

# Annual General Meeting Minutes

**Melbourne University Debating Society**

***Annual General Meeting***

Date of meeting: ***Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2016***

Advertised time: ***5:30pm***

Venue: ***Melbourne Law School, Room 104***

**Item 1          Attendance**

**(a)          Opening**

Meeting Opened by **Zoe Brown** as chairperson at **5:48pm**

Minutes taken by **Ben O'Shea**

**(b)          Attendance**

Circulated, see attached.

**(c)          Apologies**

***Matthew Guy carries the proxy of Melissa Kennedy***

***Ben O'Shea carries the proxy of Mikaela Brusasco***

***Jane Carroll carries the proxy of Sam Crock***

***Stuart Dixon carries the proxy of Henry Hamilton Lindsay***

***Sarah Bostock carries the proxy of Shakti Nambiar***

*Invalid until the arrival of Sarah Bostock*

***Eleanor Kirk carries the proxy of Chantal Hatch***

*Invalid until the arrival of Eleanor Kirk*

***Priyanka Banerjee carries the proxy of James Maccarrone***

*Invalid until the arrival of Priyanka Banerjee; voided upon the arrival of James Maccarrone*

***Karina Bradley carries the proxy of Tom Redgrave***

*Tom Redgrave is no longer enrolled at the university, so only an associate member without voting rights*

***Marie Liskaser carries the proxy of Liz Vrazas***

***Alessandra Chinsen carries the proxy of Allen Gu***

*Invalid until the arrival of Alessandra Chinsen*

***Sarah Abell carries the proxy of Deborah Zhang***

**Item 2          Adoption of Agenda**

<b>That the agenda be adopted.</b>
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Mover: **Zoe Brown**    Second: **Manning Clifford**  
Voted: **CARRIED (Dissent: Matthew Guy)**

**Item 3**        **Chairperson's Welcome**  
                  'Welcome'

**Item 4**        **Reports**

**(a)**        President's Report

*The full report attached was read out*

**(b)**        Treasurer's Report

*The full report is attached and includes a breakdown of the sponsorship amounts of individuals*

*It was highlighted that much of our expenditure is related to tournaments*

*Grace Zhang, Alessandra Chinsen, Priyanka Banerjee, Eleanor Kirk, Stephanie Ponsonby and Sarah Bostock arrive*

**That the reports as presented are accepted *en bloc***

Mover: **Ben O'Shea**    Second: **Manning Clifford**

Voted: **CARRIED (with abstentions)**

**Item 5**        **Constitution**

**(a)** Consideration of proposed amendments

**(i)**        Amendment 1

*Ben O'Shea explains the motion*

**No one else speaks against or in favour**

**That Proposed Amendment 1 to The Constitution of the Melbourne University Debating Society be adopted**

*The text of the amendment is attached to these minutes. This amendment alters the Society's Affirmative Action Policy*

Mover: **Ben O'Shea**        Second: **Zoe Brown**

Voted: **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**(ii)**        Amendment 2

*Ben O'Shea explains the motion*

**No one else speaks against or in favour**

**That Proposed Amendment 2 to The Constitution of the Melbourne University Debating Society be adopted**

*The text of the amendment is attached to these minutes. This amendment allows for proxy voting at committee meetings*

Mover: **Ben O'Shea**                      Seconder: **Manning Clifford**

Voted: **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**(iii)**    Amendment 3

*Ben O'Shea explains the motion*

**No one else speaks against or in favour**

**That Proposed Amendment 3 to The Constitution of the Melbourne University Debating Society be adopted**

*The text of the amendment is attached to these minutes. This amendment clarifies the process surrounding circular resolutions*

Mover: **Ben O'Shea**                      Seconder: **Stuart Dixon**

Voted: **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**(b)**    Ratification of the Constitution

**That *The Constitution of the Melbourne University Debating Society* as amended at this meeting be ratified**

*The text of the amendment is attached to these minutes. This amendment clarifies the process surrounding circular resolutions*

