

Australian Association of Gerontology 2020 Annual General Meeting

**Wednesday 11th November 2020
Online Meeting**

Draft Minutes

The Meeting commenced at 12.31pm.

The Chair (AAG President and Chair of the AAG Board of Directors) commenced the meeting by acknowledging the Traditional Custodians of the lands on which all the meeting participants were on across Australia and acknowledging and paying respect to their Elders past and present and to the members of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community who were also in attendance. Survivors of the Stolen Generations were also acknowledged and paid respect.

The Chair then welcomed everyone to the 2020 AAG AGM indicating that the AGM complies with the Corporations Act and necessary papers have been provided to all current AAG members and advised that only AAG financial members can propose or second a motion or vote or accept a proxy vote.

The online meeting attendance was recorded as follows using data harvested by the virtual meeting software. Each attendee joined the meeting using an individual log in token having registered in advance for the meeting and entered their own details into the online meeting software.

1. PRESENT

Recorded attendees at the meeting were (Board Members in office at the commencement of the meeting are in bold):

Christine Stirling	Katrin Gerber	Katie Moss
Marguerite Bramble	Mary Ann Geronimo	Annette Moxey
Chris Hatherly	Caroline Gibson	Lynne Parkinson
Claudia Meyer	Audrey Guy	Constance Dimity Pond
Gill Lewin	Annika Hallam	Sharon Porteous
Kate-Ellen Elliott	Mahbub Hasan	Glenda Powell
Kasia Bail	Anne-Marie Hill	Jill Pretty
Nicky Baker	Danny Hills	Katrina Radford
Irene Blackberry	Ngaire Hobbins	Madeleine Radnan
Lynsey Brown	Anna Howe	Helen Rawson
Elissa Burton	Vanessa Jessup	Yulisna Mutia Sari
Julie Byles	Kim Kiely	Christopher Shanley
Belinda Cash	Marlene Krasovitsky	Barbara Squires
Clare Combey	Amanda Krause	Fiona Stanaway
Keryn Curtis	Louise Lavrencic	Cassandra Szoeko
Nathan D'Cunha	Judy Lowthian	Laura Tierney
Lui Di Venuto	Anne-Marie Mahoney	Sharon Wall
Teresa Donegan	Jane Mears	Yvonne Wells
Joanne Flavel	Joanne Mihelcic	Anita Westera

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Jacqueline Francis-Coad	Kirsten Moore	
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2. APOLOGIES with DIRECTED PROXY

The Chair noted that a proxy had been received from Hilary O’Connell nominating Christine Stirling as her proxy.

No other directed proxies were provided.

3. APOLOGIES with NO DIRECTED PROXY

The Chair noted the apologies with no directed proxy as follows:

Robin Harvey	Tony Van Vugt	Isla Hampton
Linda Isherwood	Annelize Prinsloo	Maree McCabe
Toni Roberts	Keith Hill	Jane Sims
Briony Dow	David Heath	Linda Rosenman

4. QUORUM

The Chair confirmed that the meeting was quorate as per clause 18.2 of the Constitution of AAG, namely at least four directors and 20 other current financial Members.

5. MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD ON 7th NOVEMBER 2019 IN SYDNEY WERE ADOPTED.

The Chair noted that the minutes approved by the Board from the previous Annual General Meeting held on 7th November 2019 had been placed on the AAG website and members notified within one month of the meeting in line with Corporation Law.

No further discussion points were raised.

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the 2019 AGM be adopted.

MOVED:	Katrina Radford		
SECONDED:	Lui Di Venuto		
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6. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

The Chair presented her AAG President’s Report as follows:

‘The pandemic of 2020 has had an impact on everyone this year. For AAG, this includes our staff based at the Melbourne office with severe restrictions limiting movement, child-care and schooling. We are also highly aware of the severe impacts of Covid-19 on our members and the public, especially older people, and the people who support and care

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for them. Whether in the community or in residential aged care, the health and isolation impacts have been significant as has the concern and worry for loved ones. Education and research have also been drastically impacted by the pandemic, primarily due to the need to work remotely. AAG has worked hard to meet the needs of our staff, members and supporters during this time. Whilst at times we had different opinions from members about our pandemic responses, AAG Board and Staff focused on our primary purpose which is to connect research, policy and practice.

