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**RATIONALIST
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Rationalist Society of Australia Inc. 2020 Annual General Meeting

Business of the Meeting

1. Formal matters

- Election of a chair
Dr. Meredith Doig (RSA President) was elected as chair of the meeting

Moved: Christopher Noonan Seconded: Greg Kasarik

- Attendees and Apologies
In attendance:

Name	Name	Name	Name
Rosemary Watson	Luke Beck	Leslie Allan	Maxwell Campbell
Meredith Doig	Jeff Lerner	Con Karavas	Ralph Catts
Aziz Islam	Nick Lee	Rod Bower	Gaye Mason
Leo Brewin	Chris Noonan	Brendan Liveris	Steve Munro
Ken Derrick	Brigitte Battova	Craig Sankey	John Hutchinson
Greg Kasarik	Barry Clearwater	Keith Birney	Leanne McDonald
Tanya Watkins	Vicki Caulfield	Robert van de Graaff	Michael Henry
Elizabeth Dangerfield	Jeremy Lawrence	Thomas Hannah	Chris Botha
Stella Thomas	Hugh Sarjeant		

Apologies

Name	Name	Name	Name
Sujai Thomman	Geoff Green	Joel Murray	Xiao Cheng Chen
Brian Wilder	Victor Franco	John Barrell	Christopher Brown
Nicholas Wade	Ray Lakeman	Oliver Berckmans	Zachary Reynders
Nicholas Fowler	Russell Cameron	David Brew	David Goss
Paul Monk	Ian McLeod	John Smyrk	Judith Hoy
Phillip Edwards	Deirdree Wallwork	Thomas Gengenbach	Paul Meo
Douglas Leverett	Jim Howe	Ross Seaman	Peter Consandine
Nigel Sinnott			

- Proxies

Name	Proxy	Name	Proxy
Victor Franco	Meredith Doig	Rex Williams	Meredith Doig
Derek O'Reiley	Chair	Phillip Sweeney	Meredith Doig
David Swanton	Chair	Kevin McDonald	Meredith Doig
Donald Humphries	Meredith Doig	John Downey	Chair
Rohan Navaratne	Chair	Julian Jordan	Chair
Alfred Flatow	Chair	Walter Frank	Chair
Ferdinand Klesch	Chair	Anthony Sunderland	Meredith Doig
Jenny Stonier	Meredith Doig	Margaret Gawler	Meredith Doig
David Walsh	Chair	Bruce Fisher	Meredith Doig
Geoffrey Lennie	Chair	Christopher Hall	Chair
Adrian Gargett	Chair	Patrick Weir	Chair
Glyn Cryer	Meredith Doig	Victor Stevens	Chair
Jon Cook	Chair	Yvonn Patterson	Meredith Doig
John Bryson	Chair	Gary Wilson	Chair
Hussain Alrikabi	Chair	Grahame Beecroft	Chair
Phillip Edwards	Chair	Mathew Withoos	Chair

Jack Dikian	Chair	Bronwen Long	Chair
David Stimson	Meredith Doig	David Slatyer	Chair
Simon Rouse	Chair	Matthew Goddard	Chair
Greg Norton	Meredith Doig	Charl Nienaber	Chair
Jacquie Connolly	Meredith Doig	Brett Connolly	Meredith Doig
William Greer	Chair	Romola Wilkinson	Chair
Lyle Allan	Meredith Doig	Dominic Kelly	Chair
John Timlin	Chair	Angus Muir	Chair
Graziano Birgi	Chair		

- Quorum
The RSA Rules specify that a quorum comprises the lesser of 10% of the members entitled to vote, or 40 members entitled to vote. There being Members present and proxies, a quorum was achieved.

2. Minutes of the last AGM

Motion 2.1: That the Minutes of the 2019 AGM be accepted as a true record.

Moved: Ralph Catts Seconded: Leanne McDonald

There is no formal business arising from the Minutes of the last AGM, though a question was asked about whether the RSA invested its funds in ethical investments. This will be addressed in the meeting.

3. Reports

President's report

Motion 3.1: That the President's report be noted.

Moved: Jeff Lerner Seconded: Luke Beck

Treasurer's report

Motion 3.2: That the Treasurer's report be adopted.

Moved: Ken Derrick Seconded: Max Campbell

4. Election of a Committee

As per the RSA Rules, the committee of the RSA comprises at least five and not more than seven members (Rule 44).

Motion 4.1: That the following members be elected to the committee until the AGM of 2021

- Luke Beck
- Chris Botha
- Meredith Doig
- Vicki Caulfield
- Brendan Liveris
- Chris Noonan
- Stella Thomas

Moved: Jeff Lerner Seconded: Nick Lee

5. General business

At the 2019 AGM, a question was asked about whether the RSA invested its funds in ethical investments. RSA member Ralph Catts followed up his question with a well-considered paper on the issue. The Financial Advisory Subcommittee has investigated this issue and after careful consideration, decided to re-allocate the RSA's investments partially to ethical funds. This will be carefully monitored over the next 12 months.

6. Next meeting

The next AGM will be held between 1 July and 30 November 2021. The Committee of Management will decide the actual date and notify members at least 21 days prior.