

Minutes 30th Annual General Meeting



Australian
Rural Leadership
Foundation

Time: 1.04 pm
Date: Thursday 11 November 2021
Location: The Jasper Hotel
489 Elizabeth Street Melbourne (remote attendees via Zoom)

Attendees

Michael Carroll (in person)	Staff:
Matthew Linnegar Chief Executive (in person)	David Brower Director Finance and Operations (via Zoom)
Sylvia Admans board member (in person)	Annette McCarthy Manager Governance Manager (in person)
Melissa Fletcher board member (in person)	Guest:
Margaux Beauchamp board member (in person)	Shan Sumeera, RSM auditor on zoom (until item 4)
Vince O'Donnell (Fellow Member via Zoom)	Apologies
Robyn Dupuis (Fellow Member via Zoom)	Rob Dulhunty board member (Via Zoom)
Tammy Atkins (Fellow Member in person)	Rick Sawers board member (Via Zoom)
Lockie McDonald (Fellow Member via Zoom)	Lucinda Corrigan (Fellow member)
John Fairfax (Honorary Fellow in person)	

1. Welcome

- 1.1 Acknowledgement of Country
- 1.2 Apologies

The meeting was opened at 1.00 pm.

The ARLF Board Chair gave an acknowledgment of country and acknowledged the Wurundjeri people of the Melbourne area.

Three apologies were received for the AGM: Rick Sawers (board member), Rob Dulhunty (board member), Lucinda Corrigan (Fellow Member)

The Chair noted an amendment to item 5 and the removal of Dr Stephen Brown's nomination to the Board of Directors.

2. Postal Votes and Proxies

A proxy votes were received from Keith Hyde (Governor Member) and Cecily Anderson (Fellow Member)

3. Minutes of the 29th Annual General Meeting

No amendments were made to the Minutes circulated.

Resolution: To adopt and confirm the minutes of the 29th Annual General Meeting held on 11th November 2021.

Moved: Sylvia Admans Seconded: Melissa Fletcher

4. Reports and Financial Statements for the 2021-22 Financial Year

4.1 Joint Chair and Chief Executive's Report

4.2 Director's Report, Financial Statements and Auditor's Report

The joint Chair and Chief Executive's report was taken as read.

The Chief Executive acknowledged the ARLF's 30th anniversary year and the work over the year, including the growth in programs and alumni network. The ARLF has continued to adapt and change in response to the environment. The ARLF graduated 26 cohorts of seven programs across the year, a testament to the team.

In response to a question from a member about whether there are any concerns with sponsorships and participant applications, the Chief Executive explained that the ARLF has maintained sponsorships and partnerships have grown. There has been an increase in applications over the past year, and the team has grown with new programs.

The financial statements were taken as read, and no questions were asked of the auditor for the year ended 30 June 2022.

Resolution: the members receive and accept the joint Chair and Chief Executive report, financial statements and audit report for the year ending 30 June 2021.

Moved: Margaux Beauchamp Seconded: Melissa Fletcher

5. Appointment of Directors

Nominations received from eligible nominees:

Ms Sylvia Admans.

Ms Margaux Beauchamp

Mr Rick Sawers

Director appointments for the above cease at this AGM. All nominees seek a three-year appointment to 2025.

Resolution: the members accept the nominations for Ms Sylvia Admans, Ms Margaux Beauchamp and Mr Rick Sawers for appointment to the Board of Directors of the Australian Rural Leadership Foundation for a three-year term to 2025.

Moved: Vince O'Donnell Seconded: Tammy Atkins

6. Other Ordinary Business

The Chair invited other business and questions from members.

Mr O'Donnell congratulated the ARLF on 30 years and commented that the gala event was a success, and the guest speaker good.

The Chair and Board acknowledged the Chair's retirement at this AGM. The Chair, Mr Mike Carroll, thanked the Board and members for attending and acknowledged the ARLF's 30th anniversary.

The Chief Executive thanked Mr Carroll for his leadership and particularly over the previous two years where Mr Carroll managed to 'steer the ship' through tricky waters, and despite changes in the environment, the ARLF continues to grow. This is a tribute to Mr Carroll and his leadership. The Chief Executive concluded by thanking Mr Carroll for his support of the team.

Mr Carroll thanked the CE and the Board and acknowledged that it was a privilege to serve on the ARLF Board and interact with participants, the Board and staff.

7. Close The meeting was closed at 1:14 pm.