



UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA
CHORAL SOCIETY

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Society held at 9.00pm on Wednesday 17 May 2017 (adjourned) and at 9.40 pm on Wednesday 7 June 2017 in Winthrop Hall, University of Western Australia

1 Welcome

Vice- President Trevor Parry opened the meeting and welcomed 77 members of the Society. He conveyed apologies from President Chris Jeffery and Conductor Chris van Tuinen.

2 Apologies

Apologies were received from Margaret Benness, June Bremner, Charm Phillips, Emeritus Professor David Tunley (life members), Lin Arias, Bruce Armstrong, Darcy Bright, Pam Buselich, Michael Ellis, Judith Hardy, Daryl Heron, Jenny Hunt, Chris Jeffery, Alan Lourens, Mary Nolan, Rachael Petridis, Judy Reid, David Shearer, Tom Stephens, Carol Turner, Chris van Tuinen, Jan Woodley, Roger Veary, Jo Webb, Joyce White, Meredith Wilkie, Ruth Williams and Frances Zuijdgeest-Ots.

3 Minutes of 2016 Annual General Meeting

The minutes of the AGM held on 6 April 2016 were confirmed (moved Pat Toohey, seconded Adrian Momber).

4 Reports

4.1 President

In the absence of Chris Jeffery, Trevor Parry presented Chris's report. Chris drew attention to the success of the choir in the past year and the implementation of key initiatives which had been planned over previous years. He outlined plans for 2017 and thanked conductor Chris, accompanist Irene, the outgoing committee and others who had contributed to the smooth running of the Society.

In addition to those mentioned in the report, the meeting agreed to record its appreciation of the work done by Annie Patrick in writing the notes for the concert programs. The meeting also asked the President to forward a letter of condolence to Chris Jeffery on behalf of all those present.

The report was accepted (moved Meredith Lane; seconded Stephen Turley).

4.2 Conductor

In the absence of Chris van Tuinen, Trevor Parry presented Chris's report. Chris had been pleased with the progress of the choir. Although there had been fewer performances than in the previous year, they all included major and challenging works. He expressed appreciation of Irene's contribution as accompanist and that of the Committee and members generally. Chris was beginning planning of the 2018 program, including the possibility of some performances away from Winthrop Hall if feasible.

The report was accepted (moved Josette Jones; seconded Roger Vella Bonavita).

4.3 Treasurer

Margaret Wood presented her report and the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2016.

There had been an operating surplus of \$4015 and a loss of \$4,994 on concerts. There was little change in net assets from 2015. She outlined the background to various items of income and expenditure, and thanked Chris Jeffery, Irena Dillon and Gina Davidson for their help and support.

Robert Barrett-Lennard questioned the effectiveness of the expenditure on publicity. The role of the paid Publicity Officer was briefly described. (Note: this issue was taken up again in Item 10).

The report and the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2016 were accepted (moved Henk Giele; seconded Annie Patrick).

5 Election of Office Bearers and Ordinary Committee Members

The following nominations had been received:

President	Trevor Parry
Secretary	Murray Wackett
Treasurer	Margaret Wood
Registrar	Irena Dillon
Librarian	Julie Campbell
Ordinary Members	Gina Davidson
	Megan Ellis
	Jan Kirkman
	Chris Jeffery
	David Lin
	Tim Mason

There being no further nominations, those named above were elected to the positions shown until the date of the next Annual General Meeting (moved Roger Vella Bonavita); seconded Annie Patrick).

Trevor continued chairing the meeting as President.

No nomination had been received for Vice-President, but a secondment would be possible. The President encouraged members to consider this.

6 Election of Auditor

Mr Greg Ledger was elected as Auditor (moved Marie Martin; seconded Jan Kirkman).

7 Ratification of Positions

The appointments of Dr Michael Chaney, Chancellor of UWA, as Patron and Megan Barrett-Lennard as Archivist were ratified (moved Marie Martin; seconded Jan Kirkman).

The appointments of Chris van Tuinen as Conductor and Irene Shaw as Accompanist were ratified (moved Edwin Hadfield; seconded Adrian Momber).¹

8 UWACS Prizes

It was noted that each year UWACS aimed to award prizes to students of the UWA School of Music, in keeping with an objective of UWACS' Constitution to support institutions which supported music or musicians and the study, performance and appreciation of music.

The School of Music had confirmed that the prizes would be awarded to the students obtaining the highest aggregate marks in the following units:

- *Western Art Music*: Jade Hansen (\$500)
- *Composition Specialisation* units: Olivia Davies and Jordan Moore (\$500 shared)

The meeting agreed to recommend to the Committee that the joint winners this year each be awarded \$500.

9 General Business

The Secretary had not received any written notice about items of general business. The meeting agreed to consider two other items.

10 Publicity

Following queries from Adrian Momber and Edwin Hadfield about the effectiveness of the current arrangements for publicity, including cost-effectiveness, there was a general discussion about publicity for UWACS performances, including comparison with some other organisations in Perth. The President agreed to refer these concerns to the Committee as the basis of a review.

11 Adjournment of Meeting

The Committee sought approval to adjourn the AGM until 7 June 2017 in order to provide sufficient notice of its intention to recommend honorary life membership to a former member of the Society. The Constitution required members to receive notice of this intention before voting on the motion. This notice would be provided in the intervening period.

¹ Secretary's note: the periods of election/ratification under the UWACS constitution are to the date of the next Annual General Meeting, with the exception of the Conductor which is for the 2018 calendar year.

The meeting agreed to adjourn until 7 June 2017 (moved Valerie Lyon; seconded Marie Martin).

The President declared the meeting adjourned at 9.50 pm and invited members to enjoy refreshments in the foyer of Winthrop Hall.

12 Honorary Life Membership

The President declared the adjourned meeting open at 9.40 pm on Wednesday 7 June 2017 and welcomed 78 members of the Society.

In the period since the adjourned meeting, members had been provided with the required two weeks' notice of a proposal from the Committee to confer honorary life membership on Anne Padley. The constitution provided that this honour could be conferred at an AGM by special resolution on a person who had given distinguished or meritorious service to the choir. A 75% majority vote was required. Trevor outlined Anne's contribution over a very long period.

By show of hands, including several proxy votes, the meeting resolved to confer honorary life membership of the UWA Choral Society on Anne Padley.

13 Close

The President declared the meeting closed at 9.45 pm.
