**2024 AGM Meeting of the Australian Society of Plant Scientists**

**Agenda**

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| **DATE:** | Friday 29 November 2024 |
| **TIME:** | 13:00-14:30 DST |
| **VENUE:** | Online (Zoom/Teams) |
| **PRESENT:** | Martha Ludwig (ML, President), Kim Johnson (KJ, Secretary), Mark Waters (MW, Treasurer), |
| **APOLOGIES:** | Peter Ryan (PR) |
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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:  Acknowledgement of Country | |  | |  | | |
| **2.** | **Accept minutes from 2023 (KJ)** | | Any issues arising from the 2023 AGM minutes.   * Move to accept minutes | |  | |  | | |
| **3.** | **ASPS 2024 Awards (ML)** | | **Awards given this year**:   * Jan Anderson Award: A/Prof Jenny Mortimer, UA * Goldacre Award: Dr Peter Crisp, UQ * ASPS Education and Outreach Award: Dr Ashley Jones & A/Prof Benjamin Schwessinger, ANU * JG Wood Lecturer: Prof Sergey Shabala, UWA * Functional Plant Biology Best Paper Award - Dr Phan Thi Thanh Hoai, UA * Annals of Botany Lecturships - Dr Caitlin Moore * RN Robertson travel awards (two awarded): Alastair Hockey and Nicole Thomson * Student Travel Awards (19 awarded) | |  | |  | | |
| **4.** | **Future ASPS/ComBio meetings (ML/KJ)** | | Future ASPS meetings.   * + 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   Discuss response to 2024 Hybrid and if would like to continue this format every 4 years. | |  | |  | | |
| **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 | |  | |  | | |
| **8.** | **REPORT**  **Website & Communications**  **(SB/**JW/CB/GK/FS/LC**)** | | * Move to accept report   Call out for images for website (discipline reps to coordinate) | |  | |  | | |
| **9.** | **REPORT**  **Global Plant Council (PR)** | | Peter Ryan to present about GPC activities. | |  | |  | | |
| **10.** | **Science meets Parliament (ML)** | | Science Meets Parliament 2024, ASPS was represented by Lim Chee Liew and Nijat Imin | | Nominations/interest contact Mark? | |  | | |
| **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 2021, 2023 for student):  For election:   * 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) * Student representative – Chris Buckley (VIC) (1 year term)   Remaining:  Discipline Reps (elected 2023):  Whole plant – Dugald Reid  Environ Ecophysiol – Kristine Crous  Website and communications team - Lucas Auroux  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)  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 2024:  - Suggestions for Corresponding members 2024: | | Elected Life members  Corresponding member | |  | | |
| **16.** | **Any other business** | |  | |  | |  | | |
| **17.** | **Meeting closed** | |  | |  | |  | | |