

BRAIN TUMOUR ALLIANCE AUSTRALIA

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 14 OCTOBER 2020, 6PM

CANBERRA AND VIA ZOOM AROUND AUSTRALIA

ATTENDANCE:

In Canberra: Catherine Hindson, Denis Strangman, Philip Steel, Eliza Moloney, William Williams

VIA ZOOM : Pat Wynn, Peter Ramstadius, Janet Micallef, Amanda Griffin, Diane Dunn, Di Pooley, Cate Baldwin, Craig Cardinal and Pam Hubner

In welcoming members, the Chair specially referred to Craig Cardinal who had recently joined BTAA. Craig provided a short overview of his connection with the brain tumour world and his interest in supporting the work of the committee.

APOLOGIES:

Alice Parsons

MINUTES OF THE AGM, 16 September 2019, Canberra and via Zoom

The Chair tabled the Minutes.

Moved Philip Steel, seconded Amanda Griffin that the Minutes be adopted. Agreed.

CHAIR'S REPORT FOR 2019/20

Catherine tabled her paper with a short summary of the past year including the following points:

- The impact of Coved 19 virus on activity including the cancellation of events planned for the Brain Cancer Action Month in May
- The value of continuing services such as the 1800 Helpline, e-news and representation to government and professional bodies such as COGNO
- There are now 69 members in BTAA, eleven who have joined in past year

Moved Eliza Moloney and seconded William Williams that the Chair's report be accepted. Agreed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's report was unable to be presented at the meeting, and is attached to these minutes.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2020/21

The Chair and all other committee positions were declared vacant with control of the meeting passed to BTAA member and co-founder Denis Strangman to officiate the election process.

Nominations were called for five members of the Executive and a further eight committee members. The following nominations were received:

Chair: Catherine Hindson

Vice Chair: Janet Micallef

Secretary: Eliza Moloney

Assistant Secretary: William Williams

Treasurer: Pat Wynn

Ordinary Committee

Nominations came forward from Philip Steel, Pam Hubner, Amanda Griffin, Alice Parsons, Di Pooley, Cate Baldwin, Diane Dunn and Craig Cardinal

With no further nominations, Denis Strangman pronounced all nominees elected to their various positions, unopposed.

In resuming the meeting, the Chair noted the following additional roles within BTAA:

Public Officer: Eliza Moloney

Website Coordinator: Peter Ramstadius

Editor of e: news and BTAA magazine: Philip Steel

The Chair thanked each member of the committee for agreeing to take an active role in the work of the Alliance.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE AIMS, OBJECTIVES AND RULES OF BTAA

The Chair introduced the proposal to amend the BTAA constitution with thirteen specific motions to update the language to better reflect the electronic nature of our activity and to ensure the membership processes are consistent with the updated website.

Following a brief discussion, moved Philp Steel, seconded Pam Hubner that all motions be adopted. Unanimously agreed. The changes will now be updated in all documentation, including the website.

With no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 6.55pm.

William (Billy) Williams

Assistant Secretary