

**AUSTRALIAN SOCIETY FOR BIOCHEMISTRY
AND MOLECULAR BIOLOGY INC**

Minutes of Annual General Meeting No. 63 (2019)

The 63rd Annual General Meeting of the Australian Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Inc. was held on Wednesday October 2nd at 19:00 in the Sirius Meeting room in the Esplanade Hotel Fremantle by Rydges.

A quorum of over 20 people was reached.

1. Apologies.

Matt Johnson (ACT State Representative)
Mark Corbett (SA State Representative, retiring)
Kate Quinlan (NSW nominated State Representative)
Kate Brettingham-Moore (Tas. State Representative)
Ben Schulz (Qld State Representative)
Susan Rowland (Education Representative, retiring)

2. Confirmation of the minutes of Annual General Meeting No. 62.

Minutes confirmed and noted.

3. Council Elections and Honorary Member nominations

As there were only single nominations for Secretary, Treasurer, Editor, Education Rep, FAOBMB Rep and State Representatives these were tabled at the Council meeting and were recommended to the AGM for ratification as per the rules in the constitution.

These nominations were confirmed at the AGM.

Item 3: Results of Council Elections - for ratification

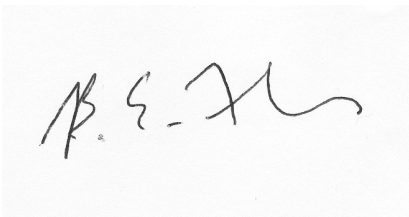
President	Joel Mackay
Past-President	Leann Tilley
Secretary	Briony Forbes
Treasurer	Marc Kvansakul
Editor and Communications	Tatiana Costa de Soares (Suresh Mathivanan retired)
Education Rep	Nirma Samarawickrema (Susan Rowland retired)
Secretary for Sust. Members	Sally Jay
FAOBMB Representative	Terry Piva
Representatives for:	
ACT	Matthew Johnson
NSW	Kate Quinlan
Qld	Ben Schulz
SA	Melissa Pitman (Mark Corbett retiring)
Tas	Kate Brettingham-Moore
Vic	Erinna Lee
WA	Monika Mircha

4. **President's Report.**
See attached below
5. **Treasurer's Report.**
See attached below.
6. **Fees for 2019/20.**
See Treasurer's report below.
7. **Notification of Changes to the By-Laws of the Constitution.** Changes proposed and seconded by Council are highlighted on the ASBMB website www.asbmb.org.au/aboutasbmb/constitution/ and will be tabled at the AGM.
8. **Any Other Business.**
None Tabled.

Minutes confirmed:



..... J Mackay (President)



..... B FORBES (Secretary)

Item 4: ASBMB President's Report 2019

(Joel Mackay)

Awards

- Society awards 2019:
 - Lemberg Medal: Maria Kavallaris
 - Merck Medal: Kate Schroder
 - Beckman Coulter Discovery Science Award: Andy Hill
 - Eppendorf Edman Award: Tatiana Soares da Costa
 - Shimadzu Education Award: Terry Mulhern
 - ASBMB Boomerang Award: Gavin Knott
 - ASBMB Fellowships Awards: Christopher Stubenrauch (Fred Collins Award), Jake Chua, Joe Kaczmariski, Rochelle Tixeira, Gabrielle Watson

Please nominate!

50-year members

- John Ballard
- James Camakaris
- Ross Davey
- Geoff McKenzie

ASBMB 2019

- Convener: Nic Taylor
- PCO: Arinex
- Committee:
 - Charlie Bond University of Western Australia
 - Aleksandra Filipovska University of Western Australia
 - Ricardo Mancera Curtin University
 - Naomi Trengove University of Notre Dame
 - Elin Gray Edith Cowan University
 - Raelene Endersby Telethon Kids Institute

Future ComBio/ ASBMB Meetings

Year	Location	Dates
2020	ComBio2020 Melbourne	28th September-2nd October
2021	FAOBMB Christchurch	22-25 th November
2021	ASBMB small meeting TBA	TBA
2022	COMBIO - Canberra?	TBA
2023	ASBMB focussed meeting – Queensland?	TBA
2024	IUBMB/FAOBMB/COMBIO - Melbourne	26th - 28th September

