

ARBORICULTURE AUSTRALIA

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF ARBORICULTURE AUSTRALIA CHAPTER

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date: Thursday, 31 March 2011.

Location: Riverside Theatre, Parramatta, Sydney.

Meeting Convened: 5:30pm

Chairperson: Robert Sutton (President)

Present: Craig Hallam (Vice President), Craig Hinton (Treasurer), Mark Hartley, Doug Sharp, Kyle Hill, Michael Perry, Hugh Taylor, Shaun Talent, Henry Haavisto, Julia Sullivan, Bassam Taouk, Louise Bennett (Secretary).

- Additional members also present. Attendants list has been misplaced and therefore unavailable

Apologies: None.

1. Welcome and Apologies.

2. Minutes from Previous Meeting.

- Due to the amalgamation of National Arborists Association of Australia (NAAA) and the International Society of Arboriculture – Australia Chapter (ISAAC) in July 2010, to become Arboriculture Australia, this is the first Annual General Meeting of the resulting group. For this reason, the minutes from each group's individual 2010 Annual General Meetings had been tabled.

3. Presidents Report

Provided by Robert Sutton.

- Stated that the merger had been beneficial and now completed and that the new Arboriculture Australia branding had been successfully launched.
- Said that due to unforeseen circumstances, the launch of the new website had been delayed. It has also become necessary to move away from our previous provider for a number of reasons. It is hoped that this situation will be rectified very soon and that the new website will be up and running in the very near future.
- Said that the Board had invested a great deal of time, resources and energy in hosting the ISA conference throughout the past year and that the coming year would return to focusing on the Chapter business.
- Said that following the Trees Down Under Conference, discussions would be held with ISA regarding a number of outstanding matters between the two (2) groups and that the results of these discussions would be reported in due course.
- The audience was asked if there were any questions relating to the Presidents Report. None were raised.

4. Treasurers Report

Provided by Craig Hinton.

- Congratulated Robert Sutton and Craig Hallam on the success of the Conference and the amount of work that had gone into making it a success. Thanked and congratulated other Board members who had been involved and the volunteers for their work.
- Presented the Audit Report for 2010 (calendar year not financial year) which showed a profit of \$7 491.00. Total equity of the group was shown to be \$217 482.00. Of that, \$57 316.00 is being held in trust. These figures indicate that the group is in a solid financial position. Stated that invested money had received good interest returns.
- Reported that membership had passed 600, which is excellent, and has improved our cash flow. Assessment of the membership data indicated that there needs to be some work done on retaining existing members and not just expanding as we have been doing. Comments and suggestions on how to achieve this will be sought later this year from the membership.

- Stated that a financial report will be tabled for the next Board meeting and a motion for it to be adopted put forward.

5. Pre-notified Questions from Members and:

6. Motions on Notice

- Robert Sutton: Stated that there were no questions on notice from members or motions on notice.

7. Retirement of Directors

- Robert Sutton: Notified the meeting that four (4) Directors would be relinquishing office on the board of Arboriculture Australia. They were identified as Doug Sharp, Henry Haavisto, Ian McKenzie and Julia Sullivan.
- The President congratulated Directors on a successful year despite difficulties resulting from merger. He thanked Directors, which were relinquishing their positions on the Board, for their service and their families for the sacrifice of time to achieve the things that have been achieved.

8. Election of New Directors for Period 2011-2014

- Robert Sutton: Informed the members present that nominations for a position on the Board had been received, from the members, for Henry Haavisto and Alan Lim. He made a general introduction to the audience of Alan Lim from the Hong Kong group. As there were only two (2) nominations received, and four (4) positions available, no vote was required to install the nominees as Directors on the Board. The President welcomed and congratulated both Directors to the Board.

9. Other Business

- The meeting was opened to all present to raise any other business. None was raised.

Meeting Closed: 5:40pm.