



Agenda for the 44th Annual General Meeting
of the
Australian Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine Association Ltd
(ACN 010 020 390)

Board of Directors

Waveny Holland - *President and Chair* | Richard Li - *Vice President* | Lily Feng – *Director*
| Andrew Matfin - *Chair of the Audit and Risk Committee* | Rodd Sanchez – *Director*

Executive

Paul Stadhams – *Chief Executive Officer, Company Secretary and Returning Officer*

Location

SeaWorld Resort, SeaWorld Drive, Main Beach Qld and online

Date and Time

Sunday, 29th May 2022 from 2pm

1. Welcome

The Chair extended a welcome to all in attendance in person and online, affirmed that there was a quorum and opened the meeting at 2pm

2. Apologies

No apologies

3. Proxy Votes

Francis Burns (to the Chair)

4. Total Eligible Voting Members

2035 members eligible to vote

114 members in attendance plus Paul Stadhams (CEO / Company Secretary)

5. Minutes of 43rd Annual General Meeting

The Chair informed attendees that only members who attended the AGM in 2021 were able to vote and those not in attendance must abstain.

The Chair proposed that the minutes of 43rd AGM of the Australian Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine Association Ltd (ACN 010 020 390). Held online via Zoom and at Marriott Gold Coast Resort and Spa, 158 Ferny Avenue, Surfers Paradise, Qld, on Sunday, May 30th 2021 be accepted.

Moved by: Paul Nebauer (761) Seconded by Terry Hitzke (724)

Vote: For - 65%, Against - 6%, Abstained - 29%

6. Business Arising

No Business Arising

7. President's Report

Report presented by Waveny Holland

Full report in the Annual report for members to read

3 points in particular highlighted

- **AACMA Research Centre** - A valuable member resource which is set up to be current and show the most recent studies that are Ahpra compliant for advertising purposes and also research that may not be advertising compliant but is clinically relevant to enhance clinical practice

- **Student Attraction Initiative** - Designed to encourage more people to study Chinese medicine as a career pathway.

Working in collaboration with the educational institutions to attract more students to their courses and to join AACMA as student members

An information brochure has been designed for display on websites and for distribution to careers officers in high schools

AACMA prize for excellence in achievement for 2nd year students

Senior practitioner ½ hour sessions for students to help encourage, inspire and motivate

One stop shop with step by step instructions with relevant links for new graduates to easily follow when registering with the CMBA and commencing practice

- **Lobbying** - COVID interrupted many of the lobbying avenues including our submission for inclusion into the Medicare CDM. The NHMRC was involved in assessing COVID vaccines which impacted on our submission

Letter already pre-emptively sent to Anthony Albanese and to Anne Ruston for recognition and integration of Chinese medicine into the health care system.

Private health fund lobbying needs a change to the Private Health Fund Act (2007) for Chinese medicine to be recognised and rebated as allied health. That Act has Chinese medicine as a natural therapy which is why the health funds do not rebate our treatments at allied health rates

8. Financial Report

Report presented by Andrew Matfin

Full report in the Annual report for members to read

- Revenue decrease- no Government grants in 2021 and reduced member fees contributed to decrease
- AACMAC 2021 did realise a modest profit
- Wages, AACMAC and fees were our biggest expenditure
- The Association remains in a strong financial position

9. Acceptance of Financial Statements and Annual Report

Andrew Matfin proposed that the Financial Statements and Annual Report including the Auditor's Report, be accepted

Seconded Rebecca Ellison (AACMA1740)

Accepted by majority decision - Unanimous in the room (online 78% For, 22% Abstained)

10. Chief Executive Officer's Report

Report presented by Paul Stadhams

Full report in the Annual report for members to read

- Events sector was successful providing 48.5 hours of quality CPD
- Member numbers were down at the end of 2021 with some members delaying membership renewal due to the uncertainty of COVID restrictions and vaccine mandates combined with graduates taking longer to register and join.
- 1955 AACMA members had renewed at the end of December 2021, the lowest number for several years but 2035 members had renewed or joined at the end of April 2022.
- CMBA figures at the end of 2021 didn't seem to accurately reflect what we were seeing with our membership renewals and they were slow to release March figures which, when finally released confirmed what AACMA had expected. We continue to get members transferring from other associations especially the multi -modality associations who also represent dry needlers.
- AACMA represents 42.5% of all CMBA registered practitioners
- Social Media is focussed on improving and increasing traffic to members through the practitioner search function. Still posting 4 times a month with more options planned

11. Notices of Motion

11.1. RESOLUTION A

Appointment of Auditors for the year ended 31st December 2022.

Members are asked to consider and if agreed resolve that, Independent Audit Services be reappointed as auditors for the year ending 31st December 2022.

Proposed by: Tilak Kalra (558) Seconded by: Wally Simpson (203)

Passed on a majority decision - Unanimous in the room, Online 71% For, 29% Abstained

11.2. SPECIAL RESOLUTION B

Ex gratia payments to Directors.

Members are asked to consider and if agreed resolve that, in accordance with Section 5.1.3 of the Constitution of the Australian Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine Association Ltd, the basis of ex gratia payments to directors for the 2022 calendar year to the 2023 AGM shall remain unchanged. That is, the total amount shall not exceed \$60,000, the distribution of which is at the Board's discretion. In addition, Directors must, at their own expense complete Board approved, Director and Governance training.

Explanation of Special Resolution B

In 2019 the Board moved that there is a requirement for all Directors to undertake approved governance training within six months of election or appointment to the Board.