In the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic, AAG developed a fundamental position on an equitable and inclusive response to the pandemic as a letter to the BMJ. We called for age to be discussed sensitively and respectfully, for an ethical framework for any resource rationing and for a boosting of “usual” care, and these issues remain just as relevant at this stage of the pandemic. AAG made other responses as did many members to Covid-19 issues as they arose. The AAG Position Paper released this year on aged care workforce funding and governance provided a well-developed position for AAG responses. This paper presents AAG positions on a wide range of fundamental aged care issues including funding options, assessment services, multidisciplinary care, workforce remuneration and raising the skills, knowledge and competencies of all aged care staff. This paper provides a foundation and reference point for future AAG policy and advocacy work to improve the aged care system.

AAG staff also kept our website up to date with relevant COVID-19 resources.

Despite the imperative of Covid-19 2020 has again been a busy and productive year for AAG in all areas of research, policy and practice. The Australian policy environment in 2020 has placed increased importance on the policy focus of AAG as we work to improve the experience of ageing.

AAG staff focussed on as much “business as usual” and delivering our existing projects as possible.

The AAG policy team generated a significant body of work in hand with AAG members as individual experts, as well as through our Special Interest Groups which cover:

- Ageing, Workforce and Education
- Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD)
- Elder Abuse
- Housing and the Built Environment
- Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Intersex (LGBTI)
- Regional, Rural and Remote (RRR)
- And the new, Assistive Technology Special Interest Group

The Special Interest Groups end of year reports will be provided following the AGM, but I encourage you to participate in the special interest groups.

A sample of the Policy papers produced by AAG include:

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- An AAG Background Paper on primary care for older Australians, which was developed to inform a Government roundtable on the Primary Health Care 10 Year Plan.
- A Rapid Evidence Assessment on LGBTI ageing research on housing needs and preferences.
- An AAG Position Paper on wellness and reablement for all Australians receiving home, community and residential aged care services.

AAG have also made several submissions, including in response to:

- The MRFF Dementia, Ageing and Aged Care Mission
- The Parliamentary Inquiry into Homelessness in Victoria
- The Accessible Housing Regulation Impact Statement
- AAG and OPAL joint submission on Serious Incident Response Scheme (SIRS)

In addition, AAG staff and members have represented AAG on a large number and range of forums, campaigns, working groups and expert advisory groups. Of note AAG continues to play an active role in the National Aged Care Alliance (NACA), particularly through James Beckford-Saunders' leadership role in increasing the voice and influence of the professional's constituency.

The AAG Student and Early Career Group, led by Rachel Ambagtsheer, have played a critical role in professional development and networking. Their update report, including an increased focus on engaging with state and territory Division representatives of SECG, was warmly welcomed by the Board.

AAG's newly created position of a Policy Communications Officer has resulted in significant improvements to how we communicate AAG's, and others', policy-related activities. This includes the launching of AAG's Grey Literature Library.

As I mentioned the pandemic has had a significant impact on many of the key areas our members work. After three years of 10% or more growth per year, 2019/20 saw a 7.3% decline of 106 members to 1,399. We have provided deferred payments and the option for members to speak to staff about alternatives for those experiencing financial difficulties.

Our AAG annual conference continues to be AAG's flagship national event. Last year's 52nd AAG Conference in Sydney matched Melbourne's record 700 plus delegates, including Baroness Sally Greengross OBE as AAG's 2019 Gary Andrews Visiting Fellow, along with many other extraordinary International plenary speakers. They joined over 280 Australian and other international presenters.

This year's 53rd AAG Conference was obviously impacted by the pandemic. At first a blended approach of face to face in Hobart, Tasmania with some virtual via the web was proposed, but in July we shifted to a fully digital approach as it was clear that the pandemic would make a face to face event for 2020 too unpredictable and risky.

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We are thrilled that this move hasn't diminished people's enthusiasm. The 2020 AAG Conference – Digital has over 260 presentations or engagements, with 14 invited international and Australian speakers presenting. These include Professor Michel Poulain from Belgium as the 2020 Gary Andrews International Fellow and Professor Maggie Walter giving the 2020 David Wallace Address. There are also 7 workshops ranging from 'Climate Change and older people - Victims, Villains or Vanquishers?' to 'Yarnin' on the (virtual) Veranda', which was the focus of the 8th AAG ATSIAG Workshop. These have started and the feedback is fabulous.

Although we didn't end up in Tasmania, I would like to thank the members of the 2020 Conference Planning Committee that I chaired and the Scientific Planning Committee that was ably Chaired by Danny Hills and Sharon Andrews. Tassie, we have a plan to host a conference there soon. Special thanks to the team that made this year's conference possible led by AAG's Michael Tan and Jacqui Bates from The Conference Manager, who have organised an engaging and quality digital Conference.

