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Minutes Executive Committee Meeting

Meeting Date		2 May 2022	
Meeting Time		10.30 am – 12.10pm	
Location/venue		Meeting Room 5 Mead Hall, Flinders Street Baptist Church, 65 Flinders Street Adelaide.	
Chair		James Vandenberg President	
Committee Attendees		Michael Evans (Dr), Max Jahn, Barry Grear AO, Eileen Pritchard, Ray Hickman (Dr) (via phone) from Peter Frick, Lindsay Oxlad, Roger Donnelly, Ian Beckingham, Charles Tucker, Alan Raftery, Don Campbell (proxy for John Barrett), Peter Fleming (via phone).	
Apologies		John Barrett, Dianne Baron	
Item	Topic	Discussion	Action/Outcome
1.1	Welcome to Country	Chair opened the meeting with the Welcome to Country	Nil
1.2	Apologies	Chair noted apologies from	Nil
1.3	Confirmation of Minutes, Committee Meeting 28 March 2022	Circulated prior to the meeting. Motion to accept: Lindsay Oxlad, seconded Charles Tucker Carried	Action Secretary.
1.4	Action Items	Action items reviewed Action 2. Approach to CSC on age pensions income test assigned to Secretary. Action 3. Withdrawal from the SA Government Super Federation and lack of response. Action 5. Letter of congratulations to Treasurer Mulligan MP referencing the content of prior communications from APSS Action 6. Membership Office to confirm interstate membership numbers. Action 13. Further contact to be initiated to confirm the individual's eligibility to join APSS and/or the eligibility of their partner	Action 2. Agreed to adopt Option 1 suggestion to write to the CEO of CSC proposing closer working relationship with APSS Action 3. Noted report from Lindsay Oxlad that he has contacted President of the SAGSF on the matter. Action 5. Barry Grear moved Michael Evans second that the Secretary finalise the draft circulated for the President's signature. Action 6. Membership Officer to continue to confirm interstate and overseas membership numbers. Action 13. Individual advised that that if she was eligible for membership so was her spouse.
1.5	Confirmation of Minutes, General Meeting 28 March 2022	Motion to accept: Barry Grear, seconded Michael Evans Carried	Peter Frick to upload the minutes to the APSS website
2.	Standing Agenda Items		
2.1	Correspondence Review	Correspondence incoming <ul style="list-style-type: none">Letter from Rob Lucas MLC Correspondence outgoing	Letters to be drafted by the Secretary and forwarded to the President for signature.



