

Minutes of ISANA ACTiveNSW ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, 10 November 2021, 4.00 pm
CQUniversity Sydney Campus
and online via Zoom

Chair: Nuala Myatt-Bocarro

Attendees

Annette Kalczyńska
Bibi Kanowah
Bronwyn Gilson
Kashif Chauhan
Nuala Myatt-Bocarro
Mitchell Ribbons
Sarah Lisle
Cherry Barrault
Phil Tan
Shiva Banjaro
Zuzana Mesarozova
Nicole Zabbal
Bikesh Shrestha
Saroj Basnet
Kancho
Hassen

Proxies

Amy Choo
Tracy Rood

1. Welcome and Introductions

President, Annette Kalczyńska welcomed current members and positions holders.
All members attending introduced themselves.

2. Recording of those present and apologies

3. Acceptance of 2020 ISANA NSW/ACT AGM Minutes

2020 minutes were sent out by email to all members prior to this meeting. It was passed with no objections.

Mover Kashif

Seconder Nuala

4. Presentation and acceptance of the Branch President's report on the activities of the Association.

Motion to accept Nicole
second Shiva

Please see Appendix 1

5. Presentation and acceptance of the Treasurer's report on the financial activities and position of the branch of the Association.

Motion to accept Cherry
Second Nuala

Please see appendix 2

6. Election of 2021-2023 ISANA Officers

President – nominee: **Annette Kalczyńska**

Move by Annette Kalczyńska Second by Kashif Chauhan
Annette accepted the nomination

Vice President – nominee: **Nuala Myatt-Bocarro**

Move by Nuala Myatt-Bocarro Second by Annette Kalczyńska
Nuala accepted the nomination

Secretary – nominee: **Shiva Banjaro**

Move by Shiva Banjaro Second by Annette Kalczyńska
Shiva accepted the nomination

Professional Development – nominee: **Kashif Chauhan**

Move by Kashif Chauhan Second by Annette Kalczyńska
Kashif accepted the nomination

Treasurer – nominee: **Saroj Basnet**

Move by Saroj Second by Annette Kalczyńska
Saroj accepted the nomination

Communications – nominee: **Mitchell Ribbons**

Move by Mitchell Ribbons Second by Bronwyn Gilson
Mitchell accepted the nomination

AGM concluded at 4.30 pm

Appendix 1

ACTiveNSW Branch President Report 2021

For Financial Year from 1st October 2020 to 30th September 2021

2021 revealed itself as another challenging year for international education industry. I believe everyone expected international student to return in the middle of 2021 reality proved us all wrong.

Despite international students staying overseas, there was a lot of behind-the-scenes work being done and ACT/NSW Branch committee members played active role in preparing for the students return.

The whole ACTiveNSW committee was actively involved in organising 32nd national conference in Sydney. Conference had to be moved online, but the task load didn't change, therefore I would like to thank the whole committee their involvement and hard work.

ACTiveNSW branch took an active part in supporting number of initiatives in international education industry. We worked with government and non-government student support groups. We actively promoted initiatives for international students and the education sector in general, such as AUSTRADE, StudyNSW, and the City of Sydney etc. Some of the initiatives are listed below.

Submission to the Australian Strategy for International Education, by organising face to face and online industry workshops, where all members had the opportunity to have their say in the submission.

Submission to the Australian Human Rights Commission, The Race Discrimination Team contributing to international student principles update

Participating in Advisory Board for Food Delivery Rider Safety Taskforce, contributing to Food Delivery Rider Industry Action Plan and advocating for rights of international student working in the industry.

Being part of advisory boards of number of projects such as NSW Interagency Accommodation working group, Consortium for International Students working group, International Student Project working group, Advisory board INVEST, Advisory board OISH (Oz International Students Hub) and Sydney Alliance's Pandemic Recovery Plan to make sure that international students are included.

Supported stakeholder's applications for Study NSW Partner Project funding and National Property Accreditation Scheme (NPAS) Launch.

We are also pleased to announce that we have been one of the successful recipients of a Study NSW Partner Projects 2021/22 grant. This partnership will contribute to the delivery of the Lived Experience Toolkit (LET).

LET is an exciting partnership between ISANA and Story IS Connection (SIC) that will engage NSW international students regarding challenges that have impacted their mental health and well-being.

Content for a film will be developed through a story-telling process, constructed into seven chapters, highlighting key issues and themes identified by students and key partners. Peers with lived experience will 'speak up', serving as role models to other students by opening up conversations about mental health. Simultaneously the project will build awareness for teachers and service providers alike and offer strategies to facilitate dynamic conversations around topics.

The creation of a resource that inspires conversation and destigmatises mental health within the international student community will become a valuable asset available for use by all NSW education providers. LET will creatively engage international students in acts of powerful storytelling which in turn will inspire connection and understanding with audiences.

The process will empower students with lived experience to tell their stories which form the basis of a digital orientation toolkit for international students studying in NSW.

ISANA ACT/NSW Branch would like to farewell outgoing executive committee members Secretary - Charlotte Long, and Treasurer - Amy Choo. Thank you both for everything and we wish you good luck with your future endeavors.

We also would like to welcome new committee members Shiva Banjara, Saroj Basnet, and Mitchell Ribbons.

Plans for 2022 and beyond.

ACTiveNSW branch will continue to work hard to advocate for international student rights in multiple forums. We invite all branch members to actively participate in activities, planned PD sessions and networking events. We are looking forward to successfully completing Lived Experience Toolkit and promoting a great resource to all international education stakeholders.

Appendix 2

ACTiveNSW Branch Treasurer Report 2021

For Financial Year from 1st October 2020 to 30th September 2021

Overview:

Treasurer's Report presented at the 2020 AGM showed a surplus of \$3009.23. However, there is no income for the 2020 - 2021 financial year due to no revenue generating activities during Covid-19.

The total expenditure for this financial year was \$117.95, which was spent on catering during the Education Strategy Brainstorming Session held in May 2021.

Expenses from 01/10/2019 - 30/09/2020	Amount
Catering - Education Strategy Brainstorming Session	\$ 117.95
Total EXPENSES	\$ 117.95

As of 30 September 2021, ACTiveNSW's total bank balance was \$8587.99.

Thank you.

Amy Choo

Treasurer,

ISANA ACTiveNSW