

SA SUPERANNUANTS – MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday 24 MAY 2021

1 MEETING OPENED: 10.35 am approximately

PRESENT Alan Raftery, Barry Gear, Brenton Pain, Eileen Pritchard, Ian Beckingham, James Vandenberg, Max Jahn, Peter Fleming, Peter Frick

APOLOGIES Michael Evans, Lindsay Oxlad, Keren Wicks

2 WELCOME President James Vandenberg welcomed everyone to the meeting, noting how good it was to see Peter Fleming.

Item 3 Confirmation of Minutes of Committee Meeting 19 April 2021

Moved, Barry Gear, that the previously circulated minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of 19 April 2021 be accepted as a correct record. Seconded, Peter Fleming. Carried.

Item 4.1 Update on technical knowledge group

Union and ACPSRO contacts were noted as possible leads to suitable members of the group. Participants might be found within the Association's membership, or among past or impending retirees from Super SA or its Board, it was noted. Some people and their backgrounds were mentioned. It was agreed to develop a description of the role of a group member, for Committee members to consider before making approaches to potential group members.

Item 4.2 Re-naming: website, newsletter & letterhead changes

Committee members decided to accept Icarus Design's lower quote of \$880 for website and letterhead logo adaptations arising from the change of name, and to maintain the present appearance of the website at this stage, incorporating "formerly SA Superannuants – established 1927".

The possibility of the logo appearing on a map of Australia was noted, if more extensive changes to the website had been favoured.

Moved, Barry Gear, that Icarus Design's quotation of \$880.00 for website and letterhead changes be accepted. Seconded, Ian Beckingham. Carried.

Item 4.3 2021 and pre-election letters to MPs

Progress with the 2021 letter was discussed. Ian Beckingham observed that the Federal election could be as early as August and no later than May.

James noted the need to resolve the letter to MPs, and asked for input from the other members of the working group.

Item 4.4 Issues to be pursued from member survey

Committee members discussed some of the superannuation and retirement income issues covered in the key directions survey.

It was arranged that each person would let Brenton Pain have his or her thoughts on which issues should be pursued by the Association, considering the survey results, the importance of the issue, and the prospect of making some progress, for consideration at the next Committee meeting.

Item 4.5 Membership brochures & recruiting new members

Committee members discussed whether the membership brochures distributed through Super SA and the three Union bodies could be issued in the name of PS Superannuants.

Brenton outlined his understanding of the process for securing the new business name, and the limitations on using it before it is registered. Brenton confirmed that the existing SA Superannuants business name is registered to the Association.

It was decided to prepare the brochures in the name of SA Superannuants. It was also noted that the new legal name of the Association was not available for use until it is approved, which may take 12-15 weeks.

Brenton advised that he was checking whether the new business name could be applied for during this period, or only after the new legal name was registered.

Committee members discussed the number of new members joining through the brochure, compared with the cost of about \$2,500 in 2020 to print 16,300 copies of it. (15,000 for Super SA distribution; 500 PSA; 500 ANMF; 300 AEU.)

The 2020 brochures brought in 14 new annual members, 14 new life members and 5 renewals, all through Super SA, Max Jahn advised.

Despite the high cost per member gained, the Committee had misgivings about discontinuing the brochures, and decided by consensus to proceed with their printing and distribution again in 2021.

Ideas for reaching teachers still in the classroom were discussed, including the possibility of AEU branch delegates emailing the brochure to AEU school-level representatives, who will know which teachers may be Pension Scheme members.

Reaching possible members through items contributed to the unions' publications was discussed, and noted for further consideration. The PSA, ANMF and AEU have been happy to mention the Association in their publications. It was noted that the Association does not currently receive copies of these.

Item 5 Correspondence

Committee members noted the correspondence reported.

James noted the positive response by the Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation to the Association's update, feedback on the first CSC annual members meeting, and suggestions regarding the spouse pension information. Brenton mentioned that the next contact would be sending a copy of the May newsletter, with its references to the CSC, and with items such as Ray Hickman's Thelma and Louise comparison showing the Association's considered approach. The possibility of the CSC at some future time mentioning the Association to Commonwealth pension scheme members was noted.

