IBM Alumni Australia Inc.

Minutes of 2024 Annual General Meeting

Meeting Details

- The AGM was held at the Mercure Hotel in Southbank on Sunday 18th August 2024.
- The Meeting was chaired by Jenny Anderson, Vice President of IBM Alumni Australia (Vic).
- A quorum of financial members was present, enabling the meeting to be convened.
- Eight members participated via Zoom with audio and video recording of proceedings.

Meeting Opened:

- The Chair declared the meeting open at 11:03 AEST.

Participating Members:

At Mercure Hotel			Zoom
Jenny Anderson	Noel Fidock	Kate Seeley	Tony Austin
John Beurle	Judy Horman	Christine Shanahan	Geoff Browning
Jim Boyle	Bill Horn	Brenda Templeton	Henry Co
Greg Cassano	John Marshall	Andrew Wallington	Kevin Curtain
Peter Chomley	Heather Murphy	Denise Williamson	John Guest
Courtney Connell	Ian Nash		Aditi Rehan
Amy Cummings	Ruth O'Dea		Ronnie Small
Ray Ffrench	Tom O'Dea		

Apologies (Proxy Nomination):

May Arcilla (P1)	Kevin Curtain (P2)	Graeme O'Reilly (P3)	Julian Robertson (P2)
Emilia Bolek (P2)	Ed Greenaway	Lynn Kwok	Rob Rowe (P2)
Vic Bugeja (P2)	Phil Hayes (P2)	Janet Matton (P2)	Gary Trytell (P2)
David Collins (P2)	Gregor Johnson		

Proxies: P1 > Judy Horman P2> Chair P3> Jenny Anderson

The Meeting commenced with a Welcome to Country and confirmation of numbers participating, apologies and those who had nominated Proxies. Special mention was made of Tony Austin whose logo design was considered most appropriate for IBM Alumni Australia (Vic)

The Secretary (Judy Horman) then sought confirmation of the Minutes of the previous AGM:

> 2023 Annual General Meeting – IBM Quarter Century Club of Victoria Inc
> Motion to accept the Minutes as read:
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> Moved by: Peter Chomley
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> Seconded: Noel Fidock
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> Motion Passed

The Secretary then called for confirmation of the Minutes of the Special General Meeting conducted on 24th May 2024:

> IBM QCC Victoria - Special General Meeting, 24th May 2024
> Motion to accept the Minutes as read:
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> Moved by: Peter Chomley
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> Seconded: Ian Nash
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> Motion Passed

Secretary's Report

In the absence of a President, the Secretary submitted a report on the activities and achievements of IBM QCC Victoria over the past financial year. She thanked all present at this meeting for their continuing support for this association which is now renamed as IBM Alumni Australia (Vic).

Amongst those present at the AGM was Bill Horn who celebrated his 98th birthday in May this year. Bill arrived in Australia from Scotland in 1927 after the death of his father when he was only five months old. He worked in an uncle's business for 16 years before joining IBM as a typewriter salesman in Melbourne where his first manager was Alan Moyes. According to Bill, "IBM transformed my life". In his 25 years with IBM, Bill attended seven 100% Clubs and three Golden Circles.

Treasurer's Report

Nett Assets grew by $54 to $9583 at end of June 2024. Major expenses for the year included subsidies for the Annual Lunch/AGM ($700) and Annual Dinner ($2,000), and purchase of a portable video conferencing device ($699). A donation of $500 was received from Bank Australia as an ex-gratia payment in compensation for incorrect deductions of withholding tax.

At end of June 2024, we had 347 members (increase of 2 from previous year) of whom 117 were financial (30 more than last year). Overall running costs remained low, with an average income per member of $7.52, and an average running cost per member of $1.73.

> Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report:
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> Moved by: Ian Nash
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> Seconded: Greg Cassano
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> Motion Passed

Question from the floor: Since the change to the Alumni, have we seen any increase in membership?

There were six new members in the past couple of months including two from offshore (Tony Carrato and Aditi Rehan). By word-of-mouth people are hearing about the change in membership criteria and wanting to join.

The agenda included a motion that "the Treasurer and two other office bearers be authorized to operate the society's bank account with any two to sign."

Motion to accept:

Moved by: Judy Horman

Seconded: ?

Motion Passed

Committee Nominations/Election

Ruth O'Dea volunteered for the role of Returning Officer should an election be required for any Office-Bearer or general Committee positions. Henry Co chose to step down from the Committee to encourage some new faces to come onboard.

Position	Nominees	Outcome
President	**Aditi Rehan**	Appointed
Vice-President	**Jenny Anderson** **Janet Matton**	An election was conducted with Janet Matton appointed on receiving the majority of votes
Treasurer	**Tom O'Dea**	Appointed
Secretary	**Judy Horman**	Appointed
Committee	**Jenny Anderson** **Gerg Cassano** **Peter Chomley** **Noel Fidock** **Ian Nash** **Sal Verde**	All appointed

Note: Give that the Meeting Chair was one of the candidates up for election, those proxies which were given for the Chair were handed to another Member.

Annual Subscription Fee

In accordance with our Constitution the Treasurer proposed that the Annual Subscription fee remain at $20, and that no Joining Fee be required, and the membership year remains from July 1 to June 30 of the following year.

Motion to accept:

Moved by: Judy Horman

Seconded: Jenny Anderson

Motion Passed

QCC Honour Board

The Chair drew members' attention to the QCC Honour Board on our website recognizing those Alumni Members who attained 25 years of service and the decade in which they qualified.

2024 Annual Dinner (or Lunch)

Given feedback from our Members and low attendances at last year's event, we are considering alternative venues and times for this year's events. Many members are finding it difficult to attend evening events and would prefer a lunch at a venue in the CBD with good access to parking or public transport. We are looking at various options and have quotes from two well-located venues. The costs of holding a function in the city are quite high in comparison to venues such as the Kew Golf Club with quotes of around $80pp for a 2-course meal exclusive of drinks, room hire and

penalty rates for Sunday functions. While we may be able to provide some IBM Alumni to subsidise costs for this event, we welcome feedback from Members on what they would be prepared to pay.

We will continue looking for other options close to the city and public transport but may have to consider a Saturday lunch in mid-late November. Members are asked to nominate other options for consideration.

Wrap-Up

Our new President, Aditi Rehan, was invited to say a few words before the meeting closed.

Aditi started work with IBM in 2005 in Sydney and relocated to India in 2012. She performed various IBM Asia-Pacific and Global roles until mid-2020 when she joined the Standard Chartered Bank in Singapore. Her primary responsibility in IBM was … "to *drive the innovation and transformation agenda to come up with really cool emerging tech initiatives, get them developed, implement them across the globe*".

"*… you realize the value of something wonderful when you leave it. … I realized the value of IBM when I was at IBM, but a lot more when I left the company because the culture is what creates an environment of organization, friendships or ecosystem. IBM had the best culture with respect to collaboration and just genuineness of people*."

When Aditi heard about our IBM Alumni, she "was excited and wanted to contribute … whatever best right now". She is based in Singapore but travels frequently and wants to contribute and her connections with IBM and help in whatever way possible.

Meeting Closed at 11:58 AEST