



## Action Learning and Action Research Association Ltd

### Annual General Meeting 2019

ALARA Website <https://alarassociation.org/?q=about-us/annual-general-meetings/alara-agm-2019> and Zoom platform

The electronic section of the meeting opened at 12:01 am, 5 December 2019 and closed at 11.59 pm, Wednesday 18 December 2019 (Australian Eastern Summer Time)

The Zoom section of the meeting opened at 9.00 pm, 19 December 2019 (Australian Eastern Standard Time)

**1. Attendance:** 13 members attended the electronic meeting (Chris Blockley, Colin Bradley, Andrew Cook, Bob Dick, Marina Harvey, Brian Jennings, Robyn Lynn, Eileen Piggot-Irvine, Shankar Sankaran, Deidre Seeto, Alison Talamage, Emmanuel Tetteh, Vicki Vaartjes)

**Attendance at Zoom meeting:** Chivonne Algeo, Colin Bradley, Andrew Cook & John Molineux. Dr Méndez-Medina provided a proxy voting form.

**Total members attending AGM: 16**

**2. Apologies:** Yoland Wadsworth for the Zoom meeting (Eileen Piggot-Irvine also gave her apologies, but voted in the electronic meeting.)

#### **3. Minutes of the 2018 AGM of Action Learning, Action Research Association Inc.**

The minutes of the 2018 AGM of Action Learning, Action Research Association Inc. were accepted. Votes For: 14, Votes Against: 0, Votes Abstain: 2 (a copy of the Minutes are available at

[https://alarassociation.org/sites/default/files/docs/agm/ALARA%202018AGM\\_Minutes%2020180920.pdf](https://alarassociation.org/sites/default/files/docs/agm/ALARA%202018AGM_Minutes%2020180920.pdf) )

#### **4. Annual Report for 2018/19**

The Annual Report for 2018/19 was adopted - Votes For: 14, Votes Against: 0, Votes Abstain: 2 (a copy of the Annual Report is available at

[https://alarassociation.org/sites/default/files/ALtd\\_Docs/AGM/ActionLearningActionResearchAssociationLtdAnnualReport2019.pdf](https://alarassociation.org/sites/default/files/ALtd_Docs/AGM/ActionLearningActionResearchAssociationLtdAnnualReport2019.pdf))

#### **5. 2018/19 Financial Report**

The 2018/19 Financial Report was moved by the Treasurer and accepted - Votes For: 13, Votes Against: 0, Votes Abstain: 3 (the Financial Report commences on page 16 of the Annual Report)

#### **6. Auditor's Report**

The Auditor's Report for 2018/19 was moved by the Treasurer and accepted - Votes For: 13 Votes Against: 0, Votes Abstain: 3 (the Auditor's Report is on pages 21 and 22 of the Annual Report)

## **7. Election of Management Committee**

As there were less than two nominations for each position, no election was required. These nominees were elected unopposed as indicated.

*a. Australasian Vice President*

Chivonne Algeo - proposed Colin Bradley and seconded by Andrew Cook

*b. Treasurer*

John Molineux - proposed by Colin Bradley and seconded by Chivonne Algeo

*c. Marketing Coordinator*

No nominations received.

*d. Membership Coordinator*

No nominations received

*e. Streams Coordinator*

No nominations received

*f. Web Services Coordinator*

No nominations received

## **8. Appointment of Auditor**

The Board recommendation that the 2019/20 annual audit be conducted by the Treasurer was accepted - Votes For: 13, Votes Against: 0 Votes Abstain: 3

## **9. Update on Strategic Planning**

The Board met in June 2019 to commence the preparation of a new strategic plan for ALARA for the period 2020 to 2023. That meeting identified four key areas for attention.

1. ALARA's Object as described in the Constitution. This Object's terminology is slightly dated. The Board propose an update to the phrasing, which it will put to the membership of ALARA during 2020, with the final version created during that discussion be put to a vote in the 2020 AGM.
2. ALARA's Vision Statement. The Board have revised the Vision Statement to emphasise the outcome of ALARA's work. The revised Statement is:  
*To create a more equitable, just, joyful, productive, peaceful and sustainable society by promoting local and global change through the wide use of Action Learning and Action Research by individuals, groups and organisations.*
3. Improving ALARA's finances. The Board are planning a number of actions such as donations and gifts, scholarships and research activities and strategic alliances.
4. Increasing ALARA's profile. The primary focus in that area is developing a promotion / marketing plan to guide actions over coming years.

A summary of this draft strategic plan is available at

[https://alarassociation.org/sites/default/files/ALtd\\_Docs/Strategic/ALARAStrategicPlanOver](https://alarassociation.org/sites/default/files/ALtd_Docs/Strategic/ALARAStrategicPlanOver)

[view2019-09-19.pdf](#), and the Board will invite members to comment and propose improvements to the plan in early 2020.

## **10. Further discussions**

The President advised that he would follow-up those members that expressed an intention to attend the Zoom meeting but did not attend. The intention is to discover the reason why this occurred to assist in future planning for AGMs.

There were two comments made on the electronic survey. These were:

- Keep up the great work team.
- Congratulations to the Board on some significant achievements in what was clearly a challenging year!

**Zoom section of the meeting closed** 10.05 pm, 19 December, 2019 (Australian Eastern Summer Time)