Committee members noted James' suggestion that with a State election not far away, he, Barry, Brenton and Lindsay re-visit the possibility of an approach to the SA government for surviving partner pensions to be maintained for a period at the level of the original pension before reducing to their long-term rate, as with the Commonwealth pensions.

Max advised that 24 ex-SCOA members in Victoria had now joined the Association.

Ian mentioned Super SA's Chief Executive's availability to attend a general meeting. Committee members were inclined towards inviting Dascia Bennett to participate in the business section of the September or October meeting before the guest speaker, noting the need to manage each part of the meeting to a time limit.

Item 6 Treasurer's Report

Committee members had no questions or comments about the April Treasurer's report. Moved, Barry, that the Treasurer's report for April be tabled and accepted. Seconded, Brenton. Carried.

Item 7 Membership Officer's Report

Max referred to the previously circulated membership report as at the end of April, since adjusted for something less than 40 members becoming unfinancial, giving a current total membership of 1,698.

Max noted a strong flow of member donations coming in, about \$700 in the last few days.

Committee members noted that the Association was not a Deductible Gift Recipient, and that donations to it are therefore not tax deductible.

Item 8 Newsletter

James thanked Ray and Peter Frick for a very good job with the recently issued May newsletter. Peter explained that he and Ray are exchanging roles for the September edition, with Peter now taking the lead, and going solo thereafter.

It was agreed that the Newsletter should be a standing item for each Committee agenda, to oversee the timely writing of articles by contributors, and their receipt by Peter. Peter is preparing a timeline for the September edition.

Item 9 Web Manager's Report May 24th 2021

Committee members noted Peter Frick's Web Manager's report. Peter noted the impending email advice to 853 members of new access codes for the members portal. 17 problem email addresses could not be resolved. James expressed the Committee's appreciation of Peter's work.

Item 10.1 May 31 General Meeting

Arrangements for the meeting were discussed briefly. James explained that a few members were getting together for a coffee or quick lunch at the Green Garden café in Gawler Place from at 11:30 -12:15, before the general meeting, and that Committee members who were available might like to come along.

Item 10.2 Association Members' Lunch

The Committee discussed the idea of an Association members' lunch at a suitable venue in lieu of a general meeting, with a guest speaker, towards the end of the year. Members would buy their own lunch, and the Association could perhaps pay for a drink or subsidise the cost. It was agreed that James would raise the idea at the coming general meeting to gauge member interest.

Item 11 Guest Speaker Coordinator's Report

Ian referred to the guest speaker possibilities previously circulated, and mentioned a Marion Council update on recycling as an additional one. The program for September 2021 – February 2022 was canvassed, with many interesting speaker possibilities. It was agreed that Ian and Brenton would liaise to develop the speaker schedule.

Item 12 Qantas Club Report

Alan mentioned that the Qantas Club name would need to be changed when the Association name change was finalised.

Item 13.1 Victorian members group

Max noted that in addition to 24 new members joining from Victoria, 3 had joined in NSW, and two in the ACT, with 221 ex-SCOA members now members of the Association. James mentioned that the Canberra Branch of SCOA had been the largest, and that the ACT might be the next place to look for more members.

The Committee canvassed options for supporting the Victorian members group, and it was moved, Ian, to reimburse up to \$200 in room hire and refreshment costs for the initial meeting. Seconded, Barry. Carried.

The Committee decided by consensus to invite Richard Clough to join the next Committee meeting by Zoom as an observer.

Brenton asked how members interstate, or living away from Adelaide, would be able to vote at general meetings, including the AGM. Email was noted as a possible mechanism. Max commented that interstate members were all contactable by email. The matter was flagged for further consideration.

Item 13.2 Succession Planning

James asked if each Committee member would think about who, preferably from outside the Committee, would take over their role if they decided to step away from it, and suggested meeting to discuss that, perhaps at his house or a pub somewhere, with arrangements to be confirmed by email.

Item 13.3 Superannuation Federation

Committee members agreed to defer discussion. There had been no further contact from the Federation.

Item 14 Other business

No other business items were discussed.

Item 14 Next Meeting

The next Committee meeting was confirmed for 21 June, by Zoom.

Meeting Closed: 12:55 approximately.
