



Society for Conservation Biology

## Meeting Minutes – 2021 AGM 1 December 2021 1230 – 1300 AEDT

**Present:** Rachel Miller (RM – Secretary), Nicola Nelson (NN - President), Richard Kingsford (RK), Matthew Selinske (MS), Vanessa Adams (VA), Tara Meggett (TM), Alex Diment (AD), Blake Simmons (BS), Natalie Forsdick (NF), Olivia Vergara (OV), Tim Doherty (TD), Courtney Melton (Treasurer – CM), Christopher Woolley (CW), Naomi Indigo (NI), John Lamaris (JL), Micha Jackson (MJ – Chapters Chair, President Elect), Carolyn Lundquist (CL), Sydney Striowski (SS), Sarah Lamar (SL)

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of previous meeting
3. President's report
  - NN introduced the Board
    - Welcome new board members
    - Retained previous adjuncts
    - Micha Jackson president elect

Current Elected Members	Position	Committee(s) & Roles
Nicola Nelson	President	
Micha Jackson	President-elect	Chapters chair
Rachel Miller	Secretary	
<a href="#">Courtney Melton</a>	Treasurer	
Tim Doherty	Member at large	Policy committee chair
Shannon Noelle Rivera	Member at large	2021 conference point of cont
John Lamaris	Member at large	
<a href="#">Chris Woolley</a>	Member at large	Social Media
<a href="#">Tara Meggett</a>	Member at large	Social media/website
<a href="#">Natalie Forsdick</a>	Member at large	EID
<a href="#">Owen Nevin</a>	Adjunct	
<a href="#">Dominique Pelletier</a>	Adjunct	
Vanessa Adams	Adjunct	finance committee chair
Richard Kingsford	Adjunct	

- **Motion:** Move to accept Micha Jackson into President Elect for board
  - Move: NN
  - VA second
    - Approved, six abstainers, no nay voters

4. Financial statement

- CM provided overview of SCBO Financial Statement
- CM 2020/21 operated at deficit, overall budget in surplus
- CM No conference in 2020/21, conferences generally supplement income
- CM Membership fees lower than expected, potentially due to COVID and no conference
- NN Budget healthy for SCBO, run at deficit because no conference, but still operate
- **Note:** Board moved to authorise change of signatories and to support SCBO application for funding
  - NN Move to accept 2020 Financial Statement and 2021 budget
  - Seconded: NF
    - Approved, 5 abstained, no nay voters
    - Report will be uploaded onto the website

	2020FY	
Cash flow from operating activities		
Membership Fees	\$ 2,056.66	
Interest received	\$ 106.08	
Other funding received	\$ 4,200.00	
Income generated through activities	\$ -	
Payments to suppliers	\$ 12,828.98	
Net cash (used in) operating activities	\$ (6,466.24)	
Cash at the beginning of the financial year	\$110,652.59	
Cash at the end of the financial year	\$104,189.35	

#### 5. SCBO activity

- NN provided overview of 2018-2023 Vision and Strategic Plan
- Membership
  - 242 members of SCBO, lower end, hope to build with conference next year
  - Conference plans
    - None in 2020/21
    - Will host joint conference in Wollongong
  - Communications/Outreach
    - Earth Optimism at Taronga Zoo in Sydney went ahead in April. Will put together model for event, model for chapters to deploy locally in April 2022
    - Special interest on Pacific Conservation Biology
    - Owen Nevin to generate special issue associated with ESA next year
    - All articles in special issue have Indigenous authorship embedded in each
    - NN Looking to host Student conference, philanthropist fund for that
    - NN Six active chapters
    - MJ Restructure focuses on increasing engagement with chapters

- MJ holds regular Zoom meetings with SCBO chapter presidents throughout the years, acknowledge the struggles during COVID, thanks to Chapters and chapter members for support through period
- MJ Chapters have been hosting events and activities despite COVID
  - Twitter conference
  - Online trivia
  - Volunteer days (in-person)
- MJ Congratulations to chapters for maintain momentum during difficult COVID, looking forward to reconnecting in-person in future
- MJ Have increased budget to boost and support Chapter work

#### 6. SCBO Awards

- NN Attendance awards in lieu of travel awards for ICCB (six awards)
  - Chapter leads will be able to engage with conference online
- NN Board becomes directors, can be elected or appointed (based on specialty)
- NN Will provide update once finalised
- NN SCBO Awards complements SCB global restructure and integrates chapters more closely with sections. Allows expansion of legal representation outside of New South Wales
- NN Opportunities for members to become involved with Policy, Science & Education, and Board Membership (available in April)
- NN Will try to organise an SCBO meeting associated with ICCB

#### 7. SCB restructure

- NN Autonomy and registered status
- RK gave overview
- RK Restructure is so that can operate internationally, has been under development since 2018

#### 8. Close of Annual General Meeting