

**2023 AGM Meeting of the Australian Society of Plant Scientists**

**Agenda**

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| **DATE:** | Thursday 30 November 2023 |
| **TIME:** | 16:35-17:35 AEST |
| **VENUE:** | Studio Theatre, University of Tasmania |
| **PRESENT:** | Martha Ludwig (ML, President), Kim Johnson (KJ, Secretary), Mark Waters (MW, Treasurer), Eloise Foo, Mike Haydon, Peter RyanMaria Ermakova, Rudi Appels, Thy Truong, Nijat Imin, , Frances Sussmilch, Chris Buckley, Matthew Gilliham, Alex Johnson, Crystal Sweetman, Xiaoxiao zhang, Penelope Smith, Dugald Reid, Elizabeth Neilson, Adriane Picchatzek, Fleur Dolman, Daniel Mokay, Ying Ineng, Ghazanfar Khan, Cody Hajnal, Georgia Koerber, Janet Wheeler, Pipeb Suwanchaikasem, Patrick Hannah, Owen McGinley, Iain Searle, Alina Ebert, Ming Cheng, Zheng Gong, Shengnan Bi, Yan Zhang, Michael Dow, Rachel Burton, Beth Loveys, Megan Shelden, Tony Ashton, TJ Higgins, Alicia Quian, Samantha Norman, Evans Lagudah, Olalekan Amod, Natsumi Maruta, Carl McCombe, Leroy Miguel Manjik, Yuzhen Fan, Sabrina Davies, Kim Melville, Peter Crisp, Jay Bose, Shelpan Khalfayera, Suyan Yee, Steve Smith, Barry Pogson, Martin O’Brien, Sachi Kamunarathne, Sneha Gupta, Vicky Waymouth, Guiuermo Garcia Gimenez, Jesse Beasley, Annamaria De Rosa, Judith Eglitis-Sexton, Sureshkumar Balasubramanian, Matthew Tucker, Helen Olivera, Stevern Hussey, Brett Williams, Nipuni Thanthrige, Christine Beveridge, Monika Murcha, Ricarda Jost, Oliver Berkowitz, Rebecca Degnan, Nicole Thomson, Kelly Rodgers, Yuhan Liu, April Hastwell, Jenny Mortimer, Stuart Roy, Kathleen Soole, Colin Jenkins, Lauren Philp-Dutton, Troy Miller, Nick Booth, John Golz, Philip Brewer, Rosemary White, Michelle Watt, Gigi Wong, Yukl Suavruken, Monika Doblin, Laura Steel, Ros Gleadow, John Evans, Stephanie Watts-Fawkes, Kristine Crous, Lucas Cernusak, Katrina Fairley-Grenot. |
| **APOLOGIES:** |  |
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**ASPS Minutes and Actions**