Mover: **Zoe Brown**                      Seconder: **Paris Henkel**

Voted: **CARRIED (Dissent: John Hajek)**

**Item 6            Elections**

**(a) Confirmation of Returning Officer**

*The Committee has previously voted to appoint Zoe Brown the returning officer for these elections*

**(b) Outline of Election Procedure**

*Zoe Brown: We asked for nominations before the meeting. Additionally, I will open the meeting to nominations from the floor. Each person must be proposed and seconded by a member of the club (you can propose/second yourself) and the member will be asked to accept or reject the nomination. If only one person nominates (or two in the case of Internals and Schools Training) they will be declared elected. If there are multiple candidates, we will elect them by secret ballot using the preferential system used in elections for the Australian House of Representatives. If contested, each candidate for an Executive position will get two minutes to address the meeting and the opportunity to answer two questions (no more than 30 secs for each answer). Each candidate for a non-Executive position will be given one minute to speak. The equity officers will be elected from the already elected committee positions and have the same speaking opportunities as the non-Executive positions.*

**(c) Nomination and Election of each Constitutional committee position**

**PRESIDENT**

**Nominee: Stuart Dixon**

**Nominator: Ben O'Shea**

**Secunder: Marie Liskaser**

**Nomination accepted**

**Nominee: Christopher Skliros**

**Nominator: Christopher Skliros**

**Secunder: Kevin Chua**

**Nomination accepted**

**Nominee: Manning Clifford**

**Nominator: Paris Henkel**

**Secunder: Grace Zhang**

**Nomination rejected**

*James Maccarone arrives*

**Stuart Dixon was elected as President by secret ballot**

**VICE-PRESIDENT**

**Nominee: Manning Clifford**

**Nominator: Paris Henkel**

**Secunder: Grace Zhang**

**Nomination accepted**

**Nominee: Ben O'Shea**

**Nominator: Ben O'Shea**

**Secunder: James Moffat**

**Nomination accepted**

***Manning Clifford withdraws his nomination***

***Ben O'Shea was elected as Vice-President unopposed***

**SECRETARY**

***Nominee: Marie Liskaser***

***Nominator: Grace Zhang***

***Secunder: Matthew Guy***

***Nomination accepted***

***Marie Liskaser was elected as Secretary unopposed***

**TREASURER**

***Nominee: Grace Zhang***

***Nominator: Grace Zhang***

***Secunder: Manning Clifford***

***Nomination accepted***

***Grace was elected as Treasurer unopposed***

**MEDIA OFFICER**

***Nominee: Amanda Tan***

***Nominator: Amanda Tan***

***Secunder: Chantel Hatch***

***Nomination accepted***

***Nominee: Grace Zhang***

***Nominator: Grace Zhang***

***Secunder: N/A***

***Nomination withdrawn***

***Nominee: Shubham Jayswal***

***Nominator: Shubham Jayswal***

***Secunder: Lachlan Gallagher***

***Nomination accepted***

***Nominee: Manning Clifford***

***Nominator: Grace Zhang***

***Secunder: James Moffat***

***Nomination accepted***

***Manning Clifford was elected as the Media Officer by secret ballot***

**PUBLIC DEBATES OFFICER**

***Nominee: Alessandra Chinsen***

***Nominator: Karina Bradley***

***Secunder: Carine Lim***

***Nomination accepted***

***Nominee: John Hajek***

***Nominator: John Hajek***

***Secunder: Grace Zhang***

***Nomination accepted***

***Alessandra Chinsen was elected as the Public Debates Officer by secret ballot***

***INTERNAL COMPETITIONS OFFICER (x2)***

***Nominee: Callum Simpson***

