

## Minutes of Special General Meeting for ASAN AUNZ held on 29 October 2023

### Present:

Matt Bruyninckx (Chair), Joanne Dacombe (Acting Secretary for this meeting), Cheryl Managan, Liv (CRC), Brendan Cunnane, Cheryl Koch, Tammie Sinclair, Bronwyn Rideout, Jessica Harrison, Genevieve Bookman, Andy Shim, Katharine Annear, Jaz Bidgood, Elise Muller, Angelique Joy, Jen Harland (late).

### Apologies

None

Acknowledgement of country by Matt.

There were also about 3 in the chat however my laptop crashed and these were not recovered.

### Vote results on Constitutional Changes.

Clause 32.1

**The affairs of the Association will be managed by a Board of Management (hereinafter called "the Board" of not less than five (5) members nor more than nine (9) members comprising:**

**i not less than 100% members who identify as Autistic**

**ii not less than 2 members elected at the Annual General Meeting**

**iii not more than 2 persons co-opted by the Board subsequent to the Annual General Meeting;**

**iv where necessary members from Australian States and Territories other than South Australia and from New Zealand.**

Key changes

Increase from a max of 7 members to 9 members;

Increase in board membership from 80% Autistic to 100%;

Only 2 members have to be elected at an AGM

### Result 100% approved and passed

Clause 32.3

32.3 Elections of Board Members will be staggered such that half of the Board Members will complete their full 2 year term at the Association's yearly Annual General Meeting and stand down from the Board. The other half of the Board Members will not stand down from the Board at the Association's yearly Annual General Meeting and will continue for the remaining half of their 2 year term.

**In the event that 32.3 conflicts with 32.1 or 32.2, the retention of skills and knowledge will supersede both articles for a maximum period of 12 months.**

Key change was the last sentence to permit officers to serve longer to retain skills without

breaching the constitution.

**Result 100% approved and passed**

Clause 32.5

**Board Members will serve no more than four (4) 2-year terms before they must resign from the board. A period of no less than 2 years from their resignation must lapse before they can again participate on the Board.**

Key Change

Increase in terms from 3 2-year terms to 4 2-year terms.

**Result 90% approved so passed.**

Clause 33.2

The officers will be determined from among the board members by the board at its first meeting within three (3) months following the annual general meeting and each shall hold office, after their probationary term is served, until their successor is appointed. Any newly elected member appointed to office will serve a probationary term of 3 months in office to determine suitability for the role.

Key Change

Extend the appointment of officers to 3 months in case the board needs to actively recruit for specific officer holders.

Also allows for board members to be on probation for the first three months to ensure they are active and contributing.

**Result 89% approved and passed.**

Meeting closed