

AGENDA

**The Australian Council of Deans of Science
Annual General Meeting 2008
13 – 15th October, 2008
Mercure Hotel, Sydney**

1. **Present & Apologies**
2. **Minutes**
Minutes of the 2007 AGM prepared by Professor Liz Deane are attached.
3. **Business arising**
4. **President's report**
Professor John Rice/Professor Rob Norris
5. **Secretary/Treasurer's report**
Professor Gillian Bushell
6. **Election of Office Bearers**
Nominations for President, Secretary/Treasurer and Executive Members
7. **Any other Business**

MINUTES

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1. **Present & Apologies**

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| John Rice (UTS) President | David Day (Sydney) |
| Sue Thomas (Canberra) Minutes | Grant Daggard (USQ) |
| Nick Klomp (CSU) | David Paton (UniSA) |
| Mark Lund (ECU) | George Stewart (UWA) |
| Yianni Attikiouzal (Murdoch) | Jim Reid (UTas) |
| Russell Crawford (Swinburne) | Warren Lawrance (FUSA) |
| Peter Coloe (RMIT) | John Bartlett (UWS) |
| Rob Norris (Monash) | Margaret Britz) |
| Rob Whelan (Wollongong) | Michael Whelan (Southern Cross) |
| Mick Mc Manus (UQ) | David Cottle (UNE) |
| Gillian Bushell (Griffith) | Jan Seruga(ACU) |
| Jo Ward (Curtin) | Graham Pegg (CDU) |
| Liz Deane (Macquarie) | Fred Menk (Newcastle) |
| David Finlay (La Trobe) | Chris Cocklin (JCU) |

2. **Minutes**

Minutes of the 2006 AGM prepared by Professor Jo Ward (Curtin) are attached.

Motion to approve Minutes: moved Rob Norris (Monash), seconded Gillian Bushell (Griffith), unanimously endorsed.

3. **Business arising**

Nil

4. **President's report**

Professor John Rice – circulated with agenda.

Meetings of the ACDS Executive on 27/11/06, 5/2/07, 23/4/07 and 3/8/07 were noted.

Items of continuing interest during the year included:

- The need for rejuvenation of science and maths teaching
- Currency of knowledge and age profile of secondary science and maths teachers
- The SET skills crisis
- The state of university SET enrolments
- The impact of university funding models

- The impact of the RQF on both research and teaching.

Other more specific activities during the year were:

- A meeting with the Federal Minister of Education's advisor
- Submissions to the HESA review and National Numeracy Review
- Two major ACDS reports were issued: "Sustaining Science in the 21st Century" and "The IT Education Bubble", both completed by DR Ian Dobson from Monash University.
- ACDS sponsored a forum on the Review of Mathematical Sciences
- Secretary and President met with Anne B Byrne from DEST and Paul Mills (SET Skills Audit)
- President attended an APESMA Science and Technology Skills Summit at Parliament House.
- ACDWS hosted a national conference on Science and Engineering: Skills for Australia's Future
- President attended AAS sponsored program on "Science by Doing"
- A Carrick DBI Pilot Grant was awarded to the ACDS, led by the President and Secretary
- The Carrick Pilot grant was used to initiate contact with other groups completing Carrick grants in science disciplines

5. **Secretary/Treasurer's report**

Professor Sue Thomas – circulated with agenda.

Attendance by Executive members at meetings was recorded and agendas for each meeting were presented. A Profit and Loss Statement and Statement of Receipts and Payments were presented. A healthy balance at bank of \$139,221.74 was noted, representing expenditure of \$23,079.08 greater than income in the year ending 30 June 2007.

Motion to accept financial report: Moved David Finlay (La Trobe), Seconded Liz Deane (Macquarie), unanimously endorsed.

7. **Election of Office Bearers**

Nominations for Secretary/Treasurer and Executive Members were received as follows:

President: John Rice (UTS)

Secretary/Treasurer: Liz Deane (Macquarie)

Jo Ward (Curtin)

Gillian Bushell (Griffith)

Rob Norris (Monash)

Warren Lawrance (Flinders)

Jim Reid (Tasmania)

David Day (Sydney)

Chris Cocklin (JCU)

Members of the new Committee were elected unopposed.

8. **Any other Business**
Nil