



Society for Conservation Biology

Notice

Minutes for the 2020 Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Date and time: 10 December 2020 at 12pm Australian Eastern Daylight Time (AEDT)

Location: Zoom

Present: Rachel Miller, Nicky Nelson, John Lamaris, Rebecca Weeks, Monica Awasthy, Tara Meggett, Micha Jackson, Vanessa Adams, Richard Kingsford, Shannon Rivera, Kylie Soanes, Viv Tulloch, Carolyn Lundquist

1. Apologies

- Tim Doherty

2. President's report

- Introduce the Board
 - Very Australian focused – something to consider going forward
 - Voting item: Move to confirm Micha Jackson and Shannon Noelle Rivera onto the board
 - Yes: 11
 - Abstain: 2

3. Financial statement

- Fifth year as a financially corporate body
- Income driven by membership
- Conferences generally supplement income, but not in 2020 due to COVID-19
- Overview of SCBO 2020 Budget
 - Fixed recurring costs of \$4700
 - Insurance
 - Other operating
 - AGM
 - Student awards
 - In person annual board meeting funding \$5000
 - New initiatives in line with our strategic plan \$8000 (e.g. printing costs for special issue, Optimism Day)
 - Chapter support grants \$3500
- Several events suspended due to COVID
- Voting item: Move to accept 2019 financial statement and forecasted 2020 budget
 - Yes: 11
 - Abstain: 2

4. Membership

- Membership has been historically 500+, but currently 217 in 2020, likely due to COVID, increased membership dues, global decline in membership, and inability to attend in-person conferences

5. SCBO activity

- Chapters
 - 6 active chapters
 - Support for events
 - Need a 2021 update for chapters on changes in SCBO and SCBO structures
- Conference plans
 - 2020 – Hawaii with Hawaiian Conservation Alliance – COVID
 - 2021 – HCA online again (SCBO pulled back due to preference to be in person)
 - at this stage, no SCBO conference targeted for 2021
 - 2022 – Wollongong with ESA proposed
 - developing an MOU with ESA
 - 2023 – Hawaii with HCA (if in-person possible)
 - 2025 – Oceania ICCB proposed (Australia targeted by SCB global)
 - Student conference on Conservation Science happened in the AGM calendar year (July 2019). SCBO will look to collaborate with conference group in future
- Communications
 - Scboceania.org
 - Also have FB and Twitter
 - SCBO going to be looking for someone to take on Twitter or FB for help with improving social media reach. Please get in touch if interested
- Special issues
 - Pacific Conservation Biology – Transforming Conservation Biology Through Indigenous Perspectives
 - Formal affiliation
 - Special issue promoted at SCBO Conferences
 - Conservation Science and Practice – Conservation Science and Practice in Oceania
- SCBO Awards
 - Distinguished Service Award – alternate years
 - 2020 winner is One People One Reef – has been informed
 - No student presentation award due to no conferences
 - 2020 student paper award to Levi Collier-Robinson – had not yet been informed at time of AGM
 - Informed by President Nicola Nelson on 10 December 2020

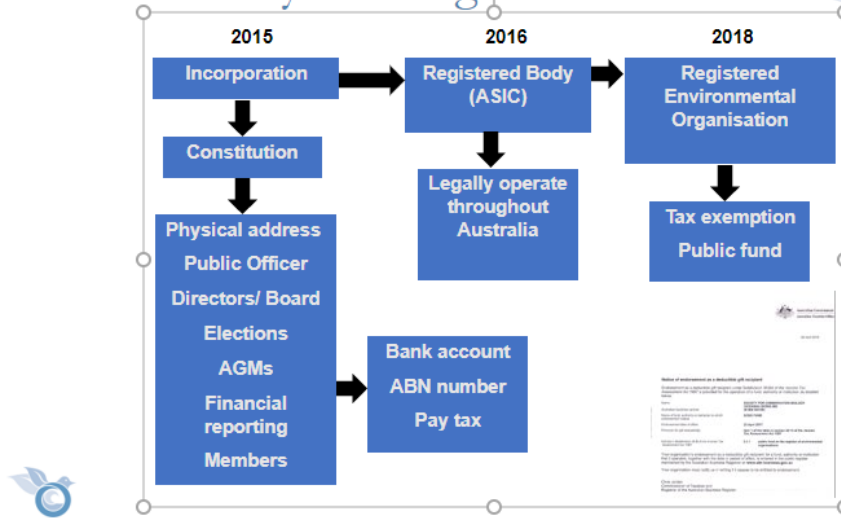
Environmental Policy contributions

- Overview of what SCBO has done
- More on SCBO website: <http://scboceania.org/our-goals/environmental-policy-2/>

6. SCBO revised constitution

- Introduction, then vote over whether to adopt

Autonomy and Registered status



- Key differences in amended Constitution:
 - 'Directors' instead of 'board members'
 - Flexibility to appoint directors as well if lacking in a particular area
 - Mechanism for leveraging membership funds from SCB global
 - Mechanism for direct connectivity with and support of chapters
- Question from Tara Meggett: Could this help chapters get bank accounts without having to use personal information to open bank accounts? (but I assume this would not help our chapter here in Hawaii, as it seems Australia focused). but perhaps I am misunderstanding and does not relate to chapter bank accounts.
 - Countries vary by requirements, but SCBO can help with public liability insurance, event organisation, and general support
 - Solutions can probably be agreed upon, but will likely come down to individuals opening their own bank accounts or banking through us
- Voting Item: Move to adopt new constitution
 - Yes: 12
 - Abstain: 1
- Next step will be to inform the Global organisation that we have a new constitution and that we will need to adjust the MOU

7. Activities for 2021

- No section conference, but can have smaller, local events to be held in conjunction with Chapters (e.g. mini conferences, networking days) – any other ideas?
 - Can feed through Chapter chairs or through Micha Jackson
 - Investigating possibility of holding postponed Earth Optimism day event in Sydney
 - Quite early in the year, so will have to move forward with organisation early in the year
- Policy – will contribute submissions as opportunities arrive
 - Please let us know if you are aware of any
- Science & Education – developing ideas for mentorship program, as online content and/or “matchmaking” service
 - Please advise if interested
- Board positions will be open in April – consider running!

8. Close of Annual General Meeting