***Nominator: Matthew Guy***

***Secunder: Paris Henkel***

***Nomination accepted***

***Nominee: Amanda Tan***

***Nominator: Matthew Guy***

***Secunder: Stephanie Ponsonby***

***Nomination accepted***

***Nominee: CarineLim***

***Nominator: Kevin Chua***

***Secunder: N/A***

***Nomination rejected***

***Callum Simpson and Amanda Tan were elected as Internal Competitions Officers unopposed***

***SCHOOLS TRAINING OFFICER (x2)***

***Nominee: Christopher Skliros***

***Nominator: Christopher Skliros***

***Secunder: Grace Zhang***

***Nomination accepted***

***Nominee: Michelle Guo***

***Nominator: Alessandra Chinsen***

***Secunder: Callum Simpson***

***Nomination accepted***

***Nominee: Patrick Crock***

***Nominator: Marie Liskaser***

***Secunder: N/A***

***Nomination rejected***

***Nominee: Carine Lim***

***Nominator: Alessandra Chinsen***

***Secunder: Matthew Guy***

***Nomination accepted***

***Christopher Skliros and Carine Lim were elected as the Schools Training Officers by secret ballot***

***MEMBER TRAINING OFFICER***

***Nominee: Paris Henkel***

***Nominator: Ben O'Shea***

***Secunder: Callum Simpson***

***Nomination accepted***

***Nominee: James Moffat***

***Nominator: Manning Clifford***

***Secunder: N/A***

***Nomination rejected***

***Paris Henkel was elected as the Member Training Officer unopposed***

***SOCIAL OFFICER***

***Nominee: Victoria Spiliopoulos***

***Nominator: Matthew Guy***

***Secunder: Grace Zhang***

***Nomination accepted***

***Nominee: Shubham Jayswal***

***Nominator: Shubham Jayswal***

***Secunder: Matthew Guy***

***Nomination accepted***

***Victoria Spiliopoulos was elected as the Social Officer by secret ballot***

***SPONSORSHIP OFFICER***

***Nominee: James Moffat***

***Nominator: Manning Clifford***

***Secunder: Victoria Spiliopoulos***

***Nomination accepted***

***James Moffat was elected as the Sponsorship Officer unopposed***

***WOMEN'S OFFICER***

***Nominee: Sarah Bostock***

***Nominator: Sarah Bostock***

***Secunder: Matthew Guy***

***Nomination accepted***

*Sarah was elected as the Women's Officer unopposed*

**MALE EQUITY OFFICER**

**Nominee: Manning Clifford**

**Nominator: Grace Zhang**

**Secunder: Marie Liskaser**

**Nomination accepted**

**Nominee: Paris Henkel**

**Nominator: Matthew Guy**

**Secunder: Christopher Skliros**

**Nomination accepted**

**Manning Clifford withdraws his nomination**

*Paris Henkel was elected as the Male Equity Officer unopposed*

**FEMALE EQUITY OFFICER**

**Nominee: Sarah Bostock**

**Nominator: Stephanie Ponsonby**

**Secunder: Manning Clifford**

**Nomination accepted**

*Sarah Bostock was elected as the Female Equity Officer unopposed*

**Item 7 Appointment of bank account signatories**

That Stuart Dixon (President), Ben O'Shea (Vice-President), Marie Liskaser (Secretary) and Grace Zhang (Treasurer) be appointed as the Bank Account signatories to Bank Account 51-757-4963, BSB 083-457 at the National Australia Bank Limited.

Mover: **Zoe Brown**                      Secunder: **Jane Carroll**

Voted: **CARRIED** (abstentions: **Stuart Dixon, Ben O'Shea, Marie Liskaser and Grace Zhang**)

**Item 8 Business without notice**

*Christopher Skliros: Dumplings in China Town after the meeting. Please join me!*

*Paris Henkel: We're in the process of formalizing handover. If there are committee members here please try to finalise them in the next few weeks.*

**Item 9 Close**

The meeting is closed by **Zoe Brown**

Meeting closed at **7:33pm**