

# MINUTES OF THE NUAA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING DRAFT

5:00pm, 22 November 2019

The Heritage Room, NSW Teachers Federation, Level 1, 23-33 Mary St, Surry Hills

## In attendance:

Board Members: Jude Byrne (JB), Larry Pierce (LP), Diego Rivera (DR), Annie Bleeker (AB), Jennifer Debenham (JD), Nicholas Lintzeris (NL), Brian Doyle (BD), ex-officio Mary Ellen Harrod (MH)

Invitees: Donna Ingram, Alex Cowell (Purpose Accounting)

Returning Officer: Susanne Castellias (SC)

Other: NUAA staff and volunteers, 19 voting members.

**Apologies:** Joel Murray

## 1. Introduction and Welcome to Country

At 5.15 JB opened the meeting and welcomed the attendees.  
Donna Ingram of the Wiradjuri people provided the Welcome to Country, pride and dismantling stigma.  
JB invited Fiona Poeder, who provided the Community Acknowledgement

## 2. Apologies

Joel Murray was noted as an apology

## 3. Adopt Minutes from Previous AGM

Discussion	Moved	Seconded
The Minutes of the 2019 AGM were moved and accepted unanimously	JB	DR

## 4. Review Action from previous AGM

No actions were noted from the previous AGM.

## 5. Adopt Minutes from 2019 Special General Meeting

Discussion	Moved	Seconded
The Minutes of the 2019 SGM were moved and accepted unanimously	JB	BD

## 6. Result of the August 2019 SGM Ballot

JB read the Statement of Result of the 2019 SGM Ballot

## 7. Chair's Report

JB delivered the Chair's report, emphasising NUAAs unfunded work over the year, such as engagement in the pill testing debate and ice inquiry. She commended the organisation on achieving accreditation, and called for the NUAAs community to care for each other, as we are frequently a group that wider society doesn't care about.

## 8. CEO's Report

MEH delivered the CEO report, emphasising the recognition NUAAs is receiving, including an increase in being invited to consult on various issues. NUAAs various projects have received the Golden Fit award, Premier's Award, and National Health Promotion Award in 2019. The success of the projects highlights the importance of partnerships in NUAAs work. Notably, NUAAs distributed 400K sterile fits and created 9 separate consumer guides for OTP. MEH spoke to the NUAAs 2019-2024 Strategic Plan.

NUAAs will continue to provide innovative service delivery, having received a 98% positive response to a service delivery survey in FY2019. NUAAs is getting better reach into communities outside of inner Sydney through investing in volunteer development, and developing a peer workforce

NUAAs provides community support and development through trialling unfunded harm reduction projects, such as mailout NSP, and attendance at unfunded events.

NUAAs is on the way to create system change, through projects such as the PaC Forum, comments in the media, input into health policy and the OTP Guidelines, and participation in various inquiries in FY 2019, including being quoted on page 1 of the Ice Inquiry.

NUAAs continues to address organisational development, having passed ASES accreditation with no corrections; investing in employee welfare through EAP, group supervision and developing a Community of Practice; and increasing staff training.

MEH thanked the NSW Ministry of Health staff for their ongoing support

## 9. Treasurer's Report

LP delivered the Treasurer's report, advising the membership that NUAAs achieved its aims and delivered on all programs for FY2019 while also achieving surplus and adding \$59K to reserves. LP explained that reserves are held so that an organisation can pay all creditors and pay out all leave entitlements, and operate for three months, if funding is withdrawn. NUAAs has seen income growth over the past 4 years, due to increases in core funding and the addition of DanceWize NSW. The main expense is wages, as is typical for an NGO. NUAAs has passed the FY2019 financial audit with no major recommendations or irregularities. All spending has been on projects, and all expenses are in projects management, staff, and costs.

## 10. Strategic Plan 2019 - 2024

Addressed with item 8.

## 11. Questions from Members

A member asked if any funding has been lost. LP responded that no funding has been lost. NL commented that since the NUAAs budget keeps growing, the goalpost of 3 months operating target in reserves keeps shifting. LP commented that surplus is calculated after program spending is acquitted. MEH commented that DanceWize NSW is acquitted separately.

<b>12. Acceptance of Financial Statements</b>		
Discussion	Moved	Seconded
The FY 2018/19 Financial Statements were moved and accepted unanimously by the voting members.	LP	DB
<b>13. Acceptance of Annual Report</b>		
Discussion	Moved	Seconded
The FY 2018/19 Annual Report was moved and accepted unanimously by the voting members	JB	DR
<b>14. Appointment of Auditor</b>		
Discussion	Moved	Seconded
A member asked who chooses the auditor. LP responded that the Board choose the auditor, funders don't have approval of the auditor and it's good practice that the auditor is rotated every 3-5 years. This would be Ashby and Cos second year. LP moved that Ashby and Co be appointed as auditor for FY19/20 and were unanimously accepted by the voting members	LP	DB
<b>15. Proposed Resolution to Amend Constitution</b>		
Discussion	Moved	Seconded
<p>Attendees commented that the constitutional changes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Should be extended to only allow persons from NSW to apply for positions on the Board</li> <li>- Should allow persons from ACT to apply because of the crossover in service delivery, ties with AIVL, and ensuring peers are represented on the Board even if they don't reside in NSW</li> <li>- Should reduce the amount of people on the board as 11 people on the Board is too many and NUAA does not receive that many applications</li> <li>- Should include staggered terms</li> <li>- Should increase the length of terms as one year terms are too short</li> <li>- Should include changes to membership expiry as membership does not need to be renewed yearly</li> </ul> <p>MEH suggested the NUAA hold a consultation, BD suggested a board working group. A member queried who would select the subcommittee? LP responded that a couple of people from the Board would write to the membership for expressions of interest and NUAA would arrange consultations.</p> <p>Vote on the matter was deferred until consultations could be held</p>		

**16. Election of Directors**

Discussion

Moved

Seconded

SC declared all Board seats vacant.

Carolyn Stublely nominated for the board and spoke to nomination. She was elected to the Board with no votes against

Brian Doyle renominated for the board and spoke to nomination. BD was elected to the Board with no votes against

Althea Mackenzie did not appear to speak to her nomination. She was not elected to the Board, with 12 votes against.

Daniel Burns nominated for the Board and spoke to nomination. He was elected to the Board with 2 votes against

Fiona Poeder nominated for the Board and spoke to nomination. Fiona was elected to the Board with no votes against.

Jude Byrne renominated for the Board and spoke to nomination. Jude was elected to the Board with no votes against.

Jennifer Debenham renominated for the Board and spoke to nomination. Jennifer was elected to the Board with 1 vote against.

Larry Pierce renominated for the Board and spoke to nomination. LP was elected to the Board with 2 votes against.

Nicholas Lintzeris renominated for the Board and spoke to nomination. NL was elected to the Board with 1 vote against.

Rob Page nominated for the Board and spoke to nomination. Rob was elected to the Board with no votes against.

Richard Sulovsky nominated for the Board and spoke to nomination. Richard was elected to the Board with no votes against.

SC declared the new board to be JB, LP, NL, BD, JD, Carolyn Stublely, Daniel Burns, Fiona Poeder, Richard Sulovsky and Rob Page

**17. Meeting Closed**

There being no further business, JB pronounced the meeting closed at 7.00pm