Events continue to be a large part of AAG's work. Over the past year AAG has delivered over 25 events with 2,554 registrations across the country participating in webinars, seminars, workshops and forums. We had a significant move to online activities due to the pandemic but increased our reach.

Internationally AAG continues its role as the Executive Office for the IAGG Asia/Oceania Region and is coordinating the 2023 IAGG Asia/ Oceania Congress Planning meeting with the Japanese and the IAGG Executive and sub-committee chairs. AAG (which is the executive office for ILC-Australia) in hand with ILC UK are leading the 'Climate change in an ageing world' initiative for the International Longevity Centre - Global Alliance (ILC GA). Our major focus for the first year will be taking our program of work to the United Nations Climate Change Conference in November 2021 (COP26).

Our influence in improving the experience of older people through connecting research, policy and practice has significantly increased. AAG's success is largely due to the leadership of our CEO James Beckford Saunders and the work of our growing policy team, which is now ably led by Sandra South, who was promoted to the new position of Policy and Research Manager. Tonye Segbedzi, Sue Gherdovich and Tom Voigt, were joined in the team by Chloe Merritt-Shadbolt as the Policy Communications Officer, a new position. Ellen Finlay also started as the inaugural ATSIAG Officer, a dedicated position to this critical focus for AAG's work with older Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Thanks also go to Michael Tan and Matthew Jones who have maintained and built upon the core operations of AAG including running the marketing and membership support, as well as the significant developments in the AAG Research Trust. I would like to thank all the staff for their hard work and significant contributions, in what has been a particularly challenging year with the impacts of the pandemic and the lockdown in Melbourne where the office is based.

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In addition, AAG is flourishing because of a strong and engaged membership base. Many members support our activities and contribute to our growing volunteer base. These include Divisional Committees, ATSIAG, our Student and Early Career Group and Special Interest Group members who all contribute passion and precious hours to improve the experience of ageing.

I would also like to thank all the Board who have work diligently to oversight AAG governance and strategic direction. This year the Board finalised AAG's new strategic priorities for the next three years from 1 July 2020. The Board's key role is to ensure that AAG continues to flourish in meeting its purpose in a sustainable manner. We also commenced our Reflect Reconciliation Action Plan earlier in the year that will last for 18 months and builds on the journey that we have taken with the AAG Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Ageing Advisory Group (ATSIAG) since 2006. The Board also contributes to many other AAG activities with major roles in various submissions and papers. Thank you to all!

I am very pleased to confirm that AAG was refunded by the Australian Government's Department of Health for two years from 1 July 2020, having built on our reputation for independent, evidence-based approaches to policy and practice over the previous three years. This year AAG realised that with DGR status they improve their capacity to fund raise for purposes other than research.

This year has seen several changes to the Board. With several Board members relocating which creates particular issues given our format of state-based Board members. I believe AAG will need to review the constitution in the near future in order to prevent Board members having to step down due to relocation. Relocation meant that Marguerite Bramble finished in her NSW Board Position with Anita Westera being the successful elected nominee from NSW for the Board and Trustees.

It also meant that after three years as AAG President I have chosen to step down a year early to allow our succession plan to be fulfilled, with Associate Professor Marguerite Bramble to take on the role of AAG President and Chair of the AAG Board of Directors in the non-elected director position that I previously held. I have been really honoured to be entrusted with the leadership of the AAG during my 3 years as President and total of 7 years on the National Committee then Board. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support and to say how much I have enjoyed working with you all.

I am pleased to announce that Dr Claudia Meyer was selected as Vice President of AAG plus Deputy Chair of the AAG Board and the Trustees, AAG Research Trust, after Marguerite vacated the position. Both appointments are for two-year terms. In addition, I am sorry to report that David Heath will also be stepping down after four years as treasurer of both the AAG and AAG Research Trust early next year. David has overseen the finances in what has been a time of significant change for AAG and the AAG Research Trust and his solid and considered financial advice have always been greatly appreciated – you've known both the numbers but more importantly challenging both the Board and

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Trustees to think more strategically about how we approach the finances. We have matured in our financial leadership thanks to your thoughtful guidance and expertise. Thank you, David.

Congratulations are also owed to the following members who have been made Fellows of AAG: Dr Katrina Radford (Qld) and Dr Barbara Blundell (WA). Congratulations are also due to our new Distinguished Members of AAG: Dr Elissa Burton (WA), Dr Belinda Cash (Vic) and Anita Westera (NSW).

