

**Minutes of the
46th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF AARE
held on Wednesday 30 November 2016
in the Members' Dining Room,
Melbourne Cricket Ground, Melbourne**



The meeting opened at 5:40 pm with President, Professor Martin Mills, in the chair and some 49 other members present. Debra Cunningham was the secretary.

1. Welcome and attendance

Having established that a quorum was present, the Chair welcomed those attending and acknowledged the traditional custodians of the land.

Present: see attached list. Also in attendance (by invitation): Deborah Cracknell (AARE Office and Events Manager).

Apologies: Marie Brennan, Tracey Bunda, Susan Groundwater- Smith, Michele Simons.

Proxies: Nil

2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Resolved:

That the minutes of the 45th Annual General Meeting, held in Fremantle on 2 December 2015, be taken as read and accepted as an accurate record.

3. Reports from the Executive

3.1 President's Report

The President presented a summary of the Association's activities over the past year; these included:

- convening a forum in Canberra in October to bring together academics from across the country with senior policy officers and the ARC to discuss the current Engagement and Impact agenda. This was well attended and a draft statement on outcomes would soon be distributed to all participants and research partners of AARE;
- making submissions to the Productivity Commission and the ARC on issues related to educational research in Australia. The submissions were available on the AARE website;
- enhancing relationships with other associations. A Memorandum of Understanding had been signed with the European Educational Research Association (EERA) to provide association benefits to AARE members – including member rates to their annual conference, ECER;
- funding AARE symposia at the conferences held by the American Educational Research Association (AERA), the British Educational Research Association (BERA) and the New Zealand Educational Research Association (NZARE);
- holding talks with The Australian Sociological Association (TASA) to consider greater coordination of our associations' events and conferences;
- initiating a project on 'Building a Research Rich Teaching Profession', which was being conducted jointly with the Australian Teacher Education Association (ATEA) and the Australian Council of Deans of Education (ACDE) (through the Community of Associate Deans Research in Education CADRE). Ethical clearance had been obtained through ACU and the project would begin data collection in February;

- providing support to the Asia-Pacific Educational Research Association (APERA), of which AARE was a founding member, in relation to the development of their constitution. Executive member Robyn Henderson represented AARE at the APERA Board Meeting in Taiwan in early November;
- further developing the relationship between AARE and the Research in Education Network (REN), which consists of officers involved in research in the government departments of education and in the various Catholic and independent school systems around Australia. Members of REN delivered a very well attended webinar in May on forming research partnerships with 'industry'. AARE's Research Development Co-ordinator attended REN meetings and REN representatives were invited to attend AARE Executive meetings;
- becoming a platinum sponsor of the Media Centre for Education Research Australia, launched at the conference the previous evening;
- providing Strategic Initiative Grants to help fund Research-Creation Workshops: Developing Arts Based Interventions into Sexism in the Academy at RMIT and QUT and Poverty Network events at UniSA and USQ;
- beginning work to produce an apology on behalf of AARE to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples for damages caused by educational researchers. Our work in supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander members was regarded as critical and was overseen/facilitated by two designated members on the Executive;
- supporting members through Theory workshops and SIGs. These workshops and SIG events were highlights in the academic calendar;
- publishing a new book series through Routledge, with new contracts being offered and an in-press manuscript in the pipeline;
- publishing the AARE journal, *The Australian Educational Researcher* (AER), which was going from strength to strength;
- providing awards in most categories at the conference to highly deserving recipients. Processes for determining awardees were regularly under review;
- convening the current annual conference, with over 1000 registrants.

Martin thanked all members of the Executive, and others in the Association, who had made his term as President personally rewarding and had worked hard to advance the aims and objectives of the Association.

Reports on other Executive portfolios, including the journal, communications, Special Interest Groups, Indigenous engagement, membership, awards, conferences, early career researcher and postgraduate student members, were available in the 2016 Annual Report and for this reason were not presented at the meeting.

Martin called for any questions from the floor, but none were raised.

The President's report was accepted.

3.2 Treasurer's Report

In the absence of the Treasurer, the Office and Events Manager indicated that the audited financial statements of the Association for the year ended 30 June 2016 and the auditor's unqualified report on these, were available on the AARE website. The Association's finances remained very healthy, allowing enhanced services to members, such as grants for strategic initiatives, to continue to be provided. The Executive had opted to continue to draw down on the reserves of the Association to invest in growing the operations of the Association, estimating that around \$265,000 of reserves will be invested during the coming financial year.

The balance in the operating account (CBA cheque account) as at 30 June 2016 was \$55,655.00; the CBA online saver account held \$177,545.00 and a CBA term deposit held \$800,000.00.

Resolved:

- (i) *That the presentation of the audited financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2016 be noted.*
- (ii) *That Sinclairs Pty Ltd Chartered Accountants be reappointed as the Association's Auditor for the year to 30 June 2017 at a remuneration to be agreed with the Executive.*

4. Confirmation of Results of 2016 Election of Executive Members

The Returning Officer (Secretary, Debra Cunningham) reported on the outcome of this year's Executive election.

Nominations were called in the August Members' Update for members to fill the following positions:

- Editor, *The Australian Educational Researcher* (three-year term: 2017-19)
- Special Interest Groups Co-ordinator (three-year term: 2017-19)
- Ordinary Executive Member (two-year term: 2017-18)
- Postgraduate Student Member (two-year term: 2017-18)

There was only one nomination for the Editor, AER position and the nominee, Dr Nicole Mockler (The University of Sydney) was therefore declared elected. This created a casual vacancy for the Communications Co-ordinator position, which under the Constitution, the Executive could fill by appointing a suitable person for the remainder of Nicole's term (i.e. for 2017). The Executive had invited one of the nominees for Ordinary Executive Member to fill this position. The nominee, Dr Anna Sullivan (University of South Australia), had accepted the invitation.

