



Australian Association for  
Infant Mental Health Inc.

## Draft Minutes

### National AAIMHI Annual General Meeting

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**Saturday 25th November 2017 commencing at 4.45pm EST**

#### **Venue**

##### **Melbourne University Law Building 106**

David P. Derham Theatre, Level 1, Parkville Campus  
185 Pelham St, Carlton VICTORIA

#### **Agenda**

**Meeting opened** at 4:45pm.

**Chair:** Sally Watson and Libby Morton

**Minutes:** taken by Annie Mullan

1. **Welcome:** Sally Watson welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

2. **Attendance and apologies:**

#### Present:

Sally Watson (President), Meredith Banks (Vice President), Annie Mullan (Secretary), Sonia Costello (Treasurer), Libby Morton, Anita Nepean-Hutchison, Beulah Warren, Valerie Aylesbury, Kate Haughey, Hellen Willetts, Cate Teague, Sue Breese, Emma Toone, Helen Baker, Robyn Kemble, Christine Hoyne, Heather Tucker, Rebecca Wild, Gally McKenzie, Alison Zoraja, Kay Hutchings, Brigid Jordan, Nicole Milburn, Wendy Bunston, Sharon Cooke, Raylene Lewis, Tahna Leader, Hilary Holmes, Anne-Marie Maxwell, Mary Morgan, Emily Kostos, Kate Forbes, Jane Kohlhoff, Carol Clark, Judy Griffiths, Anne Lowagie, Fiona Wagg, Ros Powerie, Jon Jureidini, Patricia O'Rourke, Jessica Little, Campbell Paul, Nicole Wade, Matt Hynes, Lyn Gleeson. Mary Hood and Stella Rodgers joined by videoconference.

#### Apologies:

Martha Birch, Kerry Ann Grant, Trish Glossop, Maryanne Nicholson, Shelley Reid, Lisiane LaTouche, Jenny Rankine, Charlie Griffith, Rochelle Matacz, Francine Bartlett, Elisabeth Hoehn, Jenna Thornton, Julie Stone, Kay McWilliam, Heather Warne, Italia Parletta, Judith Bragg, Georgina Swift, Anna Huber, Elisabeth Hoehn, Sara Stephens, Janet Rhind, Lynn Priddis, Margaret Hunt, Tessa Kong, Deborah Illingworth, Elizabeth Oxnam, Jenna Thornton and Graham Vimpani.

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### **3. Confirmation of Minutes** from previous AGM 26th September 2016

The previous Minutes were tabled. Beulah Warren proposed to accept the Minutes as a true record and was seconded by Anita Nepean-Hutchison.

### **4. Business arising from the previous Minutes:**

The proposal for AAIMHI to transfer to, and be registered with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission, as a Company Limited by Guarantee was addressed in the President's Report and voted on as Special Resolutions (see 10).

### **5. President's report** – Sally Watson tabled and spoke to her President's report.

Key points from Sally's report included:

- AAIMHI currently has 541 members
- the AAIMHI website continues to receive positive comments and is well utilised
- an AAIMHI position paper on Infants & Family Violence was developed in 2016
- the next position paper will be on Permanency Planning and Sally proposed that AAIMHI also write a paper on Child Protection issues
- AAIMHI was instrumental in having Infant Mental Health Awareness week included in the Federal Health calendar
- the newsletter has a new editor and a newsletter subcommittee with branch reps
- AAIMHI was successful in winning the bid for the 2020 WAIMH Congress to be held in Brisbane!
- there will be an AAIMHI national speaker tour in 2018 and an AAIMHI national conference in 2019 in Adelaide
- significant work has taken place regarding the proposal to become a Company Limited by Guarantee
- the committee continue to discuss IMH competencies
- AAIMHI WA members voted in Sept 2017 to windup and become a branch under national AAIMHI.