I trust that this report gives you all some insight into the breadth and depth of work being carried out by AAG staff, members and volunteers. I would again like to thank you all, and to commend the achievements of our CEO James Beckford Saunders in growing the vision and activity of the AAG.'

There were no requests for clarification or questions regarding the Report.

RESOLVED that the AAG President's Report be adopted.

<i>MOVED:</i>	Judy Lowthian		
<i>SECONDED:</i>	Gill Lewin		
	<i>CARRIED</i>	<i>DEFEATED</i>	<i>DEFERRED</i>

7. 2019/20 AAG STATUTORY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

David Heath, the Treasurer experienced some last-minute connection issues and was unable to contribute to the online meeting. On his behalf the Chair gave a short commentary on behalf of the Board regarding the Financial Report, Director's Report and Auditor's Report for the year ended 30 June 2020.

A summary of this follows:

- Revenue a combination of Commonwealth funding, membership and event fees (primarily conference)
- Small surplus for year ended 30 June 2020
- Accumulated surpluses act as a buffer should Commonwealth funding not continue
- Thanks to the Board, AAG management and staff, Atfield Business Consulting and the auditors.

There were no requests for clarification or questions regarding the 2019/20 AAG statutory financial statements.

The Financial Report, Director's Report and Auditor's Report for the year ended 30 June 2020 were noted by the members.

8. 2020/21 AAG MEMBERSHIP FEES

The Chair tabled the 2021/22 AAG Membership Fees as recommended by the AAG Board as follows:

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	2021/22
Type of Membership	Price
Organisation (1-2 nominees)	\$580
Organisation (3-5 nominees)	\$1,099
Individual:	\$255
Student:	\$60
Early Career Researcher/ Practitioner:	\$100
Concession/ Retiree:	\$100
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Maori peoples:	No cost
Honorary/ Life Members:	No cost
Any member who wants to receive printed copies of AJA	Additional \$11 to receive 4 copies p.a.

There were no requests for clarification questions regarding the 2021/2022 Membership Fees.

The motion to move that the 2021/2022 fees as put forward by the AAG Board be received and adopted was carried.

MOVED:	Anita Westera		
SECONDED:	Danny Hills		
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9. APPOINTMENT AND FIXING OF REMUNERATION OF THE AUDITOR

The Board recommend to AAG Members that APL Pty Ltd be appointed as the AAG auditor for the year ending 30 June 2020/2021 and that their Auditors fees be accepted.

There were no requests for clarification questions regarding the Appointment and fixing of remuneration of the Auditor.

RESOLVED that APL Financial Pty Ltd be re-appointed as the AAG Auditor for 2020/21 with their proposed remuneration adopted.

MOVED:	Danny Hills		
SECONDED:	Chris Hatherly		
	CARRIED	DEFEATED	DEFERRED

10. AAG RESEARCH TRUST REPORT

Linda Rosenman, the Chair of the Trustees of the AAG Research Trust, experienced some last-minute connection issues and was unable to contribute to the online meeting.

On Linda's behalf Marguerite Bramble gave her report as follows:

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'On behalf of AAG Research Trust, I acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the lands on which we work and live, and recognise their continuing connection to land, water and community. I pay my respects to their Elders, past and present, and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who may be online today, including survivors of the Stolen Generations.

It is my pleasure to present the 2020 annual update for the AAG Research Trust on behalf of the Chair of the Trustees.

This year has been another exciting year in the growth and development of the Trust.

The AAG Research Trust, for the first time since it started in 2017, has developed strategic drivers, running from 2020 to 2023, as well as defining: Why we exist, What we do and Who we are.

We have been progressing the implementation of the investment strategy of the AAG Research Trust, aiming for a secure growth of funds into the future and a dispersal strategy based on this. The treasurer will be reporting on this.

In 2020 the Trustees engaged Wendy Brooks & Partners to assist on a Development Strategy to enable us to grow the AAG Research Trust funds and to continue to expand the quality grants that we can offer. We are in the final stages of developing the AAG Research Trust's case for support and the focus will be on seeking gifts in wills and major gifts. This follows the two generous gifts one from the family of the late Hal Kendig and a bequest from the Nicholson estate, which enabled us to establish two new funding programs-The Hal Kendig Research Development Program and the Strategic Research Grants and enabled the expansion of the RM Gibson grant program.