ComBio2020

- Melbourne at the International Convention Centre
- Convenor [Jackie Wilce](#)
- Program Chair [Mark Hulett](#)
- PCO [Sally Jay](#)

- Joint meeting of ASBMB, ASPS, ANZSCDB, Genetics Society of Australasia and NZSBMB



ComBio 2020 MELBOURNE

Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre
South Wharf, MELBOURNE 29 September - 2 October 2020

WELCOME PROGRAM REGISTER ABSTRACTS SOCIAL HOTELS EXHIBITION INFORMATION CONTACTS

ASBMB Membership

ASBMB Membership Figures from 2005-2006 year to 2019-2020 year (with the 2019-2020 year not closing until late May)							
	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
Ordinary Members	620	596	579	590	594	590	474
Overseas Members (commenc	43	43	39	39	45	38	30
Student Members	245	213	219	206	209	195	117
Complimentary Students	39	28	50	35	26	38	15
Retired Members	13	10	13	11	10	11	11
Complimentary Retired	84	79	77	84	93	87	91
Honorary Members	9	12	13	13	13	13	17
Non Paying	9	9	9	7	7	7	7
FAOBMB	3	2	2	2	2	2	2
IUBMB	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
TOTAL	1070	997	1006	992	1004	986	769 *

*Cf last year at this time - 910 members.

Changing of the Guard ...

Farewell to:

- Leann Tilley President 2016-2018
 Past President 2018/2019



What is the point of ASBMB?

- Organize a meeting that has broad appeal to members
- Recognize achievements of Australian Biochemists and Molecular Biologists
- Help early-career researchers to advance their careers
- Be involved in science advocacy for issues relevant to our members
- Support activities at the state level that are of value to our members
- Support interactions between our members in relevant areas
- And...?

The focus for 2020

- Reintroduce the Heads of Department meeting
- Increase our focus on supporting Biochemistry and Molecular Biology education
- Survey members (and lapsed and maybe even non-members) on meetings and on what they want from the Society, with a view both to working better for members and to increasing membership
- Provide better guidance for state representatives
- Consider whether ASBMB should have a presence in advocacy

Item 5: ASBMB Treasurer's Report 2019

Marc Kvansakul

Treasurer Highlights AGM 2019

- **Overall financial position** of the Society is significantly improved compared to that of 2018. The balance sheet indicates we have total assets of \$594,064 and a total equity of \$477,176
 - Revenue up \$30,132 in 2018-2019 mainly due to increased profit share from Combio2018
 - Expenditure down \$725 in the same period
- **2018-2019 financial year** showed an operating profit of \$45,555, compared with a profit of \$14,589 in 2017-2018.
 - **2018-2019 is now the second year in a row after 7 years of losses previously (out of 8 years total).**
- **Items to note:**
 - Increased profit from Combio2017 (25,382) vs Combio2018 (\$103,155)
 - The current ASBMB only meeting is unlikely to be a major driver of income for the society, and we are going to need the income from ComBio2018 to allow us a buffer to fine-tune the format of the biannual ASBMB only meetings.
- We need to sustain or increase membership and to ensure both the long-term viability and profitability of Combio/ASBMB meetings
- Thanks to Brian Hiley at Priestleys, Ian Price, Sally & Chris Jay and Fellow members of the executive

ASBMB – Statement of Financial Position as of June 30, 2019

NOTE 11: CASH FLOW INFORMATION

	2019 \$	2018 \$
(a) Reconciliation of cash		
Cash at bank	506,183	472,633
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 (b) Reconciliation of net cash provided by operating activities after income tax		
Surplus (deficit) after income tax	45,455	14,589
Non cash flows in surplus (deficit) from operations		
Depreciation	-	-
Changes in assets and liabilities		
(Increase)/Decrease in receivables	(12,704)	8,857
(Increase)/Decrease in other assets	(3,961)	2,761
Increase/(Decrease) in payables	4,760	(5,937)
Net cash provided by operating activities	33,550	20,270

(c) The Association has no credit stand-by or financing facilities in place.

(d) There were no non-cash financing or investing activities during the year.

