

# Minutes, ACETA AGM

Saturday 5 May, Inaugural ACETA Convention, 4pm

**Attendance:**

**Apologies:** Nil

## Agenda

**Welcome:** Regarding the conference, Frank Hinton is happy with the content and the quality of the presenters in their accompanying fields. He is expecting a very good outcome. Deriving from the conference there will be outcomes and further questions.

Q1. Do we want a conference next year?

Q2. Where will it be located

Q3. How will be administrated; as this is quite a bit of work, currently being performed by volunteers largely paying their own expenses.

Regarding nominations for the 2018-19 board, nominations can be accepted up to the time of the vote. Also, an expanded board from the existing numbers would be welcome.

Peter Twartz nominated. This brought the board numbers to ten consisting of John Ungerer, Brian Arnott, Peter Twartz, Deb Sloss, Julie Hinton, Graeme Stevenson, Peter Trojkovic, Tony Hambling, Frank Andrewartha, Frank Hinton

- **Business arising from last meeting – Nil**
- **Correspondence requiring tabling – Nil**

## Reports

- **President's report, Frank Hinton:**

First point is to formally recognise and acknowledge the professional secretariat Stockdale ACS for their work in the past 12 months. ACETA is in a positive financial position and this is due to a sharing of duties and roles between the professional secretariat and the board members. Time spent by honorary staff contributions will need to be reviewed. At this time, ACETA is functioning without a professional Executive Officer. This position will need to be filled in the future. The ACETA Board is an interventionist board and has been navigating a course to improve industry health. Most of the work has fallen on the shoulders of a small number of honorary individuals.

Tasks and objective in progress are many and varied. In one area manufacturers, manufacturer's representatives (wholesalers) and service providers would benefit from certification and accreditation.

The ACETA convention is a new initiative and the outcomes remain to be seen. Generous hours have been committed by Board members Julie Hinton, Deborah Sloss and Frank Hinton, both in an organisational and Executive Officer role.

Report moved and seconded.

- **Treasurer's report, Tony Hambling:**

Treasurer Tony Hambling tendered the financial position and balance sheet with an explanation of the assets (Attached)

Report moved and seconded by Graeme Stevenson.

- **Ratification of Membership Fees**

Frank Hinton said, the very positive improvement of the ACETA financial position in the past 12 months is largely because ACETA has not been paying an Executive Officer. Membership dues will stay the same this year but in the future, may need to change. Frank Hinton and Tony Hambling discussed the EO roles and responsibilities of an EO.

Robert Sloss and Peter Trojkovic discussed a fee increase and suggest a change effective 1 January 2019. The AGM authorised the Board to make a fee increase of 10%

Moved by Peter Trojkovic and seconded by Robert Sloss

Deborah Sloss: On the convention subject, the actual support in terms of attendance was less than the member enthusiasm at the time of the convention's conception. But the next convention could have much greater attendance once the work of the quality of the inaugural convention gets out.

- **Motion to change to the Constitution**

Frank Hinton introduced the motion and handed the meeting over to Frank Andrewartha - Secretary

Frank Andrewartha presented an explanation of section D of the constitution, covering staff, the Board and members with potential conflicts of interest, (notes attached). Frank Andrewartha recommended two slight changes. One to make it possible for the Secretary to nominate EO powers to someone other than the secretary with board approval (Section D.2.4.). And a small change to section 4.4. Conflicts of interest to streamline the approval process and disambiguate a point to allow a member to be paid for professional services with Board approval.

The motion was moved and seconded.

- **General Business**

Tiny Good asked regarding a plan for increasing membership. Frank Hinton replied there was no current Board generated plan as it would be an EO role and responsibility. Robert Sloss asked about convention promotion results. Frank Hinton elaborated on the preparations and efforts along with the support ACETA received from Julius Media. Some companies were already expressing they are regretful they did not attend.

- **Board Election**

The Board term became officially expired and David Bell presided as acting chairperson while the Board nominations were presented.

New Board is Frank Hinton, John Ungerer, Brian Arnott, Peter Twartz, Deb Sloss, Julie Hinton, Graeme Stevenson, Peter Trojkovic, Tony Hambling and Frank Andrewartha.

Elected Office bearers are Frank Hinton President, Tony Hambling Treasurer and Frank Andrewartha Secretary. With the conclusion of the AGM the ACETA financial reports will be submitted to Consumer Affairs.

In the closing discussion it was discussed the subject of large corporations benefiting greatly from ACETA efforts on their behalf but not being members. The example of non-member Sennheiser and the digital dividend benefits they are accruing by the ACETA actions was most evident.

**Next meeting** scheduled at the Integrate Sydney 2<sup>nd</sup> August

**5:11 Meeting close**