



## Management Committee (WSAMC) Meeting #51

Date: 30 June 2017

Venue: email

Time: 11:00am

**1. Present:** Mike Van Keulen (MVK)(email) .....President  
 Jessie Jarvis (JJ)(email) ..... Vice President  
 Lina Mtwana Nordlund (LMN)(email) ..... Treasurer  
 Len McKenzie (LM) .....Secretary  
 Richard Unsworth (RU)(email) ..... Past President

**2. Welcome & Apologies:** LM (Chair) opened the meeting at 11:00am and recorded the minutes (from emails received)

Apologies: nil

**3. Update from the Secretary & Treasurer**

### 3.1. Update from Secretary (Len)

Since the last meeting (*WSAMCM#50*), activities relating to the business included:

- 26Jun17: sent out call for meeting#51 agenda items to WSAMC members

### 3.2. Update from Treasurer (Lina)

Since the last meeting (*WSAMCM#50*), activities relating to the business included:

- PayPal account balance 28Jun17 = USD\$2,378.45, AUD\$59.76
- NAB account balance 28Jun17 = AUD571.64
- Petty Cash 28Jun17 = AUD7.50
- Expenditure since 07Apr17:
  - nil
- Expenditure forecast for quarter:
  - nil

**4. Tasks and Discussion**

### 4.1. WSA Steering Committee

Activities which Steering Committee members can contribute:

- Communications and social media (see 4.2)
- Student liaison (need a Student Rep)
- Webinar programme
- Seagrass education
- Fund raising
- Conservation
- Awards (see 4.3)
- Journal publications (e.g. special issues) (see 4.5)
- Major initiatives

Len: As per Action from *WSAMCM#50*, approached a few other financial members from a wider geographic spread of countries on 11<sup>th</sup> April to ask their interest in being considered, but had only a couple of members interested. The list was sent to all WSA Management Committee Members and the final list of members for appointment to the Steering Committee we agreed unanimously.

LM proposed the following nominations to the WSA Steering Committee:

Jeff Gaackle (USA)  
 Jennifer Verduin (Australia)  
 Masahiro Nakaoka (Japan)

Catherine Collier (Australia)  
 Leanne Cullen-Unsworth (Wales, UK)  
 Ben Jones (UK/SE Asia)  
 Adriana Vergés (Australia)  
 Paul Erftemeijer (Aus/Europe)  
 Jimena Samper-Villarreal (Costa Rica/Central America)  
 Siti Maryam Yaakub (Singapore/ISBW13 Convener)  
 Seconded by MVK. Unanimously accepted. Motion passed and members appointed to the WSA Steering Committee

#### 4.2. Communication and social media tools

**Objective:** *to increase the line of communication with members and non-members; to improve the visibility of the Association within the seagrass community; to raise the profile of seagrasses through stories, blogs, news, etc.*

**Responsible officer/s:** Rich, Siti, Adriana

**Status:** ongoing

**Activity since last meeting & Discussion:**

*<http://wsa.seagrassonline.org/blog/>, nil activity*

*[www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) - World Seagrass Association, 280 members [28Jun17]*

*twitter - World Seagrass Assoc @WSA\_tweets. No longer active [28Jun17]*

*SeagrassForum 679 subscribers [28Jun17]*

#### 4.3. WSA Lifetime Achievement Award

**Objective:** *Award to WSA members who have made significant or outstanding contributions to the Association and scientific representation*

**Responsible officer:** Anitra Thorhaug

**Due date:** TBA

**Status:** ongoing

**Activity since last meeting & Discussion:**

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#### 4.4. ISBW13 & World Seagrass Conference, Singapore, 11-17 June, 2018:

**Objective:** *facilitate the biennial International Seagrass Biology Workshop (ISBW), an official WSA Inc. event.*

**Responsible officer/s:** Siti, Mike & Len

**Due date:** 2018

**Status:** ongoing

**Activity since last meeting:**

LM: Organising committee has met a couple of times and planning/prep progressing very well. The website has been drafted and should go live in the near future.

The ISBW13 organising committee is currently being finalised. Siti and Peter have also confirmed a special edition of the journal *Botanica Marina* for the event and an email has been distributed via the forum on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2017 calling for manuscripts (deadline for manuscript submission by October 15th, 2017). There is also a call for Workshop Proposals (deadline for proposal submission is 31 October, 2017).

#### 4.5. WSA seagrass special issue Marine Pollution Bulletin

**Objective:**

**Responsible officer/s:** Mike, Leanne Cullen-Unsworth, and Lina

**Due date:** 2017

**Status:** ongoing

**Activity since last meeting & Discussion:**

MVK: A total of 36 submissions have been received and are currently being processed.

## 5. Other

### 5.1 Other business

#### Outstanding actions

- Action:** JJ, RU & LMN to draft formal request to Reda
- Action:** MVK, JJ, LM & RU to submit small biography (150 words max) and photo
- Action:** AT to send final version of document "The Lifetime Achievement Award for Excellence in Seagrass Scientific Research and Service to Enhance Seagrass Sustainability" to LM
- Action:** AT to send recommendation from sub-Committee that WSAMC endorse WSA Lifetime Achievement Award approach & documentation.

**5.1 Wrap up and  
Close of  
Meeting**

LM thanked the members for their participation and contributions to the meeting.  
Meeting Closed 1105am

I confirm these are the true minutes of the World Seagrass Association Meeting #51.

Dated the 30th day of June 2017



Len McKenzie  
Chair/Secretary  
World Seagrass Association Inc.

