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Health Informatics Society of Australia Ltd 2007 Annual General Meeting of Members

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 22nd August 2007 at Brisbane Convention Centre, commencing at 0800 hours.

1. Attendance

- 1.1. **Present:** 27 members were present.
- 1.2. **Apologies were received on behalf of :** Melanie Cox
- 1.3. **Proxies:** There were no valid proxies received.

2. Confirmation of Minutes of the 2006 Annual General Meeting

Motion: That the minutes of the 2006 Annual General Meeting held on Sunday 20th August 2006 at Sydney Convention Centre be accepted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings
Proposed: Steven Tipper
Seconded: Paul Donaldson
Carried

3. Chairman's report

Michael Legg provided a report to the meeting showing progress and future plans against 4 key results areas of membership growth, influence and leadership, learning and professional development, and organisational capability.

Motion: That the Chairman's report be adopted.
Proposed: John Johnson
Seconded: John Bennett
Carried

4. Treasurer's report

The treasurer, Marie Cameron, reported an operating loss of \$2,146 for the 2006/07 financial year but an increase in current assets of \$628,788. This situation was the result of the auditor not including Medinfo and associated conference registrations as income in 2006/07.

Motion: That the Treasurer's report be adopted.
Proposed: Michael Hurse
Seconded: Stuart Hope
Carried

5. Approval of the Audited Financial Statements

The 2006-07 directors' report, directors' declaration, auditor's report, auditor's independent declaration, income statement, balance sheet, and associated financial statements were made available at the meeting.



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Motion: That the audit reports and declarations be adopted
Proposed: Shamyla Nadarthur
Seconded: Jane Grim
Carried

6. Appointment of auditors

Motion: That Bell Duke & Co be appointed as auditors for the 2007-08 HISA financial year.
Proposed: Jon Hilton
Seconded: Steve Tipper
Carried

7. Election of Board members

The returning officer, Dr John Bennett, advised that he had conducted a two-stage call for nominations in accordance with sections 59, 60 and 61 of the Constitution.

State nominees: The returning officer advised that one nomination had been received from each of the State branches that were due for nomination this year (New South Wales and Western Australia). Consequently he declared the nominees of New South Wales – Marie Cameron, and of Western Australia – Stuart Hope to be duly appointed for a two-year term.

General nominees: The returning officer advised that he had received three valid nominations for the three general vacancies. Consequently he declared the nominees Marcus Wise, Joan Edgecumbe and Melanie Cox to be duly appointed for a two-year term.

8. Honorary life membership

The Chairman announced that by resolution of the Board, Joan Edgecumbe was granted honorary life membership in recognition of her outstanding service to HISA. Professor Evelyn Hovenga spoke warmly of Joan's long and distinguished contribution to HISA.

9. Special resolution

Marcus Wise (HISA Secretary) on behalf of the Board presented a special resolution recommending changes to the HISA Constitution. A discussion paper on this special resolution had been provided with the notice of meeting.

Prior to putting the motion the Secretary asked if there were any members wishing to speak against it. There were no speakers against the motion. The motion was then put to the meeting and passed unanimously on a show of hands.

Motion: Sections 54, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 65, 66 and 81 of the HISA Constitution be amended as circulated with the AGM Notice of Meeting to alter the composition of the HISA Board

Proposed: Michael Legg
Seconded: Marcus Wise
Carried unanimously



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10. Other business

The chairman thanked retiring Board members Evelyn Hovenga and Paul Willma for their contribution to the Board. He also spoke of the sadness at the death of Dr Branko Cesnik, a founding member and honorary life member of HISA.

John Johnson spoke from the floor, congratulating the Board on its progress during 2006-07 and specifically acknowledging the outstanding work of Evelyn Hovenga in contributing to the success of Medinfo 2007.

Steve Tipper spoke on behalf of the NSW branch with three recommendations to the Board

- That on-line voting for annual general meetings be investigated
- That transitional arrangements allow the current State representatives to continue with their terms on the Board
- That Board member/s be assigned to provide communication with each branch and SIG.

The chairman acknowledged the importance of these three issues and agreed they would be followed up by the Board.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 0830 hours

Signed:

M. Legg
Chairman

Marcus Wise
Secretary