



UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA  
CHORAL SOCIETY

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Society held at 9.00pm on Wednesday  
16 May 2018 in Winthrop Hall, University of Western Australia**

**1 Welcome**

Acting President Jan Kirkman opened the meeting and welcomed 68 members of the Society.

**2 Apologies**

Apologies were received from UWACS Patron Hon Robert French, life members Margaret Bennes, Dulcie Kemp and Charm Phillips, and members Megan Ellis, Jennie Hunt, Judy Reid, Margaret Jones, Josette Jones, Gillian Hill, Judy Heath, Sue Tuana, Lisa Kirby, Joyce White, Lin Arias, Marjorie Bird, Megan Barrett-Lennard, Robert Barrett-Lennard, Ruth Lira, Leone Chadwick, Nola Earnshaw, Beryl Stone, Pamela Scott-Gale, Jennifer Sisson, Frances Zuijdgeest-Ots, Margaret Skreiner, Marie Martin, Judith Hardie, Dianne Sivewright, Jocelyn Everett, Sr Perpetua Della Marta, Ian Hill, Kate Hill, Annie Patrick, Joan Drummond, Noelle Dawson, Mette Jongeling, Jenny Quek, and Matty Mentz.

**3 Minutes of 2017 Annual General Meeting**

The meeting resolved to confirm the minutes of the AGM held on 17 May 2017 and adjourned to 7 June 2017 subject to the words "Irena's contribution as accompanist" in Item 4.2 being amended to read "Irene's contribution as accompanist" (moved Henk Giele, seconded Irena Dillon).

**4 Report of Committee**

The report of Committee was presented in two parts.

Jan Kirkman presented a report as Acting President. She had been appointed to that role by the Committee following the sudden illness of President Trevor Parry in February 2018. She reviewed the choir's activities over the last twelve months, including the first Australian performance of Rosetti's *Requiem for Mozart*, which had been successfully performed in Bunbury as well as Perth, and three other concerts. Members of the choir had participated in a performance of *Messiah* in Malta. A new website had been introduced, publicity and fundraising procedures were being reviewed, and the Committee was working to strengthen ties with UWA. Jan thanked conductor Chris van Tuinen, accompanist Irene Shaw, retiring Committee members Gina Davidson and Murray Wackett, the guest conductors who assisted during Chris's absence, and choir members who assisted in other ways.

The meeting resolved to accept this section of the report (moved Chris Jeffery, seconded Dianna Newman).

Chris van Tuinen presented a verbal report. He enjoyed his role as Conductor of UWACS and was pleased with the progress of the choir since he took up the position in 2011. The choir had covered a broad repertoire in that time, with only one major work being repeated (the Mozart *Requiem*). Choosing repertoire was often a challenge, with the high cost of orchestras and the fact that UWACS was now too large to fit into St Patrick's in Fremantle where smaller-scale pieces had traditionally been performed. Collaborations would continue to be pursued where feasible. Chris thanked Jan and the Committee for their work and said that he was always happy to receive suggestions on repertoire, rehearsal format or other issues from members.

The meeting resolved to accept this section of the report (moved Adrian Momber, seconded Trish Simms).

## **5 Annual accounts**

Treasurer Margaret Wood presented a report and the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2017. The aim was to cover running expenses from membership subscriptions and non-concert income and to cover concert expenses from ticket sales. There had been a loss on concerts in 2017 owing partly to the high cost of the *Sea Symphony* performance. The Bunbury performance had been financially successful, and a grant had also been received from the City of Bunbury. There had been a small loss from day-to-day activities because of the one-off cost of redesigning the website.

During discussion, the cost of publicity including payment of a Publicity Officer was queried. Suggestions included lowering ticket prices, introducing season tickets, and reviewing arrangements for hiring of scores. The Committee had tried to introduce season tickets in 2017 but it had not been feasible through University Theatres. Jan repeated that the Committee was currently reviewing publicity, marketing and fundraising procedures.

The meeting resolved to accept report and the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2017 (moved Angela Carr, seconded Andrew Reavell).

## **6 Patron**

The meeting was pleased to note that the recently-appointed Chancellor of UWA, the Hon Robert French AC, had agreed to be Patron of the Society.

The meeting resolved to ratify the appointment of the Hon Robert French AC as Patron of UWACS to the date of the next Annual General Meeting of the Society (moved Colette James, seconded Bill Carr).

## **7 Report of the Committee on the election of Office Bearers and Ordinary Committee Members**

The meeting noted that the following nominations had been received:

Position	Nominee
President	Jan Kirkman
Vice-President	Chris Jeffery
Secretary	Tim Mason
Treasurer	Margaret Wood
Registrar	Julie Campbell
Assistant Registrar	Lorraine Wroth
Librarian	Irena Dillon
Ordinary Member	Valerie Lyon
Ordinary Member	David Lin
Ordinary Member	Ruth Williams
Ordinary Member	Megan Ellis
Ordinary Member	Bronwen Channon

There being no further nominations, those named above had been declared elected to the positions shown until the date of the next Annual General Meeting of the Society.

The meeting resolved to receive the report of the Committee on the election of Office Bearers and Ordinary Committee Members (moved Gina Davidson, seconded Murray Wackett).

## **8 Election of Auditor**

Mr Greg Ledger had agreed to continue as Auditor.

The meeting elected Mr Greg Ledger as Auditor to the date of the next Annual General Meeting of the Society (moved Veronica Naughton, seconded Gina Davidson).

## **9 Ratification of Positions**

The meeting resolved to ratify the appointments of

- Chris van Tuinen as Conductor for the calendar year 2019;
- Irene Shaw as Accompanist for the period to the date of the next Annual General Meeting of the Society; and
- Megan Barrett-Lennard as Archivist for the period to the date of the next Annual General Meeting of the Society (moved Gernot Seiler, seconded Andrew Reavell).

## **10 General Business**

The Secretary had not received any written notice of items of general business. The meeting agreed to consider other items from the floor.

### **10.1 UWACS Prizes**

Notification had not yet been received from the UWA Conservatorium of Music about the award of UWACS prizes to students. The Committee would follow this up.

## **10.2 Publicity**

A member questioned the fact that flyers did not always include the names of soloists. Jan replied that flyers sometimes had to be produced before soloists were finalised. Names of soloists would always be included where feasible.

## **10.3 Grants**

A member suggested that grants could be available from funding agencies to support UWACS performances. Jan noted that the choir had successfully applied for a grant from the City of Bunbury to support the August 2017 performance there. This aspect would be considered by the Committee as part of the review on fundraising and marketing.

## **10.4 Feedback from the Committee**

It was suggested that the Committee could provide more feedback to members on the issues before it. In reply it was pointed out that the most recent confirmed minutes of Committee meetings were always available on the UWACS website.

## **11 Appreciation**

Julie Campbell proposed a vote of thanks to Jan Kirkman for standing in as Acting President and accepting the full range of responsibilities of that role following the sudden illness of President Trevor Parry. This was carried with acclamation.

## **12 Close**

The President declared the meeting closed at 9.55 pm.

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