| **No.** | | **Item** | | **Comments** | | **Actions** | | **Timeframe** |
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| **1.** | **Welcome and Apologies (ML)** | | Declare Meeting Open: TIME  Acknowledgement of Country | |  | |  | | |
| **2.** | **Accept minutes from 2022 (KJ)** | | Any issues arising from the 2022 AGM minutes.   * Move to accept minutes | |  | |  | | |
| **3.** | **ASPS 2023 Awards (ML)** | | **Awards given this year**:   * Jan Anderson Award - Dr Caitlin Byrt, ANU * RN Robertson Award - Prof Kathleen Soole, Flinders University * Peter Goldacre Award - Dr Tatiana Soares da Costa, University of Adelaide * Functional Plant Biology Best Paper Award - Dr Babar Shahzad, UTAS * Annals of Botany Lecture - Dr Christine Faulkner, JIC * Teaching Award - Dr Robert Sharwood, Dr Michelle Mak, Dr Jayakumar Bose, Mr David Randall, Dr Jing He, Prof Oula Ghannoum, and Prof Zhonghua Chen, Western Sydney University * RN Robertson travel awards (two awarded: Ms Samantha Norman, UWA; Dr Celine Mens, UQ) * Carers’ Support Grants (three awarded) * Student Travel Awards (59 awarded) | | Call to action: Identify a fellow ASPS member who qualifies for any award and encourage them to apply | |  | | |
| **4.** | **Future ASPS/ComBio meetings (ML/KJ)** | | Future ASPS meetings.   * + 2024: ASPS combined local face-to-face and hybrid meeting with NZSPB   + 2025: ASPS face-to-face (location: suggested Adelaide)   + 2026: ComBio Sydney\*   + 2027: ASPS combined local face-to-face and hybrid meeting   + 2028: ComBio Melbourne\*   + 2029: ASPS face-to-face (location: none suggested)   \*ComBio   * + biannual, alternating between Melbourne and Sydney | | Timing of ASPS local/hybrid meeting? Nov?  Crystal to gather support for Adelaide ASPS 2025  Need two ASPS members on ComBio 2026 LOC  – Nijat Imin, other? | |  | | |
| **6.** | **REPORT**  **President (ML)** | | President’s report   * + Mention website overhaul in 2024   + Move to accept report | |  | |  | | |
| **7.** | **REPORT**  **Finances (MW)** | | Honorary Treasurer’s Report   * Move to accept report | | Ask members to bring up sustaining membership/sponsorship with companies they interact with | |  | | |
| **8.** | **REPORT**  **Website & Communications**  **(SB/**JW/CB/GK/FS/LC**)** | | * Move to accept report * Will better integrate social media interactions in new website * How to better interact with ASPS community, rather than just at end of project ‘successes’:   When grant awarded/new project interview and posts to encourage networking/collaborations, highlight ECRs, PhD   * **Need nominations for new Phytogen editor** | |  | |  | | |
| **9.** | **REPORT**  **Global Plant Council (PR)** | | Peter Ryan to present about GPC activities.   * Move to accept report | | Nomination for new representative for when Peter steps down after a “year or two” | |  | | |
| **10.** | **Science meets Parliament (ML)** | | Science Meets Parliament 2023, ASPS was represented by Jennifer Mortimer and Neeta Lohani  SMP 20-21 March 2024   * + Two ASPS representatives | | Nominations/interest contact Kim | |  | | |
| **11.** | **Functional Plant Biology Editor (SS)** | | Comments from Sergey Shabala | |  | |  | | |
| **12.** | **REPORT**  **Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (EF)** | | Eloise Foo | |  | |  | | |
| **13.** | **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**  **Nomintions to fill ASPS positions (ML/KJ)** | | For election (incumbents elected 2020; 2022 for student):   * **Environ Ecophysiol - Georgia Koerber (UoA)** * **Whole Plant - Kristine Crous (WSU)** * **Student representative – Chris Buckley (VIC)** (1 year term) * **Editor of Phytogen: Georgia Koerber**   Remaining:  Elected 2022  President Elect: Martha Ludwig (UWA)  Honorary Treasurer: Mark Waters (UWA)  Discipline Reps:  Genetics and Molecular Biology - Nipuni Thanthrige (QLD)  Development - Nijat Imin (NSW)  Elected 2021  Secretary – Kim Johnson (LTU)  Cell Biology – Crystal Sweetman (Flinders)  Plant-microbe interactions – Stephanie Watts-Fawkes (UoA)  Education and Outreach – Lucas Cernusak (JCU)  Diversity and Inclusion – Eloise Foo (Utas)  WSC chair – Scott Boden (UAdel)  Website Administrator: Janet Wheeler | | Vote in nominated representatives | |  | | |
| **14**  **15.** | **SPECIAL MEMBERSHIPS Nominations required for Members (Life/Corresponding)**  **(ML)** | | Require nominations for:  - Suggestions for Life members 2023:  Hans Lambers (UWA)  - Suggestions for Corresponding members 2023:  Stephen Long (U of Illinois) | | Elected Life members  Corresponding member | |  | | |
| **16.** | **ASPS executive**  **(SB)** | | Seek approval from membership for ASPS exec (3 people) to pay up to the value of registration to conference where AGM held | |  | |  | | |
| **17.** | **Any other business** | |  | |  | |  | | |
| **18.** | **Meeting closed** | | TIME? | |  | |  | | |