NOTE 12: FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

The Association's financial instruments consist mainly of deposits with banks, short-term investments, accounts receivable and payable.

The totals for each category of financial instruments, measured in accordance with AASB 9 as detailed in the accounting policies to these financial statements, are as follows:

	Note	2019 \$	2018 \$
Financial assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	506,183	472,633
Trade and other receivables	5	83,808	71,104
		589,991	543,737
 Financial liabilities			
Trade and other payables	8	116,888	112,128
		116,888	112,128

ASBMB – Income and Expenditure Statement For the Year Ending June 30, 2019

NOTE 2: REVENUE

	2019 \$	2018 \$
Operating activities		
Revenue		
Subscriptions – ordinary, student, retired and sustaining members	83,268	90,238
Conference income	60,645	25,382
Advertising and insert in proceedings and newsletters	3,740	2,480
Other Income	11,990	12,020
	159,643	130,120
Non-operating activities		
Interest received – Administration Fund	10,971	10,731
Donations	505	127
	11,476	10,858
Total Revenue	171,119	140,978

NOTE 3: EXPENSES

	2019 \$	2018 \$
Other expenses from ordinary activities		
Affiliate memberships	15,697	14,415
Awards and medals	16,900	19,400
Conference support costs	8,198	10,351
Council expenses	5,699	4,887
Insurance	1,176	1,176
National office costs	40,137	38,831
Newsletter costs	10,281	9,707
Other Costs	4,326	3,456
State allocations	8,000	9,216
Remuneration of auditor		
- audit or review services	2,850	2,850
- other services	2,400	2,100
ASBMB fellowship – Research Fund	10,000	10,000
	125,664	126,389

Item 6: Fees for 2019-20

Membership fees for the year 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020

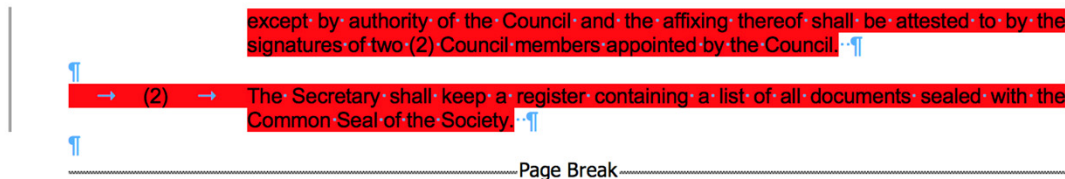
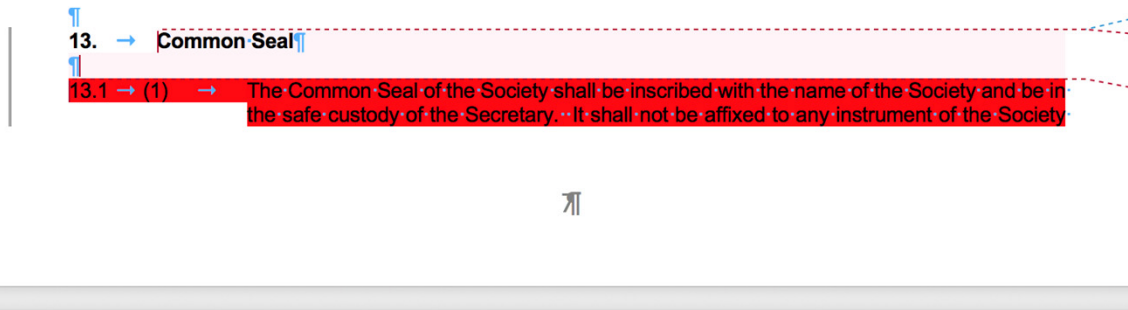
2% CPI Increase

	2019/20	2020/21	(3 yr)
Ordinary Members:	\$137	\$140	\$335
Student Members:	\$44	\$45	\$107
Sustaining Members:	\$414	\$422	\$1014
Retired Members:	\$59	\$60	\$144
Member O/S:	\$64	\$65	\$157

Item 7. Changes to the Constitution

Proposed changes were posted to the Website

(<https://www.asbmb.org.au/aboutasbmb/constitution/>) and members were informed.



Item 8. Changes to the By-Laws

Item 9. Any other Business