There were no nominations for the SIG Co-ordinator position. The Executive had invited the current incumbent, Professor Mary Lou Rasmussen, to stay on in the role and she had kindly agreed to stay on for one year. The position would be re-advertised next year.

A ballot was necessary for the Ordinary Member and Postgraduate Student Member positions as there were two remaining nominations for the former and three nominations for the latter.

The ballot was conducted electronically, opening on 10 October 2016 and closing on 11 November 2016.

At the close of the ballots, 461 people had voted. This represented 55.6 per cent of the membership at the time invitations were sent and was the highest number and the highest percentage of votes recorded in an AARE election in the past 20 years.

The candidates receiving the highest number of votes were:

Ordinary Executive Member: Sue Nichols
 Postgraduate Student Member: Michelle Jeffries

The Executive would therefore be composed as follows in 2017:

President (2017-18)	Annette Woods	Queensland University of Technology
Immediate Past President (2017)	Martin Mills	The University of Queensland
Secretary (2015-17)	Debra Cunningham	Queensland College of Teachers
Treasurer (2016-18)	Michele Simons	University of Western Sydney
Editor AER (2017-19)	Nicole Mockler	University of Sydney
Research Development Coordinator (2017)	Val Klenowski	Queensland University of Technology

Communications Coordinator (2017)	Anna Sullivan	University of South Australia
Ordinary Executive Member (2016-17)	Julie McLeod	University of Melbourne
Ordinary Executive Member (2016-17)	Bernadette Walker-Gibbs	Deakin University
Ordinary Executive Member (2017-18)	Sue Nichols	University of South Australia
SIG Co-ordinator (2017)	Mary Lou Rasmussen	Australian National University
Early Career Researcher Member (2016-17)	Abbey McDonald	University of Tasmania
Postgraduate student member (2017-18)	Michelle Jeffries	Queensland University of Technology
Chair, Conferences Standing C'tee (co-opted, 2017-19)	Georgina Barton	Griffith University
Indigenous engagement co-ordinator (co-opted, 2017-18)	Melitta Hogarth	Queensland University of Technology

Executive members retiring at this AGM were: Margaret Baguley, Tracey Bunda, Linda Graham, Robyn Henderson and Sara Weuffen.

Resolved:

- (i) *That the meeting confirm the results of the 2016 election for available positions on the Executive.*
- (ii) *That appreciation be expressed to outgoing Executive members for their contributions to the work of the Executive over the past two to four years.*

5. Any Other Business

5.1 A call for AARE support

Allyson Holbrook commented that this was a critical juncture in Australian educational research and that educational researchers needed representation in as many forums as possible. She proposed the establishment of a group such as an academy for education, along the lines of the Australian academies for science and for social science.

Allyson also sought the support of AARE for educational researchers to become involved in cooperative initiatives applying for funding under the ARC's *Linkage Infrastructure, Equipment and Facilities* (LIEF) scheme. The scheme provides major funding so that expensive infrastructure, equipment and facilities can be shared between higher education organisations and with industry.

Helen Watt commented that the two ideas were linked and referred to the attempt by AARE a few years ago to set up a professors of education network. Such a network may be able to facilitate the types of initiatives called for by Allyson.

Martin responded that AARE would do what it could to assist as proposed.

5.2 Appreciation

Martin Mills presented Jan Wright with a token of the Association's appreciation for her assistance with conference programming over the past several years.

Incoming President, Annette Woods, moved a vote of thanks to Martin Mills for his leadership of the Association over the past two years, noting particularly his excellent work regarding indigenous liaison and research development. Endorsed by acclamation.

6. Date and Venue of Next Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 29 November 2017, in Canberra.

The meeting closed at approximately 6.05 pm.

Signed:

Annette Woods, President

Date

DRAFT

LIST OF MEMBERS ATTENDING 2016 AGM

SURNAME	GIVEN NAME	SURNAME	GIVEN NAME
Adie	Lenore	Klenowski	Val
Anh Dang	Kim	MacDonald	Abbey
Arden	Mila	Martin	Jenny
Baguley	Margaret	McLeod	Julie
Baroutsis	Aspa	Mehana	Majida
Barton	Georgina	Mills	Martin
Batten	Lisa	Mockler	Nicole
Capeness	Ros	Moss	Julianne
Charlton	Emma	Nichols	Sue
Cunningham	Debra	Ohlsen	Al
Davies	Kim	Rasmussen	Mary Lou
Fairbairn	Hedy	Renshaw	Peter
Freihofner	Ulla	Richardson	Paul
Farrell	Lesley	Rogers	Bev
Graham	Linda	Shaw	Kylie
Hall	Graham	Spandagiou	Ilektra
Hardy	Ian	Stewart	Sandy
Harrison	Dianne	Straton	Ralph
Heimans	Stephen	Sullivan	Anna
Henderson	Michael J	Walker-Gibbs	Bernadette
Henderson	Robyn	Watt	Helen
Hogarth	Melitta	Weuffen	Sara
Holbrook	Allyson	Woods	Annette
Jeffries	Michelle	Wright	Jan
Kettle	Margaret	Yates	Lyn