



Meeting Minutes – 2022 AGM

13 July 2022

1230 – 1300 AEDT

SCB Mission:

To advance the science and practice of conserving the Earth's biological diversity.

Present:

Micha Jackson (President - MJ), Natalie Forsdick (Secretary - NF), Lisa Dabek, John Lamarinis (JL), Liam McAuliffe, Tim Doherty (TD), Courtney Melton (CM), Andrew Mack (AM), Richard Kingsford (RK), Derek Risch (DR), Nicky Nelson (Past-President - NN), Christopher Woolley (CW), Craig Morley, Shannon Rivera (SR), Lily Van Eeden, Aimee Sato (AS)

Quorum (10 attendees within 30 minutes) achieved at 2:33 PM.

1. Apologies – none recorded

2. Minutes of previous meeting

- **Motion:** to accept the minutes of the 2021 AGM as a true and accurate record.
 - Move: NN
 - Seconded: JL
 - Approved, 11 in favour, 2 abstainers, no nay voters.

3. President's report for 2021

a) Board introductions

NN introduced the Board and welcomed new Board members (those underlined in the table below have been elected in the last election).

NN thanks Rachael Miller enormously for her service as secretary over her term.

Current Elected Members	Position	Committee(s) & Roles
Micha Jackson	President	
Nicky Nelson	Past-President	
Natalie Forsdick	Secretary	
Courtney Melton	Treasurer	
Shannon Noelle Rivera	Member at large	

<u>John Lamaris</u>	Member at large	
Chris Woolley	Member at large	Social Media
Tara Meggett	Member at large	Social media/website
<u>Andy Mack</u>	Member at large	
<u>Aimee Sato</u>	Member at large	
Owen Nevin	Adjunct	
Tim Doherty	Adjunct	
Vanessa Adams	Adjunct	finance committee chair
Richard Kingsford	Adjunct	

- **Motion:** to accept new board members and adjuncts onto the board:
 New Board members: John Lamaris (another term), Andy Mack, Aimee Sato
 Adjuncts: Tim Doherty, Owen Nevin, Vanessa Adams, Richard Kingsford
 - Moved: NN
 - Seconded: MJ
 - Approved, 13 in favour, 2 abstainers, no nay votes.

NN briefly commented on the Section restructuring to become a Company limited by guarantee, and impacts of SCB global restructuring.

b) Membership

NN notes a downturn in members recently, but currently awaiting formal membership summary from SCB. Hoping to pick up new members with upcoming ESA-SCBO conference.

c) SCBO activity

NN provided an overview of the 2018-2023 SCBO Vision: We promote effective conservation in Oceania, underpinned by science. This is enacted through the SCBO strategic plan.

MJ takes lead to discuss 2021 SCBO activities, firstly thanking NN for her work as President during a challenging period of change. MJ notes that she is feeling confident and well supported with NN continuing as Past-President.

MJ shares SCBO activities over the past year. Very successful Earth Optimism events in April, led by various SCBO Chapters. SCBO will continue to organise and support these events moving forwards.

MJ is looking forward to hearing from SCBO Chapter representatives in the discussion to follow the AGM to discuss Chapter events in more detail, and reinforces that supporting Chapters is a top priority for SCBO.

d) Conference plans

None in 2020/21. In 2022, SCBO is hosting a joint conference with ESA in Wollongong. MJ encourages attendance, noting that abstract submissions (until 22 July) and registrations are currently open.

2025 ICCB to be held in Oceania. 4 bids from Australian cities. SCB global currently ranking bids to make decision on location.

MJ thanks CM, TD, NN for their work on the conference committee or through general conference support leading up to ESA-SCBO.

e) Communications/Outreach

MJ - website maintained as main focal point of society. But also Facebook page and Youtube channel. Chapters have added resources/event videos there, and MJ encourages people to post to our social media platforms for SCBO to share.

Pacific Conservation Biology – SCBO has a formal affiliation with this journal, including collaborations to develop special issues. MJ reminds attendees to consider submitting articles there, noting they welcome student submissions.

f) 2023 upcoming activities

SCBO is seeking expressions of interest for a new Policy Committee chair. MJ comments that the policy committee has been brilliantly led by TD over the past term, and that TD will support a hand-over. There is no need to be a policy expert to take on this role, just enthusiasm and a recognition that this is an important activity for SCBO.

TD reiterates that when he joined the Policy Committee he had no policy experience and has learned a lot as he has progressed in this role. He is happy to discuss details with anyone with an interest in the role.

Continuing activities in science and education - including Earth Optimism events. MJ encourages attendees to consider whether you/your local Chapter may wish to engage with this.

New Board positions will be opening next April, and SCBO will be looking to identify a new President-Elect. This role is set up to allow the elected member to be supported in learning how the role works with plenty of support before becoming President. MJ happy to discuss details with anyone interested.

g) SCBO Awards

Supported 6 SCBO leaders to attend ICCB 2021.

Thanks to a generous gift from David Thomas, student travel support is available to SCBO members and students more widely to attend ESA-SCBO 2022. Requirement that you have submitted an abstract for a talk; applications close July 22. MJ encourages everyone to share this with students in their networks.

Also will be awarding a Pacific Conservation Biology Best Student Presentation award at ESA-SCBO sponsored by CSIRO.

SCB Regional Distinguished Service award and runner-up to be announced at ESA-SCBO 2022.

4. Financial statement and motion

CM presented the 2021 financial report and 2022 budget, noting that on the whole, the SCBO financial outlook is sound.

2021 financial report:

	2021FY
Cash flow from operating activities	
Membership Fees	\$ 8,387.83*
Interest received	\$ 99.55
Other funding received	\$ -
Income generated through activities	\$ -
Payments to suppliers	\$ 7,740.67
Net cash (used in) operating activities	\$ (746.71)
Cash at the beginning of the financial year	\$104,177.75
Cash at the end of the financial year	\$104,924.46 *

* estimated amount subject to small currency fluctuations based on the exact date of transfer that has been invoiced to SCB global for 2022 membership

** note that this final balance includes a bank balance of \$96,536.63 plus an estimated \$8,387.83 (subject to small currency fluctuations based on the exact date of transfer) that has been invoiced to SCB global for 2022 membership

2022 budget:

- Fixed recurring costs of \$8100
 - Insurance
 - Other operating – website, Registered Office Services
 - AGM
- In person annual board meeting funding \$10,000
- New initiatives in line with our strategic plan \$3,000 (e.g. Earth Optimism, printing costs for special issue)
- Events and Chapter support grants \$6000
- Seed funding for conferences \$15,000 (Expect this to be largely if not wholly reimbursed through conference profit)

- Motion: to accept the 2021 financial statement and 2022 budget.
 - Moved: RK
 - Seconded: SR.
 - Approved, 13 in favour, 3 abstained, no nay votes.

5. SCBO structure and SCB restructure

MJ – In 2018 SCBO received legal advice to become a Company Limited by Guarantee, to better support Board, Chapters, and SCBO activities. This has been done, and a new constitution was approved in February 2022.

Currently preparing an application for Charity status as the final step in this process.

SCB global is also part way through their own restructure - which aims to better support Sections and improve integration of Chapters. These restructures are well-aligned.

6. Close of Annual General Meeting