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ABTS Inc AGM 2012/13
19 September, 2012.
Rydges Hotel, South Terrace Adelaide, South Australia.

Meeting Opened and Welcome: 1:10pm

Meeting conducted by David Poulsen, representing the ABTS Inc membership.

Members Present: David Poulsen (DAFF Q), Greg Platz (DAFF Q), Jeff Stewart (Lion), Stewart Coventry (UA), Ian Edwards (Edstar Genetics) Chengdao Li (DAFWA), Paul Rigoni (BBM), Ralph Nischwitz (BBM), Jason Eglinton (AU), Kenton Porker (SARDI), David Moody (Intergrain), Steve Tillbrook (Graingrower), Hugh Wallwork (SARDI), Rob Wheeler (SARDI), Amanda Box (UA), Jenni Washington (UA), Stefan Harasymow (DAFWA), Sophie Roumeliotis (UA), Tim March (UA).

Apologies: Mark McLean, Wendy Lawson, Glen Fox,

Minutes of Previous AGM:

The Minutes of the 2010/11 AGM were circulated by email two weeks prior. Comments/corrections were requested. None received by email or representation at the AGM.

Motion *"That the Minutes of the 2010/11 AGM be accepted as a true record of the meeting"*.

Proposed by Ralph Nischwitz

Seconded by Jason Eglinton

Carried.

ABTS Inc Status Report:

15th ABTS was successful, receiving good support and feedback. Congratulations were proffered to the Organising Committee.

The Symposium made a profit of over \$30,000, which has been returned to the ABTS Inc Accounts.

A teleconference was held May 8th 2012 to discuss future options for the Symposium and the setting up of a National Organising Committee. Minutes for the teleconference are available. Members of the Organising Committee for 16th (2013) ABTS were elected and recorded in the meeting minutes.

Correspondence:

Formal resignations were received from Jason Eglinton (President), Sophia Roumeliotis (Treasurer) and Wendy Lawson (Secretary). The resignations were accepted and the outgoing committee were thanked for their efforts.

Nominations were received for the election of Office Bearers, in accordance with the ABTS Inc Rules of Association.

Routine correspondence was received from Qld Office of Fair Trading and ASIC.

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2011/12 Financial Reports:

Past auditor notified ABTS that due to change of business structure they are no longer conducting audits for Incorporated Associations. A new auditor is therefore required. Brisbane based auditor Jason O'Donnell Pty Ltd were identified as a suitable auditing firm with knowledge of requirements under Queensland incorporations law and ASIC requirements.

Motion "That Jason O'Donnell Pty Ltd is appointed as auditor for the ABTS Inc 2011/12 and 2012/13 financial statements"

Proposed by Sophie Roumeliotis

Seconded by David Moody

Carried.

Statement of Finances for 2011/12

Receipts for financial year: \$24,520.99

Expenses for financial year: \$7,494.55

EOFY Balance: \$127,070

Receipt of \$30,084.39 from the 15th ABTS Conference.

Current Balance: \$157,154; includes provision of \$20,000 seed funding for 2013 ABTS.

Motion "That the ABTS members accept the 2011/12 financial statements as presented, subject to audit".

Proposed by Ian Edwards

Seconded by Steve Tillbrook

Carried.

Motion "That the ABTS Inc members authorise the ABTS Inc Executive Committee to accept the audited 2011/12 financial reports on their behalf".

Proposed by Jason Eglinton

Seconded by Greg Platz

Carried.

Election of Officers through to December 31 2013:

President: Nominee David Moody, Proposed Wendy Lawson, Seconded Sophia Roumeliotis. Elected.

Treasurer: Nominee Ralph Nischwitz, Proposed Paul Rigoni, Seconded Sophia Roumeliotis. Elected.

Secretary: Nominee Glen Fox, Proposed Wendy Lawson, Seconded Ros Ferguson. Elected.

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General Business:

David Moody - 16th ABTS Update.

Teleconference 8th May - The proposed national organising committee is in some ways duplicating the role of ABTS Inc, so from now on the National Committee teleconferences will be held as ABTS Inc to avoid unnecessary duplication.

2013 Symposium (8-11 September, Melbourne) - organisation well on track, decision made to run the current (2013) conference at a loss of \$20-\$30k to wind down the accumulated reserves. Inviting 8 international speakers and going to a more expensive venue (Sofitel Melbourne). Program is fairly well worked out, invitations sent to International Speakers, theme selected and handout provided to attendees at the BA Workshop.

Other Business:

Greg Platz: Paul Johnston Trust is changing - Is there an avenue to establish another ABTS funded award? Trustees are considering handing the Trust over to UQ. Options are to give some funds to ABTS and give rest to UQ or for ABTS to agree to fund award for the next ten years.

David Moody: What level of management required?

GP: Main issue is that the trustees are aging and is becoming awkward to arrange the meetings. The question is being placed on the table for discussion.

Jason Eglinton: In some respects it doesn't seem like a lot of effort for ABTS to run both. The meeting agreed that David Moody will discuss the proposal with Greg Platz. It was also agreed to keep the Paul Johnston and ABTS Inc travel awards the same for the 16th ABTS. David Moody and Greg Platz will present a proposal for future options to the membership at the 2013 AGM.

Next AGM: To be held in Melbourne at the 16th ABTS 8-11 September 2013.

Meeting Close: 1:25pm