In 2020 we have been able to increase the RM Gibson Research Fund from four to five grants of \$7,000 each. In 2020 there was an additional RM Gibson grant supported by the Dementia Australia Research Foundation (DARF). The AAG Research Trust partnership with the DARF that led to an additional 2019 Strategic Research Grant being funded was built upon and uses the same approach. Following the Grants Committee review and recommendation by the Trustees, the DARF Board approved \$7,000 funding for a RM Gibson application that focused upon dementia that was both highly ranked and of high quality. An MoU between DARF and the AAG Research Trust supports these initiatives

The Trustees are extremely grateful for this partnership with the Dementia Australia Research Foundation that has again increased the reach of both organisations.

The five excellent awardees of the \$7000 grants were:

- Dr Katrin Gerber - NARI
- Dr Michael Lawless - Flinders University
- Dr Zoe Kopsaftis – UniSA
- Unyime Jasper - University of Adelaide
- Dr Aisling Smyth - Edith Cowan University (awarded the inaugural 2020 joint AAG Research Trust/DARF RM Gibson grant).

The second round of the Hal Kendig Research Development Program had two excellent awardees of the \$20,000 grants:

- Dr Jacqueline Francis-Coad – Curtin University

- Dr Louise Lavrencic– Neuroscience Research Australia

This grant program was established following a generous gift from the family of Professor Hal Kendig who died in 2018, robbing Australia and the World of a leading researcher in social gerontology. On behalf of the Trustees, I would again like to express our deep and lasting appreciation to the Kendig family for their generosity and for their ongoing interest and involvement in the Hal Kendig Research Development Program. We also acknowledge Professor Julie Byles who has provided leadership in refining the focus, priorities and guidelines for the Kendig Program and ensuring that they continue to be in line with Hal’s wishes.

The Strategic Research Grants applications have been moved to the second half of the financial year, meaning that there wasn’t a funding round this calendar year. It will now run concurrently with the RM Gibson from late January 2021.

The AAG Research Trust has grown significantly since 2017 from one funding round for three grants distributing \$15,000 to three funding rounds offering ten grants that total \$165,000. This would not be possible without the support of our most valued donors and partners.

Delivering this level of quality and growth was only possible through the support, expertise and leadership of the Grants Committee which provides recommendation against approved guidelines for each funding round to the Trustees of the AAG Research Trust.

A recruitment initiative was undertaken to share the load, as well as to build capacity of emerging researchers (early and mid-career) and members working in evidence-informed policy and practice roles, and to facilitate succession planning. This resulted in ten new members joining the Reviewer Developing Group, who evaluate the RM Gibson applications, and two new members joining the Senior Group which works across all three programs.

The procedures for running the grants program and the guidelines are reviewed at the end of the grant rounds by the Program leads as part of a systematic continuous improvement program. The governance and documented processes for reviewing the applications, including a term of reference for the Grants Committee have been reviewed and updated. Targeted flexibility was provided to both applicants and awardees due to the impacts of the pandemic.

The Trustees express our sincere appreciation to Professor Renuka Visvanathan for her leadership as Chair of the AAG Research Trust Grants Committee, and lead of the Strategic Research Grants.

We would also like to express our thanks to Professor Julie Byles as lead of the Hal Kendig Research Development Program and to Associate Professor Anne-Marie Hill as lead of the RM Gibson Research Fund, and the members of the 2020 Grants Committee for the important role they play in reviewing and evaluating the grant applications.

The 14 members of the 2020 Senior Group of the Grants Committee, two of whom are new, are:

1. Professor Renuka Visvanathan
2. Professor Julie Byles
3. A/Prof Anne-Marie Hill
4. A/Professor Anne Tiedemann
5. A/Prof Maria C. Inacio
6. Dr Tim Windsor
7. Dr Susan Slatyer

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8. Ms Robin Harvey
9. Dr Judy Lowthian
10. A/ Prof Kasia Bail
11. Dr Katrina Radford
12. Dr Juanita Breen
13. Professor Keith Hill (new)
14. A/Professor Kate O’Loughlin (new)

The ten members of the 2020 Development Group of the Grants Committee, all of whom are new, are:

1. Dr Kim Kiely
2. Dr Linda Isherwood
3. Dr Reza Kahlaee
4. Ms Kristie Weir
5. Dr Elizabeth Lynch
6. Dr Alison Rahn
7. Dr Claire O’Connor
8. Dr Caitlin Barr
9. Mr Nathan D’Cunha
10. A/Prof Nola Ries

In the past year, three members of the Senior Group stepped down, Dr Hannah Keage and Dr Frances Batchelor, and on behalf of the Trustees I pass on my sincere thanks to them for their many years of voluntary support to the Grants Committee.

