



Learning Difficulties Australia

Annual General Meeting

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2021

At 11am

***Held Via Zoom – Quorum present (see appendix)***

1. **Opening** - Dr Lorraine Hammond- President and Michael Roberts General Manager.

**Apologies:** Lane Schmerling, Pye Twadell, Trinda Mills, Faye Tran, Sharon Leibowitz, Libby Larsen, Anne Pringle, Fiona Scidone

2. **Minutes of previous meeting**

Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 18th November 2020 were accepted.

Moved: Kristin Anthian

Seconded: Ros Neilson

3. **President's report**

We have a new website and memberships at an all time high (817), PD has been highly effective in promoting the organisation and raising revenue.

SGM motions for a new name and change of legal structure did not pass, new council will address how to move forward.

Recognition of outgoing council members and their contribution to LDA.

The GM role has enabled the council to step back from administrative duties and support teachers, which is LDA's core business.

Wishing the new council the very best.

**Outgoing Council members:**

Dr Lorraine Hammond - President

Dr Nicole Todd - Vice President

Sarah Asome - Secretary

Renaë Watkins - Treasurer

Ordinary Members:

Olivia Connelly

Troy Verey

Dr Sally Robinson-Kooi

Dr Bartek Rajkowski

Lyn Stone

Jo Hirst

#### 4. **Treasurer's report**

Renae was thanked by Lorraine prior to sharing the report. Council has managed to continue to bring in revenue and keep financials stable. Online accounting system links in with other platforms and streamlines administration. Handing over the role to Ann Ryan. Audit was completed successfully without question.

Financial Report accepted by members as per poll results below, plus 5 yes votes through proxy in the chat.



#### 5. **General Manager report**

LDA is considering new ways of operating, but this will be continued by the new council. Membership has increased as acknowledged by Lorraine. Also, acknowledgement of Administrative Officer Bec Rangas' role in following up membership enquiries. Increase in the Twitter, YouTube and other social media membership/following has occurred. The National conference was held in January with over 626 attendees (online and in person due to COVID).

YouTube views have been exceptional and improved the profile of LDA.

Over \$15K (gross) raised through the "High Impact Strategies for Supporting Secondary Students with Learning Difficulties" conference in May.

Over \$20,000 (gross) raised through the "Science of Effective Reading Instruction" seminar in July.

Over \$100K (gross) currently raised through the upcoming "Science of Writing" course.

Acknowledged the website committee, especially Renae and Bartek.

The Special General Meeting was held in June, both motions didn't pass. Motions were "That LDA be wound up as an association and a new Company Limited by Guarantee be registered with ASIC" and "That LDA change its name to Effective Teaching Australia".

Additional information has since been provided to allow people to continue to consider the options.

Wishing LDA and the new council the best.

Michael thanked LDA for the opportunity as General Manager, this is his last day in the role.

## **6. Address by incoming president**

Robyn Wheldall addressed the meeting as the incoming President of the Council. Stated that the new Council is committed to LDA supporting LD students through evidence based practices and that it has a long and proud history which needs to continue to be developed. Stated that we need to impart knowledge about effective teaching practices as it is what every student needs and LD students need to be in a supported environment. LDA is committed to sharing this knowledge as LD exists in every classroom. LD is every teacher's business. Our LDA Consultant network will continue to provide support for the students who will always need extra support.

LD support and effective teaching is coming more to the fore. There have been a large number of organisations created in a short time, with a lot of support. LDA has strongly contributed to this area. The WWWs and upcoming SoW course has contributed to this. The tide is turning, but there is more to be done. LDA wants to continue to help support vulnerable learners everywhere. LDA has a responsib. to share knowledge, Bulletin and AJLD are distinctive ways we do this.

Thanks to the outgoing council. Acknowledge all the efforts and creative ways LDA has grown in difficult times and student support has been carried out.

Incoming council has NFP and commercial experience across many areas and aims for a respectful, collegial and strong approach.

We need to have additional council members, there are casual vacancies to be filled. Please send expressions of interest to [enquiries@ldasutralia.org](mailto:enquiries@ldasutralia.org), classroom teachers are welcome. Thanks to Bec Rangas for her support of LDA.

## **7. Announcement of recipients of LDA awards**

Awards announced by Nicole Todd.

Bruce Wicking - Alison McMurtrie

Alison provided her thanks to LDAs for the award, and her colleagues for their support.

Rosemary Carter - Diane Barwood

Thanks from Di to LDA and all the parents of students and colleagues who have supported this.

LDA Tertiary Student Award - Reid Smith

Reid thanked his supervisors for their support.

AJLD Early Career Researcher Award - Dr Sally Robinson-Kooi

Thanks and dedication of this award to her son.

AJLD Eminent Researcher Award - Professor Genevieve McArthur

Award presented by Ros Neilson, speaking for Tanya Serry on behalf of Taylor & Francis, Publishers.

