



Society for Conservation Biology

**Minutes for the 2016 Annual General Meeting of the
Society for Conservation Biology (Oceania) SCBO INC
1500315
at SCBO 2016 Brisbane
July 7th, 6.00-7.00pm, Plaza Auditorium (Brisbane Convention &
Exhibition Centre on Grey Street)**

1. Minutes and actions from the 2015 Annual General Meeting in Montpellier
Minutes accepted.
2. Activities and achievements of the Board in 2015 and 2016
 - a. Contribution to Board of Governors - Affiliation
 - b. Strategic planning and workplanning
 - c. Pacific Conservation Biology – Richard Kingsford
 - Mentoring
 - Working on providing free access to Pacific Island members
 - Two student Prizes
 - Ongoing discussions with CSIRO for PCB to provide a funding stream for SCB Oceania
 - ISI listing put forward ASAP
 - Richard encouraged all to get submissions into journal to raise the profile of PCB
 - d. Further development as an independent organisation – Richard Kingsford
Registered Environmental Organisation, Environmental Charity, Tax Office registration
 - e. Chapters
3. Amendment of Constitution (amendments proposed for the constitution, provided to the membership over the previous month) (Voting item)
 - a. Establishment of a past president position on the board
 - b. Addition of clause to establish a Board contract of expectations of Board members
 - c. Inclusion of opportunity to communicate via email.
 - d. Alteration to improve the objects of the Constitution

- e. Inclusion of clauses related to the establishment and management of a Society for Conservation Biology Fund.

Resolution: Motion proposed to amend the SCBO constitution to reflect changes above (a-c). Proposer – Megan Evans, Seconded James Watson. Unanimously passed

4. Board members – introduction, including new board members

Two new board members introduced: Tim Doherty and Danielle Shanahan

5. Financial statement (2015-2016) – Vanessa Adams

Resolution: Motion proposed to accept financial statement and 2016 budget. Proposer Rosalynn Anderson Lederer, seconded Richard Kingsford. Unanimously passed

6. Conferences – Vanessa Adams and Nicky Nelson
 - a. Presentation of the attendance at SCBO 2016
 - b. Cartagena, Columbia, ICCB 2017
 - c. Presentation of framework for SCBO 2018 – Wellington
7. Policy and outreach – Megan Evans
 - a. Internal policy
 - i. Anti-discrimination policy,
 - ii. draft diversity statement
 - b. External policy, policy submissions
 - i. EPBC Act standing bill
 - ii. Australia’s biodiversity conservation strategy review
8. Land clearing statement – presented by Martine Maron

Discussion of Scientist’s Declaration to be formally introduced to conference delegation on Friday 8th July

9. Global perspective – James Watson (President)
 - a. SCB considering a third global conservation journal
 - b. Diversity – now a core issue
 - c. Policy – global survey indicated people want to be more engaged in policy. Many “models” of policy engagement - writing policy with government, advocacy etc. SCBO is a model for the global society for policy.
10. Election of office bearers on the Board (Voting item):
 - a. Treasurer - Emily Elston
 - b. Secretary - Monica Awasthy
 - c. Electoral Officer – Bec Weeks
 - d. Membership Officer – Bec Weeks

Resolution: Motion proposed to elect office bearers to the board. Proposer Jessie Capadona, seconded James Watson. Unanimously passed

11. Discussion about future initiatives