



Society for Conservation Biology

**2018 Annual General Meeting of the Society for
Conservation Biology (Oceania) SCBO INC 1500315
at SCBO 2018 in Wellington, New Zealand
July 5th, 12.30pm, Oceania room, Te Papa Museum
Wellington, New Zealand**

Meeting minutes

Meeting open 12:45pm

Present: 33 members (file:Attendees_SCB Oceania 2017 AGM.xlsx)

1. Opening and Presidents report;

- Minutes from AGM 2017 (file SCBO_2017_AGM_minutes.pdf). Accepted as true and accurate record.
- New board members
 - a. Nicki Nelson is president elect.
 - b. Toni Love, Amanda Wheatley, Viv McShane and Rebecca Weeks are board members.
 - c. Motion: accept new board members and roles, put forward by Vanessa Adams: passed unanimously.
- Financial statement
 - a. We are in our third year as an incorporated body.
 - b. We hold a surplus of \$53,072 generated through conferences.
 - c. The section is financially sound.
 - d. Over the next few years we will need to assess income reliability and our ability to run new initiatives.
 - e. We have \$4,500 of fixed recurring costs (insurance, other operating, AGM, student awards), \$3,000 to conduct an annual in-person board meeting, and \$2,000 to fund new initiatives in line with our strategic plan.
 - f. Motion: move to accept the 2017 financial statement and 2018 budget.
Moved by by Micha Jackson and seconded by Carolyn Lundquist.

2. President's Report

- SCBO performance (2013-2018 Strategic plan review)
- 1) Expand and diversify Oceania Section membership
 - Membership has increased from ~250 in 2009 to ~500 in 2017.
- 2) Support the setting up and maintenance of Chapters in different parts of the region.



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- We now have seven chapters; an increase from two in 2013.
- Greater Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, Wellington, PNG, Solomon Islands and Hawaii.
- 3) Hold Oceania regional conference every two years.
 - Our goal is to host a biannual conference and Wellington is our 5th regional congress, with ~350 delegates from 15 countries.
 - We supported ~30 delegates to attend the conference.
 - In July 2019, the Student Conference on Conservation Science will be held at UQ in Brisbane.
 - In 2020, we will hold a joint regional congress somewhere in the Pacific. Discussions are ongoing.
- 4) Improve our outreach through newsletters, conferences, listservers, Facebook and Twitter
 - We now have our own independent website, which has moved from being a news blog to a formal section website.
 - We have an active Twitter presence with 1,400 followers.
- 5) Support *Pacific Conservation Biology* and promote the journal to top conservation scientists for publishing and access
 - SCBO has a formal affiliation with PCB.
 - Special issues of the journal have been promoted at our conferences in 2014, 2016, 2018.
 - Papers contributed by the Section have accounted for approximately half of the journal's citations.
 - PCB gives access to members through the website.
 - The journal has applied for an impact factor, which is still in progress.
- 6) Award individuals recognising their contribution to effective conservation
 - We award two best presentation awards at our conferences (one sponsored by PCB), as well as a best student paper award.
 - We award a regional Distinguished Service Award every two years and it was awarded to James Russell in 2018 at the Wellington conference.
- 7) Contribute to the region's undergraduate, graduate, and continuing education and training capacity in conservation science through the roles of members.
 - Since 2014 we have supported the travel of ~80 Pacific islands members/students from the region to attend our conferences, valued at ~\$100k.
 - We have also delivered custom content at conferences, including workshops on policy, mentoring, "how to give a good presentation", "how to get your science published".
- 8) Support development of policy response papers to major issues
 - Megan Evans was co-author on a paper published in *Conservation Biology* by the global policy committee.



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- We have an arrangement with PCB to publish conservation science statements and will restart this initiative in 2018/19. Contributions for conservation science statements are very welcome.
- Megan Evans developed and ran a policy short course at the Wellington conference with Richard, Fleur M, Corey Watts and Toni Love.

3. Strategic Planning – making the most of our registered status

- A brainstorming exercise was run to discuss future directions for our section (file: Ideas_SCB Oceania 2018 AGM.docx).

Meeting ended at 1:25pm