

MINUTES OF THE NUAA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

6:00pm, 26 October 2017

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

In attendance:

Board Members: Chris Gough (CG), Julie Bates (JB), Craig Andrews (CA), Mary Harrod (MH)

Invitees: Yvonne Weldon (MLALC), Alex Cowell (Purpose Accounting), Matthew Toomey, Lizzie Griggs

Returning Officer: Susanne Castellias (SC)

Other: NUAA staff and volunteers

Apologies: Indraveer Chatterjee

1. Introduction and Welcome to Country

At 6.10 CG opened the meeting and welcomed the attendees.
Yvonne Weldon of the Wiradjuri people provided the Welcome to Country, emphasising resilience, uniqueness and community.
CG provided the Community Acknowledgement

2. Apologies

Indraveer Chatterjee was noted as an apology

3. Adopt Minutes from Previous AGM

Discussion	Moved	Seconded
The Minutes of the 2016 AGM were moved and accepted unanimously by the voting members.	CG	JB

4. Review Action from previous AGM

No action was noted from the previous AGM.

5. President's Report

CG delivered the President's report, expressing his pleasure at seeing the organisation grow in terms of funding, volunteer numbers and opportunities for community development. CG commended the strength of the CEO and NUAA Staff and called for a round of applause for the community of PWUD.

6. CEO's Report

MH welcomed the attendees to the meeting. She spoke of the work done by the community to position NSW as a leader in HIV and hep C elimination, emphasising unusual partnerships and alliances, which always seem to be at risk. NUAA, however, has seen some increased stability in its partnership with the NSW Ministry of Health, securing a three-year funding contract, as well as additional funding for projects like DanceWize NSW.

NUAA has continued its involvement across Five NSW Local Health Districts, and 2 Public Health Networks this year to bring peer education, consumer training, women's well-being group and expanded volunteer network.

The NUAA NSP continues to have the lowest rate of receptive sharing across the state, which is information that NUAA will be taking to the APSAD Conference. Publications, NUAA has recently launched Insider News, a harm reduction resource for prisons produced with the approval of Corrective Services.

Additionally, NUAA is involved with a Naloxone research grant that will see the distribution of naloxone through NSPs, and have the opportunity to train OST prescribers.

7. Treasurer's Report

CG introduced Alex Cowell of Purpose Accounting, who introduced himself and delivered the financial report. NUAA received 1.6M in income this year, with the majority coming from the NSW Ministry of Health (MoH). From the MoH funding 65% of the budget was spent on wages which is normal for a Not for Profit sector and similar to last year's spending. NUAA added 17K to reserves, and now has 182K in reserves, representing 1-2 months of the operating budget. The Board declared NUAA is a going concern and can verify that it can meet its ongoing debts.

8. Questions to Directors

A member asked where the 17K figure to reserves came from? AC stated that it represents 1% of the yearly income, and was the budgeted goal for the year.

9. Acceptance of Financial Statements

Discussion	Moved	Seconded
The FY 21016/2017 Financial Statements were moved and accepted unanimously by the voting members.	CG	Neil Fraser

10. Acceptance of Annual Report

Discussion	Moved	Seconded
The FY 21016/2017 Annual Report was moved and accepted unanimously by the voting members.	CG	Neil Fraser

11. Appointment of Auditor and Questions

Discussion	Moved	Seconded
Conroy Audit and Advisory (previously known as Bryan Rush Co) moved and appointed by unanimous vote of members as NUAA's auditor for 2018, with a view to change auditors next year.	CG	JB

12. Election of Directors

Discussion	Moved	Seconded
SC declared all Board seats vacant and stated that the nominees for the 2017/18 Board are Chris Gough, Craig Andrews, Julie Bates, Melissa Woodroffe, Neil Fraser, Jenny	CG	Peter Walton

<p>Iversen, and Brian Doyle. The nominees introduced themselves and described their involvement in the AOD or BBV sectors, and experience and expertise they could bring to the board.</p> <p>The proposed board was elected unanimously.</p> <p>Mary Harrod was proposed as the new Public Officer and Indraveer Chatterjee was exiting the Board. Moved and appointed unanimously by the voting members.</p>	<p>CG</p>	<p>JB</p>
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13. Hall of Fame

JB introduced the NUAA Hall of Fame and its history. This year NUAA honours 3 people with a unique approach to PLWHIV through the work of the Albion St Centre AIDS Bus – Lizzie Griggs, Matthew Toomey and the late Jeffrey Jackson.

Lizzie and Matthew gave acceptance speeches emphasising the volunteer effort and initial illegality of the AIDS bus, as well the success and longevity of the model internationally.

14. Meeting Closed

There being no further business, CG pronounced the meeting closed, expressing hope that 2017/18 is as good as 2016/17.