names can be changed.

It was decided to maintain the registration of the business name "SA Superannuants" (due to expire on 5 May) to prevent anyone else from using it.

#### **Item 10            Guest Speaker Coordinator's Report**

Ian led discussion of possible guest speakers for the rest of 2021, beginning with a Health Partners representative, and Peter Christopher from the City of Adelaide clipper ship project.

It was agreed to invite Health Partners' CEO Byron Gregory to present on the facts of private health insurance, covering topics such as health insurers' negotiation with government over fees, and the place of private health insurance within the Australian health system. It was accepted that this would not be a marketing exercise. Ian expected there would real interest in the topic, and in Peter Christopher speaking about the current status of the City of Adelaide ship and seaport village project.

Rex Patrick will be followed up again, but is no longer among Ian's higher priorities. Lindsay suggested Mark Parnell MLC as an alternative. Other points were the desirability of an entertaining speaker in November: Ian asked for Committee member suggestions for something out of the ordinary. Detective Superintendent Des Bray was a possibility. Lindsay is providing Ian with contacts for the autonomous vehicle project at the Tonsley innovation district.

#### **Item 11            Qantas Club Report**

Alan advised that a new member had recently joined to gain the benefit of the Association's group membership.

#### **Item 12.1        Superannuation Federation**

Committee members accepted James' proposal to defer discussion of the Superannuation Federation until at least the next meeting, for the Committee to be able to hear Peter Fleming's views. It was noted that Lindsay would circulate a possible item on the Super Federation for the May newsletter.

#### **Item 12.2        Recognition of Ray Hickman's service**

Mike proposed a trophy for Ray, to potentially be awarded at the November meeting where we would expect good attendance, particularly if we can serve refreshments. It was agreed that Mike would obtain a trophy. Mike will explore the idea of a Committee lunch with Ray.

James felt that Ray would continue to be available to the Committee as a sounding board, and would indicate if he felt we were missing something. Mike believed that Ray's expertise would remain available, in the background.

#### **Item 12.3        Possible 2021 & pre-election approaches to MPs**

Committee members agreed that a working group of James, Barry, Lindsay and Brenton would develop Ray's suggested 2021 letter to MPs into its final form, and update the Association's pre - 2018 SA election submission into its proposals to SA MPs before the coming State election. It was expected that the letters would issue in the Association's new name, with the former going to State and Federal MPs.

#### **Item 12.4        Future research, information and planning for the Association**

Options for handling the roles previously undertaken by Ray were mainly discussed under Item 8.1 and Item 12.2

James also noted that the Committee should consider the survey of members on issues of concern, and select two or three matters in particular to be pursued, concentrating on what the Association might be able to achieve. Committee members accepted Lindsay's offer to come back with suggestions on how to proceed.

#### **Item 12.5        Support for a future Victorian members group**

Committee members discussed the expectations of the ex-SCOA group in Victoria, and how the Association would evolve over time according to the composition of its membership, and be strengthened by contributions from a wider membership base.

Brenton felt that the attraction of the Association to the ex-SCOA Victoria group was in the issues the Association was pursuing, as reflected in the submission to the Retirement Income Review and the background material on the website for the key directions survey.

A possible Zoom discussion with ex-SCOA members in Victoria was mentioned. A future newsletter item was canvassed, as were possibilities for gaining members in other states.

The Committee agreed by consensus that when there was a viable number of members in Victoria a member of the executive would be sponsored for airfares and perhaps a night's accommodation to visit for their initial meeting, as proposed by the ex-SCOA group. The timing of the visit might be co-ordinated with someone's personal visit to Melbourne to minimise cost. Michael suggested that, ex-SCOA Victorian members willing, COSRAV members might be interested to join such a meeting.

#### **Item 12.6      Recording general meetings**

Mike outlined the possibility of video recording general meetings, particularly the President's report, to make them available to members through the website. Live-streaming the meetings did not seem to be feasible, but Committee members felt that a video recording trial was worthwhile. Discussion covered the need for a skilled person to do the recording and subsequent editing, and whether there may be an Association member interested in doing that as a trial. The Committee accepted Lindsay's suggestion to include that in the webinar item he is preparing for the newsletter.

#### **Item 13.1      Other business: Barry Grear & Vic Potticary**

Eileen led Committee members in congratulating Barry on his recognition by the Royal Association of Justices of SA for 50 years of service as a Justice of the Peace.

Eileen noted Ray Hickman's advice that Audrey Potticary, wife of Honorary Life Member Vic Potticary, had passed away. It was agreed to send a condolence card.

#### **Item 13.2      Other Business: Membership brochures & recruiting new members**

Committee members noted that James would be circulating the current membership brochure for suggestions on updating it, and for suggestions on other ways of recruiting members, to be discussed at the next meeting. The printing cost of the brochures seemed out of proportion to the number of new members and the fees they bring in, but the Association would not want to just walk away from the co-operative arrangements with Super SA around free distribution of our message.

Ian mentioned that he had encouraged Carolyn Carwana to point impending pension scheme retirees towards SA Superannuants at Super SA information seminars. Lindsay suggested that new Super SA Income Stream members might similarly be encouraged to join.

#### **Item 14          Next Meeting**

The next Committee meeting was confirmed for 24 May, by Zoom.

**Meeting Closed:**      12:15