

Notice of the Annual General Meeting

The 45th Annual General Meeting of the Australian Society for Microbiology will be held on Tuesday 4 July at 12 noon in Grand Ballroom 1, Hotel Grand Chancellor, Hobart, Tasmania

Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of the 44th AGM
4. Business Arising from the Minutes
5. Presentation of the Annual Report and Branch Reports by the President
6. Report from the Vice-President Scientific Affairs
7. Report from the Vice-President, Communications
8. Report from the Chair, National Examination and Qualifications Board
9. Presentation of the Financial Reports by the Vice-President, Corporate Affairs
10. Determination of Annual Subscription Fees
11. Appointment of the Auditor
12. Motions to amend the ASM Constitution
 - 12.1 Record of attendance, proxies
 - 12.2 Motion 1. That Clause 9(ii) of the ASM Constitution be amended to read:
'(ii) has satisfactorily completed two years of postgraduate work to advance the discipline of microbiology.'
 - 12.3 Motion 2. That Clause 14.1 of the ASM Constitution be amended to read:
'14.1 An application for membership as a Member of the Society shall be proposed by a Fellow or Member of the Society. The proposer should personally know the applicant, but this requirement may be waived by the Council in its discretion from time to time.'
 - 12.4 Motion 3. That That Clause 14.2 of the ASM Constitution be amended to read:
'14.2 An application for membership of the Society, whether as a Member or otherwise, shall be made in the form determined by the Council and be accompanied by the fees prescribed as payable by the Council.'

12.5 Motion 4. That Clause 30 of the ASM Constitution be deleted:

'30. DIVISIONS OF THE SOCIETY. The Council may establish as many Divisions of the Society as is deemed appropriate to represent the scientific interests of the Society's membership, provided it is satisfied that there will be sufficient Members, Fellows and/or Honorary Life Members comprising the membership of each Division as will enable it to carry out its functions. There shall be no residential qualifications for membership of a Division. The Special Interest Groups (SIG) within the Society shall report on their activities to the assigned Division Chair who will represent them on NSAC. The Chair of each Division will be responsible for oversight of national activities in that Division's area of interest assisted by the Chair Elect or Immediate-past Chair. They will also be responsible for coordinating the scientific content of the Annual Scientific Meeting. Each Division shall conform to such rules and have such powers, functions and duties as are determined from time to time by the Council in the By-Laws.'

All associated clauses shall be amended accordingly.

12.6 Motion 5. That Clause 10 of the ASM Constitution be deleted:

'10. SENIOR ASSOCIATE MEMBER

Any person:

- (i) who has graduated with a diploma or equivalent in microbiology; and
- (ii) has at least five years or equivalent employment post-qualification; shall be eligible to apply to become a Senior Associate Member.'

All associated clauses shall be amended accordingly.

12.7 Motion 6. That Clause 14.4 of the ASM Constitution be amended:

'14.4 A Student or Sustaining member may receive notices of all general meetings of the Society and be heard, but shall not be entitled to vote nor eligible to hold office on the Council. This Clause shall prevail to the extent of any inconsistency in this Constitution.'

The associated definition of 'Voting Member' in clause 51 shall be amended accordingly:

' 'Voting Member' means any Member who is a Member, Fellow, Honorary Life Member or Associate Member.'

12.8 Motion 7. That Clause 32.1 of the ASM Constitution be amended:

'32.1 The Council of the Society shall consist of the following officers and delegates all of whom shall be Fellows, Members or Honorary Life Members:...' '

13. Office Bearers for 2017/18

14. Closure of the meeting

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Annual General Meeting Form of appointment of proxy

I _____ of _____

Being a **Member/Fellow/Honorary Life Member/Senior Associate Member** of The Australian Society for Microbiology Incorporated hereby appoint the presiding Chair,
or _____ as my proxy to vote for me on Tuesday 4 July at 12 noon in the Concert Hall, Hotel Grand Chancellor, Hobart, Tasmania, and at any adjournment thereof

Signed _____

This _____ day of _____ 2017

This form is to be used for each resolution as follows:

That the reports (Agenda Items 5 to 8) be accepted	For/Against/Abstain*
That the Annual Accounts of the Society be accepted	For/Against/Abstain*
That the auditor is reappointed	For/Against/Abstain*
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Notes:

* strike out whichever is not desired

For more information on these motions, please refer to accompanying document in this email.

Clause 29.1 of the Constitution states:

Each Voting Member is entitled to appoint another Voting Member as proxy by notice given to the Secretary no later than 24 hours before the time of the meeting for which the proxy is appointed.