

MINUTES OF THE NUAA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING DRAFT

6:00pm, 22 November 2018

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

In attendance:

Board Members: Jude Byrne (JB), Larry Pierce (LP), Neil Fraser (NF), Brian Doyle (BD), ex-officio Mary Harrod (MH)

Invitees: Donna Ingram, Alex Cowell (Purpose Accounting), Cassia Kelsall

Returning Officer: Susanne Castellias (SC)

Other: NUAA staff and volunteers, 15 members.

Apologies: Nicholas Lintzeris (NL)

1. Introduction and Welcome to Country

At 6.10 JB opened the meeting and welcomed the attendees.
Donna Ingram of the Wiradjuri people provided the Welcome to Country, pride and dismantling stigma.
JB provided the Community Acknowledgement

2. Apologies

Nicholas Lintzeris was noted as an apology

3. Adopt Minutes from Previous AGM

Discussion	Moved	Seconded
The Minutes of the 2017 AGM were moved and accepted	JB	NF

4. Review Action from previous AGM

No actions were noted from the previous AGM.

5. President's Report

JB delivered the presidents report, emphasising the fresh new direction NUAA has taken on, engaging the broader community of PWUD through the community forum and DanceWize NSW.

6. CEO's Report

MH delivered the Annual Report in line with the NUAA Strategic Plan.
1) Improving the health and human rights of people with a history of drug use:
NUAA continued to deliver results in the BBV sector, delivering Peerlink and hep C Peer Support work, and participating on projects with the Kirby Institute. NUAA's NSP is now open 12 hours per day and continues to have the lowest rate of RSS in the state. NUAA's PPP program continues to grow, with more PPPs recruited, undergoing more training and

participating in more projects, such as having peer volunteers at LHD NSPs. DWNSW has spearheaded a peer model of harm reduction at festivals, with more than 80 Key Peer Educators trained, and great feedback from attendees, promoters, medical, and security. Consumer Academy is empowering people to drive change using their existing knowledge as peers, with many graduates of the program applying to participate on a Consumer Advisory group at the Ministry of Health.

2) Using alliances and partnerships to provide targeted interventions and enhanced outcomes: NUAA continues to work with organisations such as NADA and OTAC provider Sydney Uni to drive top-down change in OTP delivery. NUAA has further developed partnerships with KRC to deliver a clinic at the NUAA NSP, with Justice Health to reduce transmission of hepatitis in prisons with Peerlink and the Insiders News publication, and strengthened relationships with Local Health Districts

3) Advocating for sound public policy and a voice in decision-making: MH and deputy CEO Charles have participated on a variety of committees, including developing the new NSW AOD Strategy, new OTP guidelines, and appearing on TV, radio and in print media.

4) Keeping NUAA vibrant, reflective and focused:

NUAA has made membership processes more efficient with use of a new data base, and a new online membership form. NUAA will be starting a new strategic plan in the new year and has started accreditation in quality management.

JB thanked MH on behalf of AIVL for MH's service as president last year, treasurer previously, and interim CEO in 2017.

7. Treasurer's Report

LP introduced Alex Cowell of Purpose Accounting, who introduced himself and delivered the financial report. NUAA's income has grown by 28% compared to 2017/18, and the sources of income have diversified. NUAA finished the year with 240K in reserves. The Board declared NUAA a going concern and can verify that it can meet its ongoing debts.

8. Questions from Members

A member commented that the Annual Report does not seem to sufficiently reflect the breadth of work NUAA performed. MH responded that the Annual Report is based on KPIs, but we are getting better at tracking other aspects of NUAA's work.

9. Acceptance of Financial Statements

Discussion	Moved	Seconded
The FY 2017/2018 Financial Statements were moved and accepted unanimously by the voting members.	BD	JB

10. Acceptance of Annual Report

Discussion	Moved	Seconded
The FY 2017/2018 Annual Report was moved and accepted voting members, with one vote against.	JB	BD

11. Appointment of Auditor and Questions

Discussion	Moved	Seconded
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<p>LP explained the background to regular changes in auditors and recommended Ashby and Co for their experience with NFPs, competitive price, and continuity as the principal will be performing the audit every year.</p>	<p>LP</p>	<p>JB</p>
<p>12. Election of Directors</p>		
<p>Discussion</p>	<p>Moved</p>	<p>Seconded</p>
<p>SC declared all Board seats vacant.</p> <p>JB renominated for the board and spoke to nomination. JB was elected to the board with 1 vote against.</p> <p>Joe Miriani nominated for the board and spoke to nomination. Joe was not elected to the board, with 6 votes for and 10 against.</p> <p>LP renominated for the board and spoke to nomination. LP was elected to the board unanimously.</p> <p>NL renominated for the board, NF read Nick's address in his absence. NL was elected to the board unanimously.</p> <p>Vanessa Delandre nominated for the board and spoke to nomination. Vanessa was elected to the board with 1 vote against.</p> <p>Diego Rivera nominated for the board and spoke to nomination. Diego was elected to the board unanimously.</p> <p>BD renominated for the board and spoke to nomination. BD was elected to the board unanimously.</p> <p>SC declared the new board to be JB, LP, NL, BD, Vanessa Delandre and Diego Rivera.</p>		
<p>13. Hall of Fame</p>		
<p>JB introduced the NUAA Hall of Fame, and the late Jenny Kelsall was inducted into the NUAA Hall of Fame. JB, MH, Annie Madden and Charles Henderson spoke of Jenny's support of them personally and of the drug user movement, the brilliance of her writing and ongoing relevance of her research. Jenny's daughter Cassie accepted the award on her behalf, saying how nice it is to see her mother being recognised for how hard she worked and the difference she made.</p>		
<p>14. Meeting Closed</p>		
<p>There being no further business, JB pronounced the meeting closed at 7.30pm, thanking previous board members NF, Jenny Iversen and Vikas Parwani.</p>		