

**2019 Annual General Meeting of the Society for Conservation Biology (Oceania) SCBO INC 1500315
at ICCB 2019 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
July 25th, 1.20–2.15pm**



Meeting minutes

(Minutes taken by Shannon Rivera, written up by Nicky Nelson)

Attendees: Nicola Nelson, Richard Kingsford, Shannon Rivera, Katie Moon, Danielle Shanahan, Gerry Ryan, Ayesha Tulloch, Jess Rowland, Sam Nicol, Blake Simmons, Steph Borelle, Brooke D’Alberto, Melissa Price, Rachel Dacks, Rebecca Stirnemann, Pia Lentini, Toby Travers, Louis Elliot, Mathew Silinske, Calvin Lee, Paul Neville, Daniel Okena, Andrew Chin (*not all members of SCB*)

1. PREVIOUS MINUTES, POLICIES ETC
<http://scboceania.org/about-intro/policies/>

2. BOARD MEMBERSHIP

Vanessa Adams (President), Nicky Nelson (President-Elect), Shannon Rivera, Tim Doherty, Monica Awasthy, Amanda Wheatley, Toni Love, Viv Tulloch (treasurer), Rachel Miller (secretary), John Lamaris (1 y), Mark Hall (1y), Stephanie Godfrey (adjunct), Blake Simmons (adjunct).

Move to approve board members and their roles (Nicky Nelson, seconded Steph Borrelle) – approved unanimously.

3. FINANCES

We are in our fourth financial year as an incorporated body.

The financial position of SCBO is sound. Cash at end of financial year was \$108,849. Annual income has been historically based on our membership and taken from section allocations. Future membership \$\$ will be close to zero (no allocation from global).

We will run a full deficit and cover expenses from reserves held in Australia.

Statement of cash flows for the financial year ended 30 June 2019	
Cash flow from operating activities	2018-2019
Membership fees	\$8,168
Interest received	\$1,574
Other funding received	\$0
Income generated through activities	\$57,269
Payments to suppliers	-\$15,041
Net cash (used in) operating activities	\$55,822
Cash at beginning of financial year	\$53,027
Cash at end of financial year	\$108,849

SCBO 2019 Budget:

Fixed recurring costs of \$11,300

- Insurance
- Other operating
- AGM
- Student awards
- In person annual board meeting funding \$5000
- New initiatives in line with our strategic plan \$2000

Potential hosting of Student Conference on Conservation Science Australia (\$6-7K)

- a. Move to approve financial report from 2018 and budget for 2019 (Nicky Nelson, seconded Richard Kingsford) – approved unanimously.
General discussion about decreased income from global membership for 2019.
- b. Move to create a term deposit (Nicky Nelson, seconded Richard Kingsford) – approved unanimously.
General discussion around making sure we leave enough room to move to support events like SCCS; ethical choices for where we invest.

4. STRATEGIC PLAN

Nicky outlined section and chapter main areas of work and priorities and showed evidence of activity aligned with the plan. Evidence included activities that have been put together in the Prospectus soon to be available for use by my section and chapters for fund raising.

5. CONFERENCE 2020 ANNOUNCEMENT



SCBO will also have involvement in an Earth Optimism event, April 2020, Taronga Zoo, Sydney Australia; and 10th Pacific Islands Conference on Nature Conservation and Protected Areas New Caledonia 20-24 April 2020 “Nature Conservation Action for a Resilient Pacific”.

General discussion included ensuring we address visa issues into the US; involve equity issues in where we hold conferences (reflecting on ICCB issues); appreciating financial equity is not about country of origin; discount rates as a trade for volunteering results in those people being less involved in conference because they are busy working.

ACTION ITEM – develop policy statement on supporting communities eg LGBTQ+, those from specific countries where visa may be an issue etc to attend and feel safe at conferences (Ayesha Tulloch proposed and is happy to help develop).

6. STUDENT AWARDS

Publication prize – free registration to next SCBO conference or equivalent in membership to SCB to each: Joint publication - Stephanie Galla and Natalie Forsdick – Reference Genomes from Distantly Related Species Can Be Used for Discovery of Single Nucleotide Polymorphisms to Inform Conservation Management

SCBO Prize – for best oral presentation - free registration to next SCBO conference or equivalent in membership to SCB: Diana Sofia López-Cubillos ‘Crop expansion or active restoration? Using pollination services for economic development and habitat conservation’

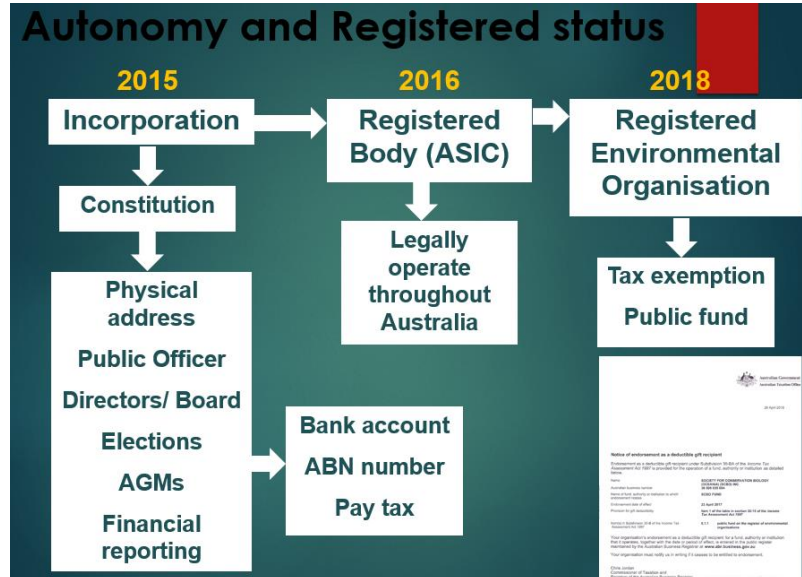
CSIRO/PCB presentation prize - \$250 book voucher for CSIRO books - for oral presentation: Calvin Lee ‘Using detection probability to improve time-series analyses of remote sensing data.’

7. SCBO SURVEY REPORT

~15% membership participated; Biased sample - responders very engaged (service to SCB, participation in chapters, attendance at meetings etc.); may not be representative.

Findings - members are most aware of, utilize most benefits delivered by section; aware of most global benefits but only small portion use them ; place emphasis on the importance of being part of a global society; indicate their fees should be used in a distributive model.

8. GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE



Where to from here? Legal advice to move from being an Incorporated Association to become a Company Limited by Guarantee (CLG). SCBO currently legal to operate in New South Wales, Australia, but activities are across Oceania. Examples of activities include: membership benefits throughout Oceania (e.g. travel awards); conferences usually outside NSW; Chapter activities through region.

Why CLG? Allows charitable status; Allows activity internationally through specific structures

Hierarchical system allows for member organisations (e.g. chapters) to be part of SCBO, including SCB Global; Board members become Directors; New constitution would be required. It would change some of the relationship points regarding SCB in our MOU. We need to be able to manage our membership base; we are responsible to our members and have to have mechanisms through which they can have a say in how we do business.

Changes proposed - Board members become directors; 2 must be Australian; Directors elect chair; AGM requires quorum of 10; New constitution required; New MOU with SCB global (bring to AGM 2020); Name change?

Progression of the initiative - Consideration by the Board; Drafting of new Constitution for consideration by members in Hawaii; Progression to CGL Status; Review of MOU with SCB global.

General discussion; questions specifically about why and where chapters fit in. No issues with progressing the ideas.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

PCB field notes - new opportunity