



UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA  
CHORAL SOCIETY

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Society held at 9.00pm on Wednesday 6 April 2016 in Winthrop Hall, University of Western Australia**

**1 Welcome**

President Chris Jeffery opened the meeting and welcomed life member Emeritus Professor David Tunley and 85 members of the Society.

**2 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Dr Michael Chaney (Patron), Margaret Benness, June Bremner, Charm Phillips (life members), Angela Carr, Bill Carr, Annelies de Ruiten, Sr Perpetua Della Marta, Danita Julia, Rita Kilgallon, Ruth Lira, Jennifer Sisson, Sandra Somers, Jo Webb, Joyce White, and Frances Zuijdgeest-Ots.

**3 Minutes of 2015 Annual General Meeting**

The minutes of the AGM held on 20 May 2015 were confirmed (moved Roger Vella Bonavita; seconded Marie Martin).

**4 Reports**

**4.1 President**

Chris Jeffery presented his report. He noted the successful musical program in 2015 and process improvements initiated by the Committee. He thanked Chris van Tuinen for his inspiring musical leadership, Irene Shaw for her outstanding accompanying and all others who contributed to the work of the choir, particularly Gina Davidson who was standing down as Treasurer. The news that Chris had renewed his contract as UWACS conductor was greeted with acclamation.

The report was accepted (moved Lynn Cartlidge; seconded Pat Toohey).

**4.2 Treasurer**

Gina Davidson presented her report and the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2015. She explained the financial aspects of joint concerts such as that with the UWA School of Music for the *War Requiem* performance. Following the report there were several queries from members.

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Saabia Tilli questioned the publicity costs. Gina replied that the Publicity Officer had a wide remit to undertake all aspects of UWACS' publicity throughout the year, including publicity for concerts. Adrian Momber commented that income from members' subscriptions had declined slightly which seemed at odds with comments that membership had grown. Gina noted that members leave and join constantly and according to membership receipts for 2015 more left than joined, resulting in a small decline in membership income. Roger Vella Bonavita questioned the amount shown as "debtors" in the balance sheet. The reason was that online sales for "Messiah" had been so successful that the amount owed to UWACS by University Theatres exceeded the final amount UWACS owed to University Theatres for the venue. This amount was received after the end of the year and therefore showed as a debtor at 31 December 2015.

The report and the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2015 were accepted (moved Henk Giele; seconded David Szabo).

#### **4.3 Conductor**

Chris van Tuinen presented his report. He commented on the large number of works performed by the choir since the previous AGM, several of which involved collaborative ventures, and he had been pleased with the choir's progress. He offered suggestions about preparing for rehearsals.

The report was accepted (moved Phillip Smith; seconded Adrian Momber).

### **5 Election of Office Bearers and Ordinary Committee Members**

The following nominations had been received:

President	Chris Jeffery
Vice-President	Trevor Parry
Secretary	Murray Wackett
Treasurer	Margaret Wood
Registrar	Irena Dillon
Librarian	Julie Campbell
Ordinary Members	Lynn Cartlidge
	Gina Davidson
	Megan Ellis
	Jan Kirkman
	David Lin
	Roger Vella Bonavita

There being no further nominations, those named above were elected to the positions shown until the date of the next Annual General Meeting (moved Charles Livie; seconded Trish Simms).

### **6 Other Positions**

The following had agreed to continue in or take up the roles shown:

Patron	Dr Michael Chaney, Chancellor of UWA
Accompanist	Irene Shaw

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Auditor  
Archivist

Greg Ledger  
Megan Barrett-Lennard

The appointments of those named above to the positions shown were ratified until the date of the next Annual General Meeting (moved Edwin Hadfield; seconded Josette Jones).

## **7 Conductor**

The appointment of Chris van Tuinen as Conductor was ratified for the period proposed by the Committee (moved Tim Mason; seconded Phillip Smith).

## **8 UWACS Awards to Students of the UWA School of Music**

Chris Jeffery reported that nominations had not yet been received from the School of Music for the prizes awarded by UWACS to a total value of \$1000.

## **9 General Business**

The Secretary had not received any written notice about items of general business.

## **10 Close**

The President declared the meeting closed at 9.35 pm.

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