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Letter to Treasurer Mulligan introducing APSS, reminding him of its 2022 pre-election submission and seeking a meeting to discuss the matters raised• Letters supporting the National Seniors Australia proposal to the following Federal politicians:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Ben Morton○ Simon Birmingham○ David Fawcett○ Jim Chalmers○ Don Farrell○ Tony Zappia○ Rex Patrick																																		
2.2	Treasurer's Report	<p>Report circulated prior to the meeting. Motion to accept report as a true and accurate, moved Michael Evans, seconded by Charles Tucker: Carried</p> <p>Applications for Reimbursement of Expenditure:</p> <table><tr><th>Member</th><th>Product/Goods</th><th>Amount</th></tr><tr><td>Mike Evans</td><td>FSBC hall hire 28/3/22</td><td>\$165.00</td></tr><tr><td>Mike Evans</td><td>Melbourne hall hire 30/3/22</td><td>\$440.00</td></tr><tr><td>Mike Evans</td><td>Uber to Melb airport</td><td>\$77.54</td></tr><tr><td>James Vandenberg</td><td>Taxi Adelaide airport to home</td><td>\$47.38</td></tr><tr><td>Mike Evans/ James Vandenberg</td><td>Taxi Melb airport to city</td><td>\$67.60</td></tr><tr><td>James Vandenberg</td><td>Taxi home to Adelaide airport</td><td>\$41.18</td></tr><tr><td>Mike Evans</td><td>Parking Adelaide airport</td><td>\$33.00</td></tr><tr><td>Mike Evans</td><td>Name badges and holders (Melb)</td><td>\$51.46</td></tr><tr><td>Mike Evans</td><td>Meteor mail</td><td>\$13.93</td></tr><tr><td>Mike Evans</td><td>Zoom cost APSS Vic</td><td>\$23.09</td></tr></table>	Member	Product/Goods	Amount	Mike Evans	FSBC hall hire 28/3/22	\$165.00	Mike Evans	Melbourne hall hire 30/3/22	\$440.00	Mike Evans	Uber to Melb airport	\$77.54	James Vandenberg	Taxi Adelaide airport to home	\$47.38	Mike Evans/ James Vandenberg	Taxi Melb airport to city	\$67.60	James Vandenberg	Taxi home to Adelaide airport	\$41.18	Mike Evans	Parking Adelaide airport	\$33.00	Mike Evans	Name badges and holders (Melb)	\$51.46	Mike Evans	Meteor mail	\$13.93	Mike Evans	Zoom cost APSS Vic	\$23.09	
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2.3	Membership Officers Report	Report circulated prior to the meeting Motion to accept Membership Report: moved Max Jahn, seconded Lindsay Oxlad Carried	Max Jahn advised that hardware problems with his computer delayed preparation of the report. He advised that the April total membership was 1,690 and that 35 members had resigned. He drew attention to his proposal circulated prior to the meeting seeking Executive approval for the Association to purchase a new computer for his use at a cost of \$1,895.00 (incl GST).																					
2.4	Guest Speaker Coordinator's Report	Confirmed Guest Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none">2 May 2022 Rod Lovell (Author)30 May 2022 Dr Kym Thalassoudis, President, Astronomical Society of SA	Ian Beckingham will follow up with Marion Council recycling officer and invite him to speak at the next General Meeting in June 2022. He also undertook to follow up the other suggestions made by Executive.																					
2.5	Qantas Club Report	Nil Report																						
2.6	Website Management Report	Report submitted by Peter Frick Issues raised within the report discussed particularly the Big Pond email issue and an interim email service solution. Peter Frick advised that later in May he will be changing the password for the members portal to make it inaccessible to non-financial members.	ACTION: Peter Frick requires an up-to-date email list from the Membership Officer to inform the membership of the new password.																					
3.	Business Arising																							
3.1	APSS Vic Correspondence with the Commonwealth	The two options were discussed and it was resolved to adopt Option 1 – letter to the CEO of CSC	ACTION: Secretary to prepare draft letter following input from committee members.																					



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3.2	COTA An Agenda for Government from older Australians	Noted	
3.3	National Seniors Media Release – Why Pensioners want to work again.	Committee agreed that letters of support for the National Senior Australia proposal would be sent to Federal MPs (see Item 2.1)	Secretary to prepare draft letters for the President to send on behalf of APSS
3.4	Super SA online access to account requirements	Follows an email request from David Donaldson seeking online access to pension account	Michael Evans and Lindsay Oxlad to prepare follow up letter to David Donaldson
3.5	Newsletter Format for print version – problems with multiple columns requiring online readers to scroll up and down.	Ray Hickman advised that one and two column versions of the Newsletter had been produced in the past. To help reduce the mail out costs associated with the Newsletter it was suggested the email version should be the default with people requiring printed version to be charged a fee to cover postage.	President to raise the issues relating to the Newsletter with members in his column in the next Newsletter. The option of charging a fee for the printed version to be considered further in terms of cost implications.
3.6	Proposed Tasmanian Government Public Sector Superannuation Reforms	Ray Hickman reported on the unsatisfactory outcomes of the Tasmanian Government superannuation reforms that significantly reduced accountability to TASS members and highlighted the need to maintain vigilance of any proposals by the SA Government and Super SA to follow the Tasmanian model.	Ray Hickman was thanked for his continued vigilance of this matter.
3.7	Grey Vote will colour this election – media release	Noted	
4.	Any Other Business		
4.1	Dianne Baron will be absent from the Secretary role for several months as she needs to go into hospital for treatment	The Committee expressed its best wishes to Dianne for a speedy recovery and agreed that James Vandenberg organise for some flowers to be sent to her when she returns home from hospital	ACTION: James Vandenberg to organise for flowers to be sent to Dianne when she returns home from hospital
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4.3			
5.	Next Meeting		
5.1	30 May 2022 @ 10.30am		

Meeting Closed 12.00 pm