

ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC SECTOR SUPERANNUANTS INC.

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING Monday 23rd August 2021

1 MEETING OPENED: 10.40 am

PRESENT James Vandenberg, Peter Fleming (part of meeting), Michael Evans, Lindsay Oxlad, Peter Frick, Brenton Pain

APOLOGIES Alan Raftery, Barry Grear, Eileen Pritchard, Ian Beckingham, Keren Wicks, Max Jahn

2 WELCOME President James Vandenberg welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Item 3 Confirmation of Minutes of Committee Meeting 19 July 2021

Moved, Lindsay Oxlad, that the previously circulated minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of 19 July 2021 be accepted as a correct record. Seconded, Michael Evans. Carried.

Item 4.1 Superannuation advisory group

Committee members discussed how to settle on a convenor for the group, the areas of interest of some of the people who have expressed interest in joining it, some possible matters for its initial examination, and how the work of the advisory group might be made visible to Committee members as it proceeded and retained in the Association's records.

Moved, Peter Fleming, to accept the expressions of interest from the people who wished to join the superannuation advisory group; to invite Ray Hickman to be the convenor of the group; and to ask the advisory group

- to initially examine and advise on pre-July 1988 funding credits, the limit on defined benefit superannuation income exempt from the age pension income test and the valuation of defined benefit pensions for the transfer balance cap
- to suggest other issues which might be investigated and taken up by the Association.

Seconded, Michael Evans. Carried.

It was noted that the convenor might advise the Committee each month of the advisory group's work, and that not every advisory group member would be involved with every matter the group considered.

Committee members thought that the group might discuss how its members may wish to conveniently share and save information and documents when collaborating, and how significant documents would be included in the Association's records.

Item 4.2 Membership brochures

Committee members noted that the brochures were ready for final minor changes before printing and forwarding to the Melbourne business distributing Super SA member material this year.

James advised that he would check what deadline Super SA had for its material to be printed and issued, in case the new business name may be approved in time to be used in the brochure.

Item 4.3 Victorian members group working arrangements

Brenton reported a discussion he had with Richard Clough about the practical arrangements for forming a sub-committee of Victorian members, with the convenor of the sub-committee joining the Executive Committee. It was understood that all of the ex-SCOA Victoria working group had joined the Association.

The Committee agreed by consensus to

- email the Association's 68 members in Victoria asking for expressions of interest in joining a sub-committee of the Association to organize and conduct member activities in Victoria, with Brenton to circulate the suggested message for Committee members' review
- invite a number of those expressing interest to form the Victorian members sub – committee, which would choose one of its members as its convenor, with that person being invited to join the Association's Executive Committee.

Committee members discussed how to maintain the necessary personal privacy of Victorian members and agreed to ask them individually by email for permission to provide their contact details to the Victorian members sub-committee.

Item 4.4 Action following change of name

Committee members discussed advising all SA and relevant Federal MPs of the new name and business name when the latter was approved, and re-introducing the Association with its "good but not better than the superannuation guarantee" case.

Other bodies to be notified included Australia Post regarding the GPO box, Super SA and the CSC, the PSA, AEU and the ANMF, the bank, regarding each of the Association's accounts, and the share registry. The website change awaited ABN approval, which seemed imminent.

Item 4.5 External material on Association website

It was arranged that Brenton would circulate suggested changes to the layout and content of the "Getting more information about superannuation" page on the website.

Item 5 Correspondence

Committee members noted the correspondence reported, and agreed that the proposed letter seeking a period of income maintenance for the surviving spouse should be sent to the SA Treasurer.

Item 6 Treasurer's Report

Michael had received no questions about the report, but Ray Hickman had noted the newsletter item on donations had a higher figure than the treasurer's reports indicated. Max Jahn had advised that many members had paid donations and membership fees together by cheque, requiring time to separate the amounts.

There could possibly be some over-statement of donations, but Michael was prepared to accept that donations exceeded \$5,000. This was a very good result, but which had come from a small proportion of members, and included some large individual donations which could not be expected each year.

Michael noted that the hoped for \$10,000 in donations each year would not be achieved, and that the financial strategy may need to be re-visited in a pro-active way in a year or two.

Committee members noted Michael's point that the threat to the Association's future was as much from declining Committee membership as it was financial.

Moved, Michael Evans, that the Treasurer's report for July 2021 be accepted. Seconded, Brenton Pain. Carried.

Moved, Michael Evans, that expenditure of \$122.00 to reimburse James Vandenberg for ink cartridges, and \$74.50 to reimburse Brenton Pain for change of name application fees to Consumer and Business Services, be approved. Seconded, Brenton Pain. Carried.

Item 7 Membership Officer's Report

Committee members noted Max Jahn's report that as at 12 August the membership records showed 261 ex-SCOA members: SA 179, Vic 68, ACT 6, NSW 5, NT 2 Qld 1.

The decline in the number of ex-Commonwealth members in South Australia was noted.

Item 8 Newsletter and Web Manager's Report

Committee members discussed with Peter Frick the soon to be finalized September newsletter, noting

- that Michael would circulate his proposed item on donations for comment
- that there was now too much copy for the available space, proposed to be resolved by posting the Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation's item on the website instead, with a pointer to it in the newsletter, deferring the QSuper item to the next edition, and making some edits to the Super SA piece
- Peter's plan to get the finished newsletter to the printer by Friday 27 August.

It was agreed to look for items of direct relevance to members with CSS and PSS pensions when planning the February newsletter, noting the fall in their membership in South Australia.

Item 9 General Meeting August 30

About 28 members were expected to attend the meeting. It was decided to send a follow up email reminder about Peter Christopher's update on the City of Adelaide clipper ship and seaport village project. Committee members planned to meet before the meeting for coffee or a light lunch at the Green Garden café in Gawler Place.

Item 10 Guest Speaker Coordinator's Report

Committee members noted the speaker arrangements for September, October and November.

Item 11 Qantas Club Report

There was no report at this meeting.

Item 12.1 Superannuation Federation nomination to Funds SA board

Concerning the Superannuation Federation's 2021 nomination/s for a director to be appointed to the Funds SA board, it was moved, Peter Fleming, to write to the Superannuation Federation asking

- On what date was the decision made on who would be the Federation's nominee(s)?
- Who was present at the meeting where the nominee(s) were approved for forwarding to the Treasurer?
- How many names were sent to the Treasurer?
- What was the date on which the letter or other communication was sent to the Treasurer?

Seconded, Michael Evans. Carried. It was arranged that Brenton would draft the correspondence.

Item 12.2 Survey of members' backgrounds and interests

The Committee discussed the idea of a survey by email to gather information about members' backgrounds and interests, to help identify potential future Committee members, volunteers, guest speakers and newsletter contributors, and to get a clearer understanding of what superannuation interests members have in addition to their defined benefit pensions.

Points raised included not collecting information which if disclosed or hacked might harm members, what software might be used, and how many ex-Commonwealth members might be CSS members and might be PSS members.

The general feeling of committee members was that a survey could be useful. It was agreed that James would draft some possible questions for consideration.

Item 12.3 Members' lunch 17 November

Committee members noted arrangements for the members' lunch at the Metropolitan Hotel, Grote Street on 17 November.

Item 13 Other business

No other business items were discussed.

Item 14 Next Meeting

The next Committee meeting was confirmed for 20 September 2021, by Zoom.

Meeting Closed: 12:15 pm.
