

SPERA AGM 2019 Minutes

5th Floor, Education Building, QUT, 5:00pm Thursday 3rd October, 2019

Present: Brian O'Neill, Simone White, Joel Davis, Serena Burnett, Catherine Thiele, Kenneth Young, Nina Fotinatos, Susan Ledger, Samatha Avitaia, Bronwyn Relf, Bob Stephens, Ian McIntosh, Monica Davis, Chris Ronan, Jayne Downey, Melyssa Fuqua, Carol Steel, John Guenther, Meegan Brown, Annette Morphett, Jenifer Dove, Peter Shearer, R. John Halsey

Apologies: Christine Reading

AGM opened: 5.00 pm

Welcome:

Brian welcomed everyone to the AGM.

President's report:

Brian presented the President's report (see attached).

Moved by Melyssa Fuqua, Seconded: Bronwyn Relf, Passed unanimously.

Treasurer's report:

Prepared by Christine Reading (see attached).

Moved by Bronwyn Relf, seconded by Sam Avitaia

Journal Report:

Presented by Sue Ledger. Second issue for 2019 is finished, third issue will be published in November. WA rural teaching program is now on OECD website.

Want to include more information on journal website and into the journal. A special edition, edited by John Guenther, will be forthcoming, theme: boarding school and choiceless choices.

Journal team completed transition from hard copy to soft copy open access. This has taken nearly 5 years. The journal team hope the journal will be SCOPUS listed next year. Team is working to get the number of people submitting increasing to meet SCOPUS listing.

AAAE Report:

Presented by Melyssa Fuqua. This year AAAE reviewed and renewed the Melbourne Declaration. Melyssa reported it was encouraging to hear different associations talk about rural education and expressing an interest in accessing SPERA.

Newsletter:

Brian thank Nina for being newsletter editor.

Emerging Scholars Summit:

Brian thanked and acknowledged Melyssa and Natalie Downes for organising the Emerging Rural Scholars Summit as part of SPERA. It will become a permanent fixture at future SPERA conferences.

Elections:

The following members were nominated and elected to the Executive Committee:

Serena Burnett nominated by Joel Davis

Joel Davis nominate Serena Burnett

Chris Ronan

Carol Steel

Melyssa Fuqua

Samantha Avitaia

Nina Fotinatos

Ian McIntosh

Monica Davis

Sue Ledger

Jane Downey

Jaime Facchin by Sam Avitaia

Brian O'Neill

Bronwyn Relf

Chris Reading

AGM closed 5:30pm

Executive will meet at Beadles On the Quad café, QUT, 8.00am to elect Executive Committee positions.