After three years Renuka Visvanathan is stepping down as Chair of the Grants Committee. Renuka has provided outstanding leadership in establishing the grants review processes for the growing numbers of grants administered under the AAG Research Trust and managing the review process for all three programs in addition to being the lead for the Strategic Research Grants program. We greatly appreciate the work that Renuka has done as Chair and are delighted that she has agreed to continue as a member of the Grants Committee.

A considerable amount of work is involved in supporting the Trustees of the AAG Research Trust and the Grants committee. The Trustees acknowledge and thank James Beckford Saunders particularly for his leadership in developing research funding partnerships and his support for policy development and Matt Jones for his great work in supporting the Grants Committee.

On behalf of the Trustee, I can confirm that we are committed to continuing to grow and develop the AAG Research Trust as a leading funder of high-quality research in gerontology and a flagship for the AAG nationally and internationally. I’m happy to take any questions after which I will pass on to David Heath, the Treasurer who will speak about the finances of the AAG Research Trust.’

There were no requests for clarification or questions regarding the Report.

RESOLVED that the Chair of the AAG Research Trust’s Report be adopted.

MOVED:	Chris Hatherly		
SECONDED:	Jacqueline Francis-Coad		
	CARRIED	DEFEATED	DEFERRED

The Chair of the Trustees of the AAG Research Trust Annual Report 2019 was noted.

11. 2019/20 AAG RESEARCH TRUST STATUTORY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Due to the ongoing issues for the Treasurer, David Heath, accessing the meeting, the Chair gave a short commentary on behalf of the Trustees of the AAG Research Trust regarding the AAG Research Trust Financial Report, Director’s Report and Auditor’s Report for the year ended 30 June 2020.

A summary of this follows:

- Income attributable to additional grants (via Hal Kendig), as well as investment income.
- Trustees have formalised grant process and amounts for medium term focus. Consistent with this the Trustees have decided upon an investment policy for the Trust that balances our role as custodians of the donated funds and the ability to receive higher investment returns in the medium to long term. The investment policy is consistent with the expected pattern of grants in the medium term.
- The Trust pays a fee to AAG representing the administrative and financial support provided to the AAG Research Trust.

There were no requests for clarification or questions regarding the Report.

The AAG Research Trust Financial Report, Director’s Report and Auditor’s Report for the year ended 30 June 2020 were noted by the members.

12. Election of Directors & Office Bearers

The Chair announced the appointment of the following Directors onto the AAG Board and congratulated them on their new roles:

Name of appointee	AAG NSW Division nominee
Ms Anita Westera	AAG Board Director, Trustee of the AAG Research Trust

The appointed Director and Trustee would take office at the close of the AGM.

The Chair congratulated her on her appointment.

The Chair confirmed the following office bearing roles.

Name of new appointees	Office bearing role
A/Professor Marguerite Bramble	President of AAG and Chair of the Board

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Dr Claudia Meyer

**Vice President of AAG and
Deputy Chair of AAG Board
and of the Trustees of the
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The Chair congratulated both on their appointment.

13. 2020 AAG Life Members

Marguerite Bramble personally thanked Christine Stirling for her incredible contribution over the past three years as President and leading up to that role. During that time, she has seen the ongoing maturity of AAG from an incorporated association with a committee into a company with a board. The Strategic Priorities from 2020 that Christine has worked on will form a great basis for AAG to move forward. Marguerite congratulated Christine on her award of Life membership as and David Heath for his significant contributions as treasurer and maturing many of the systems and strategic approach to finances.

14. Other Business

Marguerite Bramble acknowledged the work of Professor Lynne Parkinson, the outgoing Editor of the Australasian Journal on Ageing, and thanked her for her tenure and welcomed Professor Deborah Walters as the new editor in chief.

The 2020 Australasian Journal on Ageing 2020 Book Award was confirmed as 'A Lasting Conversation' edited by Dr Susan Ogle and Melanie Joosten.

There was a tribute to the late Sandra Forster, AAG Distinguished Member, who sadly passed away earlier this year.

There was no other business raised for discussion.

15. Close

The Chair thanked everybody for their attendance and engagement and closed the 2020 AAG Annual General Meeting and AAG Research Trust Update at 1.32pm.

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