**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
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| **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)
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| **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
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| **7.** | **REPORT****Finances (MW)** | Honorary Treasurer’s Report * Move to accept report
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| **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 ReidEnviron Ecophysiol – Kristine CrousWebsite and communications team - Lucas Auroux Elected 2022President 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 membersCorresponding member  |  |
| **16.**  | **Any other business** |  |  |  |
| **17.** | **Meeting closed** |  |  |  |