Sally thanked the national committee for all their hard work and gave specific thanks to those retiring from the committee including Shelley Reid, Meredith Banks and Sonia Costello. Thanks also to Annie Mullan for ongoing work. Sally will step down at the end of the AGM.

Sonia Costello proposed that the President's report be accepted, and this was seconded by Sharon Cooke.

The President's full report will be available on the website.

**6. Treasurer's report** – Sonia Costello tabled and spoke to her Treasurer's Report.

The report tabled is a consolidated report for all branches as well as National. The audited report will be put onto the website. A question was raised about whether there was a breakdown of income and expenditure for each of the individual Branches. Sonia provided this detail on the screen and it was agreed that this information will go on the website in the Members Area.

Brigid Jordan proposed that the Treasurer's report be accepted, and this was seconded by Meredith Banks.

**7. WAIMH report** was tabled and read by Sally Watson in Anna Huber's absence. Campbell Paul also reported on the upcoming WAIMH congress in 2020 in Brisbane and the next WAIMH congress in 2018 in Rome.

**8. Appointment of the National committee for 2017-2018**

President – Libby Morton

Vice President – to be advised

Secretary – Annie Mullan

Treasurer – Mary Hood

Branch Reps - Elisabeth Hoehn (Qld), Helen Willetts (ACT), Jenny Rankine (NSW), Emma Toone (Vic), Ros Powrie (SA) and Raylene Lewis (WA).

**9. Branch reports – tabled and uploaded to website**

**10. New Business:** Chaired by Libby Morton

Secretary advised that 17 Proxy votes had been received from Kay McWilliam, Heather Warne, Italia Parletta, Judith Bragg, Georgina Swift, Anna Huber, Elisabeth Hoehn, Sara Stephens, Janet Rhind, Lynn Priddis, Margaret Hunt, Tessa Kong, Deborah Illingworth, Elizabeth Oxnam, Jenna Thornton, Graham Vimpani, and Rochelle Matacz.

Nick Foster from Corrs Chamber Westgarth (probono legal adviser) joined meeting via videoconference call to answer any questions about the proposal to move to a Company Limited by Guarantee.

One question was raised regarding whether it was necessary to audit the accounts if the gross income was less than \$200,000. Nick advised that there is no need for auditing legally, but it would be good to do this as part of good governance of a national association.

Special Resolutions were put to the vote:

1. *"That the Association take all steps necessary to transfer to, and be registered with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission, as a Company Limited by Guarantee."*

Agreed by all present and only 1 proxy voted against. Special Resolution 1 PASSED

2. *“That, subject to the passing of resolution 1, the name of the Association be changed to the ‘Australian Association for Infant Mental Health Limited’.”*

Agreed unanimously. Special Resolution 2 PASSED

3. *“That, subject to the passing of resolution 1, the document attached at Annexure A to these resolutions be adopted as the constitution of the Australian Association for Infant Mental Health Limited in substitution for and to the exclusion of the existing constitution of the Association, with effect from the completion of the conversion of the Association to a company limited by guarantee.”*

Agreed unanimously. Special Resolution 3 PASSED

Meredith Banks thanked Nick Foster and his colleague Jack Campion for their endless hours and generosity in providing pro bono legal advice and support to AAIMHI.

#### **11. National conference and 2018 AGM**

The 2018 AGM will possibly be scheduled at a time during the national tour. To be advised.

The 2018 National Speaker tour will include Tasmania, other sites to be decided.

The next National Conference will be in 2019 in Adelaide.

Ros Powrie gave thanks on behalf of the national committee to Sally Watson for her passion and huge effort as President over the last 3 years. Enthusiastic agreement and acknowledged by all present.

Sally concluded meeting by encouraging all members to speak up for child protection and refugees and put forward the suggestion coming out of Child Protection Poster Session that AAIMHI work collaboratively with other key organisation such as RANZCP to advocate for the state taking true responsibility for Children under Guardianship across all sectors i.e., making sure that the state provides adequate care to these children.

Meeting closed at 5:40pm EST.