The current breakdown of these ex-gratia payments for five Directors are listed below:

Five Directors	Total Base Honorarium	Quarterly Honorarium
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Chair	\$13,846.16	\$3,461.54
Vice Chair	\$11,538.46	\$2,884.61
Director	\$11,538.46	\$2,884.61
Director	\$11,538.46	\$2,884.62
Director	\$11,538.46	\$2,884.62
Total Outlay	\$60,000.00	\$15,000.00

Proposed by: Stephen Janz (294) Seconded by: John McDonald (114)

Passed on majority decision - Unanimous in the room, Online 68% For, 32% Abstained.

11.3. SPECIAL RESOLUTION C – see Addendum A

Proposed Changes to the Australian Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine Association Ltd Constitution (2018). *Proposed motion to these changes to be moved en bloc.*

PROPOSED SPECIAL RESOLUTION C

Should the membership agree to the proposed motion below, these changes, (items 1-47 in the Addendum A) will be passed en bloc.

Motion:

Members are asked to consider and if thought appropriate, pass that the following proposed changes (items 1-47 in Addendum A) to the current Australian Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine Association Ltd. (AACMA) Constitution, provided with the Notice of Meeting of Members of the Association, be adopted as amendments to the 2018 Constitution of the Association. *(If accepted the clauses within the Constitution shall be renumbered accordingly.)*

Proposed by: Stephen Janz (294) Seconded by: Raf Nathan (2000)

Passed on majority decision - Unanimous in the room (1 Abstained), Online 62% For, 38% Abstained.

12. Declaration of Ballot

This year, three nominations were received for the three vacant Elected Director positions. As such, no election was required. The nominees are;

Waveny Holland
Richard Li
Andrew Matfin

The Chair to propose the resolution that the three nominees for Elected Director be accepted in accordance with the AACMA Constitution.

Accepted unanimously

13. 2021 / 2022 Board Members

The Chair announces the full 2022 / 2023 AACMA Board of Directors

Waveny Holland	Term expires at 2024 AGM
Richard Li	Term expires at 2024 AGM
Andrew Matfin	Term expires at 2024 AGM
Lily Feng	Term expires at 2023 AGM
Rodd Sanchez	Term expires at 2023 AGM

14. General Business

The Chair called for any items of General Business.

- Question: Where will AACMAC be held in 2023? Joseph Coleiro (523)
Next year due to changes in ASIC rules and the motions just passed, the AGM can be a stand-alone, online event, so it doesn't need to be held with AACMAC.

AACMAC likely to be held on the Gold Coast again because it is less costly for the association to fly with AACMAC potentially being moved to later in the year July/August.

Moving AACMAC will also avoid clashing with Rothenburg Kongress.

Events Officer Mia Zhang working on proposal to various venues for best deals

- Question: Regarding school holidays and AACMAC from Peta Leivers (3489)
Dates will be decided taking into account school holidays

15. Meeting Closed

Meeting closed at 2:35pm

Last name	First name	Last name	First name
Baksheev	George	Li	Richard
Baldry	Jodi	Linder	Brigitte
Bell	Christopher	Liu	David
Boungnaseng	Shanice	Liu	Vincent
Bowyer	Linna	Lo	Yuliang
Broatch	Neville	MacAnally	Ryan
Bull	Jay	Marzini	Bernhard
Burns	Paul	Matfin	Drew
Burns- Hutchison	Ann	McDonald	John
Byrne	Jennifer	Mitchell	Alec
Campbell	Christine	Mok	Yan Ming
Carter	Wendy	Moore	Amber
Cavanagh	Lisa	Narai	Ivanka
Chan	Helen	Nathan	Raf
Chen	Lingzhi	Nathan	Stella
Chen	Pao Lung	Nebauer	Paul
Chen	Simin	Nguyen	Filip
Chiam	Janice	O'Mara	Adam
Cho	Sung-hee	Pan	Weixiang
Cope	Gregory	Phanthapangna	Sandra
Craft	Samantha	Pinter	Rose
Crothers	John	Qin	Guan
Curtis	Paul	Reynolds	Neil
Dan	Rosemary	Rutty	Peter
Debenham	Graham	Salafia	Karen
Doyle	Christopher	Sanchez	Rodd

Du	Ping	Schmidt	Crissi
Ellison	Rebecca	Silich	Russell
Feng	Jian Qiang	Simpson	Walter
Feng	Lily	Smith	Michael
Fontyne	Rene	Staunton	Elisabeth
	Xuguang		
Gao	Alice	Stranger	Katherine
Gatenby	Kim	Strelkoff	Julianne
Gearing	Mark	Strong	Natalie
Gratzer	Amanda	Strong	Phil
Hains	Lucia	Ta	Huu Hiep
Hashim	Moyez	Tan	Bee Ching
Haynes	Katie	Tan	Joseph
Hitzke	Terry	Tim So	Robin
Holland	Waveny	Trinh	Denise
Hollidge	Robert	Tully	Christopher
Horn	Carol	Vavala	Raffaele
Hu	Zhanhong	Weekes	Melinda
Humbel	Sheila	Wei	Lun
Huynh	Teresa	Winter	Tracey
Janz	Stephen	Wong	Andy
Jiang	Jian	Wong	Julie
Jiao	Wei	Wong	Serena
Jolic	Mandy	Wood	Stephen
Kalra	Mahesh	Wooller	Vicki
Kao	Kuan-Sing	Wright	Holly
Kao	Yuan-hong	Yang	Kaiqing
Kent	Cameron	Yu	Qiurong
Khor	Aaron	Yuen	Chu Fong
Knights	Trent	Zhang	Yongfei
Lambert	Candice	Zhu	Jessica
Leivers	Peta	Zhuang	Yujun Jessica