Mona Tobias - Emeritus Professor Tom Nicholson

## **8. Other business**

Nicole Todd thanked Lorraine Hammond for her support and work as President of LDA

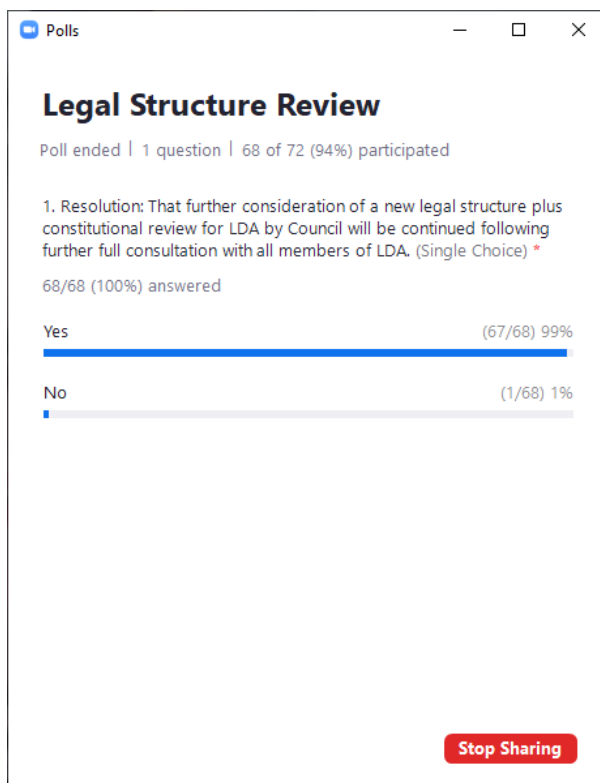
**9. Presentations by Award Winners**

Lorraine introduced Genevieve McArthur, who then thanked Lorraine and LDA and then provided a presentation “EVIDENCE-BASED INTERVENTIONS FOR READING Reflections on the past, the present, and the future”.

Nicole thanked Genevieve and introduced Tom, who then provided a presentation “The Future - the end goal - the reader”.

**10. Resolution Presented: That further consideration of a new legal structure plus constitutional review for LDA by Council will be continued following further full consultation with all members of LDA.**

Resolution passed as per poll seen below, plus 4 proxy votes “yes” in the chat.



**11. Robyn Wheldall announced the New Council:**

- Dr Robyn Wheldall- President
- Dr Molly de Lemos AM - Vice President
- Elaine McLeish - Vice President
- Ros Neilson - Secretary
- Treasurer - Ann Ryan
- Dr Kevin Wheldall AM - Ordinary Member
- Eleanor McMillan - Ordinary Member
- Alison Madelaine - Ordinary Member

**12. Close of Meeting**

Dr Lorraine Hammond gave thanks again to the outgoing council and closed the meeting.

Close of meeting – 12.45pm

## Appendix

### List of Registrants

First Name	Last Name
Alecia	Beahan
Alicia	Doogue
Alison	Clarke
Alison	Madelaine
Alison	McMurtrie
Allyson	Kop
Amanda	McDiarmid
Angela	Wiseman
Ann	Ryan
anna	tessmer
Anne	Bellert
Anne	Pringle
Annemarie	Honeyobne
Annette	Guterres
Bartek	Rajkowski
Bec	Rangas
Betty	Brooks
Brianne	Haines
Bronwyn	Taylor
Candice	Macqueen
Catherine	Wall
Chantelle	Baker
Chris	Guy
Daniela	Lawlor
Daryl	Greaves
Daryl	Jenner
David	MacSporran
David	Simpson
Debra	Phippen
Desma	Vanderwert
Diane	Barwood
Donna	Jansz
donna	mattick
Elaine	McLeish

Eleanor	McMillan
Elizabeth	Tingay
Eve	Kalish
Fay	Tran
Felicity	Brown
Genevieve	McArthur
Gill	Relph
Greta	Weissmann
Heather	Ronngard
Heidi	Gregory
Hugh	McCusker
Irene	Knox
Jacinta	Walker
Jacqueline	Brown
James	Dobson
James	Golds
Jan	Roberts
Jane	Long
Jayne	Ayliffe
Jennifer	Buckingham
Jennifer	Deyzel
Jennifer	O'Keefe
Jenny	Vanderzweep
Jessica	Colleu Terradas
Joan	Pilbeam
Jocelyn	Seamer
Jocelyn	Williams
Juanita	Lee
Judith	Raisbeck
Julia	Davies-Duff
Julia	Thiele
Julie	Mavlian
Karyn	Knowles
Kate	Hopkins
Kate	Marschall
Kathleen	Pearce
Kathryn	Olsen
Kathryn	Thorburn

Kevin	Wheldall
Kim	Knight
Kristin	Anthian
Kylie	Mulholland
Kylie	Woodgate
Lane	Shmerling
Laurence	Leroux
Libby	Larsen
Lin	Meeks
Linda	Siegel
Lindy	Cox
Lisa	Phillips
Liz	Chapman
Lorraine	Hammond
Louise	Sheldon
Mandy	Nayton
Marie	Odendaal
Maureen	Pollard
Maureen	Wickham Kenneday
Melanie	H
Melanie	Henry
Melissa	Shadforth
Meredith	Davies
Michael	Garlick
Michelle	Puyvelde
Michelle	Van Puyvelde
Mim	Davidson
Molly	de Lemos
Nerine	Kerfers
Nicole	Todd
Olivia	Connelly
Pam	McGregor
Pamela	Snow
Piscilla	Carlisle
Reid	Smith
Renae	Watkins
Robyn	Arri
Robyn	Wheldall

Rosalinde	Lane
Rose	Zanol
Rosemary	Roberts
Roslyn	Neilson
Sally	Robinson-Kooi
Sally Anne	Walton
Samantha	Donnan
Sharon	Uren
Sharron	Woolfe
Sue	Black
Susan	Milner
Suzanne	Elliott
Tanya	Serry
Tina	Callander
Tina	Schergat
Tom	Nicholson
Toni	Lewis
Tracey	Shaw
Trinda	Mills
Troy	Verey
Valerie	Robinson
Vikki	Kuzmanoski
Wendy	Ashton-Smith
Wendy	Savaris