

# 2014 Annual General Meeting

## Minutes

Meeting	Annual General Meeting
Location	Jam Factory Boardroom, Level 1, 19 Morphett Street, Adelaide, South Australia, 5000
Date	Saturday, 15 February 2014
Time	13:00, local Adelaide time
Chairperson	Verity Burley, President
Present	Verity Burley, Eileen Gordon, Jeffrey Hamilton, Tegan Hamilton, Jennifer Hay, Gerry King, Jennifer Ahrens, Andrew Baldwin, Anna Medlin
Apologies	Anne Sorensen, Mark Brabham, Kerry Rowe, Mignon Johnston, Peter Kolliner, Laurel Kohut, Keith Dougall, Greg Ash, Amy Worth, Nick Mount, Pauline Mount, Stephen Skillitzi

*Meeting adjourned for half an hour due to the unavailability of a quorum (Refer to page 12 of the Constitution)*

*15.2 A quorum of Members is 10% of the total number of members, of which at least five members are Directors*

*15.3 If a quorum is not present within 30minutes after the time appointed for a general meeting:*

*a) if the general meeting was called on the requisition of members, it is automatically dissolved; or*

*b) in any other case it will stand adjourned for 30minutes and the members then present shall constitute a quorum for the meeting*

*Meeting reconvened at 13:30*

No.	Item
	<b>Opening – Introduction</b>
	Chairperson of the Meeting to be appointed as Verity Burley <i>Proposed: Eileen Gordon</i> <i>Seconded: Jennifer Hay</i> <i>Vote on the motion: <b>Carried unanimously</b></i>
	Chairperson of the meeting to be allowed a casting vote <i>Proposed: Jennifer Hay</i> <i>Seconded: Eileen Gordon</i> <i>Vote on the motion: <b>Carried unanimously</b></i>
<b>1</b>	<b>Financial Statements and Annual Report</b>
1.1	To receive, consider, and if thought fit, pass the following resolution: <i>That the financial statements of the Association and the related Directors' Report, Directors' Declaration and Auditors' Report for the year ended 31 October 2013 are received, confirmed and adopted.</i> Gerry King.....requested further information on the balance of the money in each of the funds on the financial statements. Jeffrey Hamilton .....read the separate balances from the Annual report including the total figure. Eileen Gordon .....requested information about the Vicki Torr interest earned. <i>Moved: Tegan Hamilton</i> <i>Seconded: Gerry King</i> <i>Vote on the motion: <b>Carried unanimously</b></i>

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<b>2</b>	<b>2013 AGM Minutes</b>
2.1	<p>To consider, and if thought fit, to pass the following resolution:</p> <p><i>That the previous AGM minutes from 7 April 2013 held in Wagga Wagga, NSW of the Association of Ausglass Limited are received, confirmed and adopted</i></p> <p><i>Moved: Gerry King</i></p> <p><i>Seconded: Jeffrey Hamilton</i></p> <p><i>Vote on the motion: 4 in favour, 3 abstentions, 4 proxy votes Motion: <b>Carried</b></i></p> <p>Gerry King.....questioned that the Board is required to distribute all of the information of any motions passed in the Board meetings to the membership within seven (7) days of the occurrence. Gerry does not believe that this has occurred.</p> <p>Verity Burley.....reassures the AGM of the limited amount of motions that have been moved in Board meetings during her term to date and that this information has been relayed to the membership. Madam Chair admitted that there have been some administrative delays and that the Board has attempted to address these issues and that the Board will endeavour to make a greater effort in relaying this information to the membership as per the 2013 AGM Motion; 'That the membership within seven (7) days of the occurrence are notified of the motions passed at each Board meeting.' This motion simplifies the minutes and allows the membership to receive information more easily. From this day forward the Board will comply with this motion.</p>
<b>3</b>	<b>Election of Tegan Hamilton as Secretary</b>
3.1	<p>To consider, and if thought fit, to pass the following resolution:</p> <p><i>That Tegan Hamilton is elected to the Board of Ausglass hereby retires and being eligible for re-election be, and hereby is, elected as Secretary of Ausglass (The Australian Association of Glass Artists) Limited</i></p> <p><i>Moved: Eileen Gordon</i></p> <p><i>Seconded: Jeffrey Hamilton</i></p> <p><i>Vote on the motion: <b>Carried unanimously</b></i></p> <p><i>Accepted by Tegan Hamilton</i></p>
<b>4</b>	<b>Election of Jennifer Hay as Director and Collectors' Representative</b>
4.1	<p>To consider, and if thought fit, to pass the following resolution:</p> <p><i>That Jennifer Hay being a Director co-opted to the Board of Ausglass hereby retires and being eligible for re-election be, and hereby is, elected as a Director and Collectors' Representative of Ausglass (The Australian Association of Glass Artists) Limited.</i></p> <p><i>Moved: Gerry King</i></p> <p><i>Seconded: Jeffrey Hamilton</i></p> <p><i>Vote on the motion: <b>Carried unanimously</b></i></p> <p><i>Accepted by Jennifer Hay</i></p>
<b>5</b>	<b>Other Business</b>
5.1	<p><b>Marketing, promotions and public relations</b></p> <p><i>To receive, consider, and if thought fit, pass the following resolution:</i></p> <p><i>That the Board appoint a marketing, promotions or public relations professional to devise a program that promotes Australian contemporary glass nationally and internationally. Further, that the Board act upon those components of the proposal that may be immediately instigated and plans a staged introduction of all the viable aspects during the following three years.</i></p>

