

TasTESOL 2019 Annual General Meeting

MINUTES

Saturday, 1.00pm – 1.35pm 11th May 2019,

Sacred Heart College, New Town

Present

Ruth Baily, Dennis Blachford, Mary Blake, Marlene Chesney (*President & Chair*), Daniela Dadswell, Roni Davoren, Ryna Dwyer, Tracey Higgs, Maree-rose Jones, Anna Kingston, Alison Knight-Leighton, Barbara Marshall, Bill McCann (*Secretary & Minutes*), Hayley McLeod, Stephanie Morris, Caroline Norman, Elizabeth O'Meagher, Helen Parry, Lisa Risby, Lucy Slevin, Alwyne Smith, Heather Thompson, Jenny Vanderaa, Ans van Heijster, Cristy Walker, Vicki Walker & Liz Webster.

Total attendance of members: 27

Apologies

Belinda Brown, Tom Daly, Kylie Engisch, Katy Lester, Kylie Nelson, Kandy Parker, Kelly Webster.

1. Minutes of 2018 AGM

The previous AGM Minutes were emailed to members eight days earlier (3rd May). They were accepted as accurate.

2. Matters arising from the Minutes of the 2018 AGM

Addressing 3 matters arising from last year's Treasurer's report, Marlene noted:

- i) Three people can now sign cheques (the President, Treasurer & Secretary; each cheque requires two signatures).
- ii) The audits for 2015, 2016, 2017 were completed successfully last year.
- iii) TasTESOL's contact person and registration address haven't been updated with the Australian Taxation Office yet.
- iv) And from last year's Website Update, it was noted that the new TasTESOL website went 'live' at the end of 2018. It was created by Riverflow Designs (previously named AJAY Designs). It's hosted by Siteground (\$196.02 for the first 3 yrs), and the domain name is still registered with Netregistry (\$66.25 per 2 yrs).

3. Reports

Reports from the President, the Treasurer and the ACTA Councillors were emailed to members on 3rd May. Hardcopies of the Treasurer's Report were available at the meeting.

(i) President's Report (*See separate accompanying doc*)

Marlene Chesney presented her report and spoke briefly about membership numbers, the forums held during the year. She also thanked Ryna Dwyer for organising speakers for a forum in Launceston in late 2018 that was postponed but then unfortunately cancelled. Marlene also invited members to suggest topics or speakers for our three forums this year.

(ii) Treasurer's Report (*See separate accompanying doc*)

Daniela Dadswell presented her Treasurer's Report to the meeting. She noted that the balance at the end of 2018 was healthy (\$7,801.46). She also mentioned that the most recent audit for 2018 had been completed pro bono by Gary Quinn (at Bartholemew's Chartered Accountants, Launceston). John Dwyer, a colleague of Gary's, had organised this and the meeting thanked him and Gary very much. The audits are held by Daniela and are available for members to see on request.

(iii) ACTA Councillors' Report (*See separate accompanying doc*)

TasTESOL had two ACTA Councillors for 2018, Maree-rose Jones and Ryna Dwyer. Maree-rose presented the report and briefly mentioned the importance of ACTA in lobbying the gov't on behalf of the EAL/D community. *Also, see next item.*

4. Confirmation of TasTESOL's ACTA Councillors for ACTA's AGM

Maree-rose mentioned that ACTA has asked that TasTESOL confirms who its ACTA Councillors are in time for their AGM in April each year. This is to ensure TasTESOL's representatives can vote, and nominate someone or be nominated for the executive positions. Hence:

It is proposed that TasTESOL's ACTA representatives be confirmed at the first TasTESOL Committee meeting of the year, held before April, and that ACTA be informed in time for the ACTA AGM. (Proposed Bill McCann, seconded Ryna Dwyer). The motion was carried unanimously.

5. Election of committee & office bearers

The current committee positions were declared vacant and Marlene asked for nominations or volunteers for the committee.

Two current members had decided to retire from the committee (but remain as TasTESOL members): Ryna Dwyer (a former Treasurer and ACTA Councillor) and Ruth Baily. Marlene thanked them very much for their years of work on the committee and their contributions to the organisation.

There was some discussion of what the various office bearer roles involved, and there was a brief written description of these at the meeting.

There were no formal nominations but a number of people volunteered to remain on the committee in their current roles, and two others volunteered to join the committee. These were all accepted without any challenges.

Remaining committee members: Marlene Chesney (retired) as President, Daniela Dadswell (Elizabeth College) as Treasurer, Maree-rose Jones (Hobart College) as ACTA Councillor, Bill McCann (retired) as Secretary, and Helen Parry (Elizabeth College). Kylie Engisch (Catholic Education Office) couldn't attend the meeting but had also asked to continue on the committee.

New volunteer committee members: Hayley McLeod (Scotch Oakburn College) and Lucy Slevin (UTAS student). Lucy volunteered to assist Bill with managing the website.

6. Other business

Vicki Walker (TasTAFE Launceston) said she'd consider helping to organise a forum in Launceston this year.

The meeting closed at 1.35pm.