



## **Minutes of AIA Victoria Annual General Meeting – Monday 27 November 2023**

Held in person at 356 Collins Street, Melbourne and via Zoom Meeting

The President, Richard Iron CMG OBE, declared the 2023 Annual General Meeting (AGM) open at 5.45pm and welcomed members attending in person, at one of the first events to be held at the new AIA VIC premises at 356 Collins Street, and those online.

A quorum was confirmed.

### **Present:**

#### **In-Person:**

Christopher Cicutto  
Richard Iron CMG OBE  
Leah Zartz  
Hatice H Basarin OAM  
Nicole Williamson  
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Alastair Roff  
Prakash Mirchandani  
Michael Helman  
Patrick Moore  
The Hon David Harper AM KC  
Oliver Stelling

John Richardson  
Dr Patricia Salas Sanchez  
Robyn Byrne OAM  
Estelle Parker  
Kerry Bennett  
Josie Blyton

#### **Online:**

Zara Kimpton OAM FAIA  
Justin Meyer  
Perry Wood  
Sue A'Beckett

Kelly MacDonald  
Rae Sharp KC  
Mohammad Chowdhury

Susan Green  
Ian Howie  
Simrat Roopra

#### **Apologies:**

Andrew Farran  
Helen Freeman  
Martine Letts, FAIA HonLLD  
Barry Fox

John Chapman  
Liz Murphy-Chapman  
Prof. Stewart Gill OAM  
John King

Isobel Morgan OAM  
Dr Michael Moignard  
Kathie Derham Moore

#### **Proxies:**

No Proxies were received.

- 1. The Notice of Meeting was taken as read.**
- 2. To Approve the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 14 November 2022**

The AGM Minutes of Meeting for 2022 were received.

**Motion: that the AGM Minutes of Meeting for 2022 be adopted.**

**MOVED, and CARRIED**

**Proposer:** John Richardson

**Seconder:** Patrick Moore

**3. Business arising from the 2022 Minutes:**

The 2021-22 list of Victorian Lifetime Friends of the AIIA had contained in error the name of Mr Sidney Baillieu Myer AC, and Fellow of the Institute, known as Bails Myer, who had died in January 2022. This had not been clarified in the 2022-23 Annual Report, and Zara Kimpton requested that the death of a Lifetime Friend be mentioned in the Annual Report in future.

It was noted that questions on finances would be covered in the President's Report.

**4. To receive and consider the Annual Report of the Council.**

The 2022-23 Annual Report was received.

**Motion: that the Annual Report for 2023 be adopted.**

**MOVED, and CARRIED**

**Proposer** – Michael Helman

**Secunder** – Patrick Moore

Zara Kimpton queried a statement in the Annual Report that another two loss-making years were anticipated *before breaking even by June 2025*. She sought confirmation that the Institute would return to profit from July 2025 (i.e. the 2025-26 year). This was confirmed.

**5. To receive, consider and adopt the Annual Balance Sheet, the Accounts of the Institute and the Auditor's Report for the financial year ended 30 June 2023**

**Motion: That the Financial Statement and the Auditor's Report be adopted.**

**MOVED, and CARRIED**

**Proposer** – Kerry Bennett

**Secunder** – Patrick Moore

The Financial Statement and the Auditor's Report were adopted.

**6. To confirm auditors for 2023-24**

**Motion:** Noel May of May Klye and Associates has been nominated to conduct an audit review for the 2023-2024 Financial Year.

**MOVED, and CARRIED**

**Proposer** – Christopher Cicutto

**Seconded** – David Harper

**7. To elect Office Holders of the Council for the 2023-24 year.**

To avoid any conflict of interest, Alastair Roff chaired this part of the meeting.

There was no contested ballot this year for the positions of President, Vice President(s) and Treasurer, so the following having expressed their willingness to stand again, were re-elected:

**President:** Richard Iron CMG OBE  
**Vice President:** Kelly MacDonald  
**Vice President:** John Richardson  
**Treasurer:** Christopher Cicutto

Motion **carried** unanimously, and the President resumed the Chair.

**7. To elect Ordinary Members of the Council for the 2023-24 year.**

**MOVED, and CARRIED**

The following were elected:

*Karla Lockett* (having served three years was eligible for re-election)  
*Justin Meyer* (having served three years was eligible for re-election)  
*Dr Michael Moignard* (having served three years was eligible for re-election)  
*Prakash Mirchandani* (having served three years was eligible for re-election)  
*Perry Wood* (having served three years was eligible for re-election)  
*Estelle Parker* (having been appointed during the year)  
*Simrat Roopra* (having been appointed during the year)

**8. President's Report**

The President commenced by acknowledging the debt owed to his predecessor and AIIA VIC Life Member Patrick Moore, for his vision for a new future of the Institute.

He thanked the team who under the leadership of Vice-President John Richardson had overseen the process of selling Dyason House and moving to Collins Street.

The contribution of all the interns and volunteers who give their time to do an enormous amount of work for the Institute was recognised.

We are reviewing our membership structure and rates, which have remained unchanged for over five years. Further details will be made available to members in due course. In the meantime, under Council member Mohammad Chowdhury a strategy is being developed to leverage the new CBD location to increase our footprint within the corporate sector and make ourselves more relevant to the Melbourne business community.

While the long-term intention is that the Institute may again buy its own property, the proceeds of the sale of Dyason House are being invested professionally by LGT Crestone, in a slow and strategic entry to the market. The lease on Collins Street is for

three years with an option for a further three, so there is time to assess the CBD location.

It was intended to resume overseas Study Tours in FY 2023-24.

Finally, the members of the Institute were thanked for their great interest and continuing support, despite the temporary upheavals of the move, as we look forward to the Centenary of AIIA VIC in June 2025.

The President concluded by acknowledging his thanks to another of our Life Members, and former President Zara Kimpton OAM. It was gratifying to note that Zara's contribution to the Institute both in Victoria and nationally over many years had recently been recognised her recent appointment as a Fellow of the AIIA.

## **9. Any other business**

There being no further questions or comments, the President declared the Annual General Meeting for 2023 closed at **18:42 (6:42pm AEDT)**.