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	<p><i>Moved: Gerry King on behalf of Peter Kolliner</i></p> <p><i>Seconded: Andrew Baldwin</i></p> <p>Gerry King ..... stated that the intention of Ausglass is to promote Australian glass. Ausglass has done this to some extent. Gerry listed instances that this has happened to some extent but states that more needs to be done. There is a limit to what glass professionals can do in a volunteer position without being detrimental to their personal glass career. A professional would be much more suited to this role in their experience and the work that they would be able to put into this. The money is available in the Ausglass funds, and a plan should be created by a marketing professional and instigated.</p> <p>Chairperson ..... read out Peter Kolliner's full motion.</p> <p>Jeffrey Hamilton ..... doesn't feel negatively towards the motion in principle but feels that the motion has negative feelings towards the board and the work that is being done. Flair is an example of this and the Craft Arts advertisement prior to the Wagga Wagga conference. Tabling a copy of the half-page Craft Arts advertisement secured at a special rate of \$850 for Issue 90, due out March/April promoting the Ausglass Exhibition 'Flair' Jeffrey wants to point out that things have been happening and that the Board has not been sitting idly by. Jennifer Hay's appointment brings on enormous passion and the effects of this appointment is yet to be seen. Jeffrey read out a small paragraph of his explanation of the motion and stated that he disagrees that the Ausglass exhibition at Wagga was only seen by Ausglass and was in fact seen by the general public, in fact internationally. The opinions expressed by Peter were obviously passionate but Jeffrey believes that these thoughts were not as black and white as might be seen.</p> <p>Chairperson ..... read out Peter Kolliner's full explanation of his motion.</p> <p>Anna Medlin ..... questioned using Ausglass' money to carry this motion and recollects members in the past being unhappy utilising Ausglass' money for a position such as this one. It is very different to have a particular amount set aside to pay this salary but to take this out of the coffers is a different story.</p> <p>Gerry King ..... suggested that the question of money could be an amendment to this motion.</p> <p>Jeffrey Hamilton ..... once again explained the financial statement of the 2013 Annual report and ensured that it is understood that the Vicki Torr fund is inaccessible. We have approximately \$60,000 of accessible money.</p> <p>Eileen Gordon ..... stated that the Executive Administrative Officer also has to be paid.</p> <p>Jeffrey Hamilton ..... outlined the ongoing running costs of Ausglass (about \$5,000 a month).</p> <p>Anna Medlin ..... bearing in mind that we have a conference coming up in less than twelve months' time, it seems to be that the salary for this position could not be full time and could only be a short time position. A cautious approach needs to be taken to regards to this, particularly with the change of membership in conference and non-conference years.</p> <p>Jennifer Hay ..... spoke on behalf of Mark Brabham, his feelings were that this proposed position would overlap with the election of a Marketing and Communications Officer.</p> <p>Chairperson ..... outlined the plan which will be discussed at the face-to-face Board meeting in order to implement a strategic marketing plan.</p> <p>Andrew Baldwin ..... asked about the decision regarding pay, qualifications, hours and details about the position.</p> <p>Chairperson ..... confirmed that this will be the Board's decision.</p> <p>Verity Burley ..... spoke about the fact that this is a new Board who are implementing new procedures and devices in order to promote Australian glass. We are committed to this. There is an awareness by the Board about these topics and there is an understanding about the need for this by the membership.</p> <p>Gerry King ..... pointed out that he does not think that Ausglass should strip itself of its funds.</p>

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	<p>This money has been put in our hands and he hopes that it will be used wisely, and this would be a good use for this. Our money fluctuates. Gerry is optimistic of the upcoming conference generating money and would be comfortable with a cap of an appropriate sum to be paid to this industry professional. This is an attempt for something that Ausglass is unable to do as "amateurs" instead, we need the experience of somebody in the industry.</p> <p><i>Amendment that expenditure be limited to \$20,000 at the initial stage</i></p> <p><i>Proposed: Jeffrey Hamilton</i></p> <p><i>Seconded: Jennifer Hay</i></p> <p><i>Vote on the amendment: <b>Carried unanimously</b></i></p> <p><i>Vote on the motion: 1 Against, 1 Proxy for, 8 for: <b>Carried</b></i></p>
5.2	<p><b>Election of Laurel Kohut as Marketing and Communications Officer</b></p> <p>To consider, and if thought fit, to pass the following resolution:</p> <p><i>That Laurel Kohut being eligible for election be, and hereby is, elected as a Marketing and Communications Officer of Ausglass (The Australian Association of Glass Artists) Limited</i></p> <p><i>Moved: Tegan Hamilton</i></p> <p><i>Seconded: Eileen Gordon</i></p> <p>Eileen Gordon .....believes that Laurel would work well as a liaison with the professional in the earlier motion.</p> <p><i>Vote on the motion: <b>Carried unanimously</b></i></p>
5.3	<p><b>Election of Robert Melani as Treasurer</b></p> <p>To consider, and if thought fit, to pass the following resolution:</p> <p><i>That Robert Melani being eligible for election be, and hereby is, elected as Treasurer of Ausglass (The Australian Association of Glass Artists) Limited</i></p> <p><i>Moved: Gerry King</i></p> <p><i>Seconded: Jennifer Hay</i></p> <p><i>Vote on the motion: <b>Carried unanimously</b></i></p>
5.4	<p><b>2014 Vicki Torr Online Gallery Prize</b></p> <p>Announcement of the 2014 Vicki Torr Online Gallery Prize recipient:</p> <p><b>Gillian Tomasich</b></p>
6	<p><b>End</b></p>
6.1	<p>The next AGM is to be held in conjunction with the 2015 Ausglass Conference. Actual date TBC</p>
6.2	<p>Meeting concluded at 2:59pm Adelaide Time</p>

Chairperson *Verity Jasmin Burley* the 12<sup>th</sup> of February 2015

Signed.....

(Final version of these Minutes completed 17/02/14)