

FRIENDS OF SOUTH AUSTRALIAN SCHOOL OF ART

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES 21/8/08

1. Welcome and introductions:

Jack Condous, Chair of the Steering Committee.

Welcome to special guests: Ms Francis Bedford representing the Premier Mike Rann Kay Lawrence Head of the SASA, Kym Bonython, Pal Ahluwalia Vice Chancellor, Chris Menz Director of the SA Art Gallery, Dr Jenny Aland, guest speaker

Apologies: Marty Fox, Malcolm Vanderpeer, Paul Grabowsky, Allison Kane, Jennifer McKay, Antonia Chaffey, Doreen Donovan, Noel Frankham, Kate Gould, Ron Radford, Adele Boage, Judith Burton, Leonie Seccafien, Brent and Mara Martin, Glenys Davies, Steve Davies, Minister John Hill, Christine Goodwin, Lesley Nicolson, Wanda Brabane, Ian Corbett, Collette Snowden.

Professor Kay Lawrence introduced Professor Pal Ahluwalia, Vice Chancellor Division of Education, Arts and Social Sciences, guest speaker.
Formal welcome to the inaugural meeting of the Friends of the SASA.

2. Process and procedure of inaugural meeting for formation of Friends

Jack Condous spoke about the role of the History group.

Two history projects – the biographical longer history and the specific history of the 60's and 70's of the SASA.

Out of this group grew the idea of forming The Friends group.

People were asked to contribute any histories by completing forms available at the meeting or online – UniSA, School of Art website.

Dr Pamela Zeplin is leading this process.

Jack Condous gave an outline using a Steering Committee in order to organize the launch of Friends SASA.

3. Proposed constitution

This has been placed on the web for consultation since 11th July 2008.

It is based on successful models from other organizations.

If anyone is not totally happy with it Jack Cross suggested that we will revisit it regarding changes at the next AGM.

Adoption of Constitution - moved - Virginia Jay

Seconded – Max Lyle

Motion passed that the Constitution is ratified and accepted. All agreed.

4. Election and confirmation of Patron – Dr. Kym Bonython

Max Lyle thanked Kym for being our patron.

It is accepted that Kym is our patron – moved and agreed upon by all.

Kym responded and is honoured to be our patron

Publicity officer can be filled.

5. Election of Officers for Friends of the SASA – chaired by Dr Pam Zeplin

Nominations for the election of officers closed on August 11th. The terms of office are detailed in the Constitution.

Nominations for each office were placed on the website and circulated at AGM.

President: Jack Condous

Vice-President: Winnie Pelz

Secretary: Ruth Flaherty

Treasurer: Garrie Hisco

PR: no nominations

Membership officer: David Northcote

Committee members – Jack Cross, Brian Bugden, Pamela Karren, Kate McLeod and Rommie Corso and Gerry Colella.

These positions were elected unopposed.

PR officer – the new committee is able to elect a PR officer from their committee as stated in the Constitution.

Anyone interested in this or any other positions were asked to contact Jack Condous. Position can be filled from within Committee members in a democratic way.

6. Election of Public Officer for future Incorporation of Friends of SASA

7. Membership/Finances – membership form

New President of the Friends of SASA Jack Condous took the Chair and thanked Dr Zeplin for conducting the elections.

Membership Officer David Northcote proposed the fees are \$20 individual, \$30 joint, \$40, \$20 student and \$100 Institutional membership.

Fees will be reviewed at a later date. Moved and accepted by all.

Treasurer: Gerrie Hisco nominated John Turner and Associates to be auditor

Seconded – Kay Lawrence

All agreed – elected as auditor

8. Any other business

Membership entitlements – there will be a newsletter linked with UniSA website.

Information from members for this newsletter is desirable.

All members will be on mailing list for SASA exhibitions and special guest talks prior to exhibitions.

9. Items raised under AOB

Support for funds for the post grad scholarship scheme asked for.

10. Thanks to our sponsors:

Scarpantoni wines, John Turner and Associates, Ross from the Cheese stall, Central Markets, Premiers, Pimlotts, Eckersleys arts stores, The Real Distributors (formally Condous Distributors), Tim and Amanda Russell Eco-Design Architect Tim Russell Construction and Simply Rammed Earth Constructions, \$1,000 donation as a graduate acquisition prize for a student from SASA.

The generosity of Virginia Jay was acknowledged to allow the Friends SASA to be incorporated.

Jack Condous thanked the Steering Committee for their support and help. He congratulated the newly elected to the Friends Committee and looked forward to working with them to achieve the aims and objectives of the Friends.

Adelaide Review will run an outcomes article from tonight's meeting.

Thanks to Gerry Colella for photographing tonight, Garrie Hisco for donating prints for tonight and organizing auditor, Gareth Thomas for his help tonight and with the design of a variety of forms.

Thanks to all for attending.

A special mention and welcome to:

Dr Peter Hill – grandson of the founder of the SASA, Charles Hill.

Kate McLeod grand daughter of Alan Sierp, former Principal of SASA.

AGM closed at 6.35pm.

Geoff Wilson gave an enlightening talk of past histories of the SASA and introduced Dr Jenny Aland, guest speaker.

Jenny spoke from her Masters on Art and Design Education from early 1880's to the 1920's: the influence of South Kensington and Harry Pelling Gill. She also spoke about the work of the SASA and its place within the context of the history of SA before an extremely interesting talk about the early development of the SASA.

Jenny suggested that one of the things that The Friends SASA could do would be to work on the archives of Pelling Gill and documenting them for future use.

Clear guidelines are provided by the Constitution for the work of the Friends SASA.

One suggestion is for the Friends to create a high profile for the education sector – eg 'Artists Speak', and promoting the work of SASA to the education sector.

After Dr Aland's talk/ presentation she donated a framed Geoff Wilson print to The Friends. Thank you very much Jenny. This is currently stored in Professor Kay Lawrence's office and will be valued for auction/sale to raise funds for the organization.

Jack Condous presented a gift to Dr Kay Lawrence and the staff of SASA for all their work and assistance. (Donated by the Real Distributor).

Professor Kay Lawrence thanked Jenny for her suggestions and will follow up how to make contact between high school students and SASA.

Professor Kay Lawrence thanked Jack Condous for his work and assistance in the formation of the Friends of SASA.

Meeting closed at 8.15pm