

# **Dystonia Network of Australia Inc. (DNA)**

## **Minutes of Annual General Meeting**

Date of Meeting: 22 October 2016

Location: 32 Moray Street, Winmalee NSW 2777

Chairpersons: Kerrie & Anne

Meeting started at 13.20

Quorum Present: Yes

Those present:

Kerrie Jackson (President & Chair)  
Robyn McIlvar (Treasurer)  
Sylvia May (Committee Member)  
Stephen Sandstrom (Member)  
Mark Smith (Visitor)

Anne Cooper (Vice President & Co-Chair)  
Laraine McAnally (Public Officer)  
Karyn Morgan (Committee Member)  
Cheryl King-Smith (Member)  
Liz Page (Visitor)

Apologies

Lee Lim  
Juliette Walker

Sue Kennedy  
Inge Wydeveld

Agenda:

1. Previous minutes were read and accepted by Sylvia and seconded by Robyn with the following amendments: page 2, line 15 – remove 4 from dollar donation.

2. Committee Reports:

2.1 President's report was read by Kerrie and is attached in full. Report accepted by Robyn and seconded by Sylvia.

2.2 Treasurer's report was read by Robyn and is attached. The finances will be audited in November when our auditor returns from overseas and the full report will be sent out to members and posted on the web site. Report accepted by Laraine and seconded by Sylvia.

3. Kerrie, the outgoing president, dissolved the present office bearers and committee and declared all positions vacant.

3.1 Election of Office Bearers commenced:

3.2 Robyn nominated Kerrie for the position of President and Laraine seconded the nomination.

There were no other nominees. Kerrie accepted the nomination.

Kerrie nominated Anne for the position of Vice-President and Robyn seconded the nomination.

There were no other nominees. Anne accepted the nomination.

No nominations were received for the position of Secretary and so it is at present a vacant position.

Laraine will fulfil the duties of secretary until such times as it can be filled.

Laraine nominated Robyn for the position of Treasurer and Sylvia seconded the nomination. There were no other nominees. Robyn accepted the nomination.

Kerrie nominated Laraine for the position of Public Officer and Robyn seconded the nomination. There were no other nominees. Laraine accepted the nomination.

Karyn, Sylvia and Cheryl were nominated by Kerrie for the position of Committee Members and Laraine seconded the nominations. There were no other nominees. All three accepted the nomination.

#### 4. New Members:

Elly Bath

Danielle Brockington

Linda Quimby

Susan Yeates

All were accepted by the committee.

#### 5. Business Plan for 2016-2017

This will be drawn up when all suggestions have been considered. At present the suggestions discussed were as follows:

- Encourage closer alliances with other Australian Dystonia groups
- Make our brochures available to any appropriate dystonia group and remove current restrictions so that anyone accessing our web site can download brochures free of charge
- Continue to organise seminars in NSW for people with dystonia but separate medical, allied health and nursing seminars. Consider weekend seminars to allow working members and carers to attend. Look at different venues for easy access. To include registrant evening get-togethers prior to seminars as the last registrant evening was so successful.
- To work with out of state members who wish to hold seminars in their state by supporting them with financial and practical assistance
- Continue looking at innovative fundraisers
- members to consider how to attract more DNA members
- Look at attracting more Pharma funding on a regular basis so we can plan in advance
- Update our website on a more regular basis

Next meeting: A Christmas Get-together on Saturday 3 December 2016 at Panther's, Mulgoa Road Penrith at 12.30pm for lunch.

There being no further business the Meeting was closed at 14.50