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

**Agenda**

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| **DATE:** | Friday 29 November 2024 |
| **TIME:** | 13:00-14:00 AEST |
| **VENUE:** | Online (Zoom/Teams) |
| **PRESENT:** | Martha Ludwig (ML, President), Kim Johnson (KJ, Secretary), Mark Waters (MW, Treasurer), Brent Kaiser (incoming president), Janet Wheeler, Yun peng, Ghazanfar Khan, Kristine Crous, Raz Azman, Madhoolika Karunakaram, Steve Tyermann, Satomi Hayashi, Kate Grenot, Mary Byrne, Nipuni, Dugald Reid, Alistair Hockey, Nijat Imin, Kathy Dibley, Caitlin Byrt, Penelope Smith, Judith Lichtenzveig, Ash Jones, Megan Shelden, Ronan Broad, Zane Marks, Lim Chee Liew, Juel Datta, Lucas Auroux, Stephanie Conway, Chamilka Ratnayake, Tony Gendall, Crystal Sweetman, Kathleen Soole, William Salter, Ros Gleadow, Scott Boden, Peter Crisp, Matthew Gilliham, Tim Cameron |
| **APOLOGIES:** | Iain Searle, Sergey Shabala, Peter Ryan |
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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 | | Kristine Crous, Mark Waters – approved report | |  | | |
| **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 Lecturship – Caitlin Moore * RN Robertson travel awards (two awarded): Alastair Hockey and Nicole Thomson * Student Travel Awards | |  | |  | | |
| **4.** | **Future ASPS/ComBio meetings (ML/KJ)** | | Future ASPS meetings.   * + 2025: ASPS face-to-face (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. | | Online session too long but overall hybrid preferred as an alternative to face-to-face. Shorter online talks or combine with webinar. Include intro time and break.  See additional comments from Zoom chat. | |  | | |
| **6.** | **REPORT**  **President (ML)** | | President’s report   * + Website overhaul in 2024   + Move to accept report | | Janet Wheeler, Caitlin Byrt – approved report | |  | | |
| **7.** | **REPORT**  **Finances (MW)** | | Honorary Treasurer’s Report   * Move to accept report | | Lucas Auroux, Raz Azman – approved 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) | | Madhoolika Karunakaram, Mary Byrne – approved report  Looking at bluesky as social media platform  Plan to highlight projects as happening (ie newly funded DP, fellowship, etc) in future | |  | | |
| **9.** | **REPORT**  **Global Plant Council (PR)** | | Peter Ryan to present about GPC activities. | | Martha presented,  Ras Azman, Kristine Crous – approved report | |  | | |
| **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 | | Nothing to add – see President’s Report | |  | | |
| **12.** | **REPORT**  **Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (EF)** | | Eloise Foo | | No report | |  | | |
| **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 – Zane Marks (1 year term)   Remaining:  Discipline Reps (elected 2023):  Whole Plant – Dugald Reid  Environ Ecophysiol – Kristine Crous  Website and Communications Team - Dr Janet Wheeler, Dr, Dr Beth Loveys, Dr Frances Sussmilch, Dr Caitlin Byrt, Dr Alison Bentley, Lucas Auroux and Razlin Azman  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  Secretary – Mary Byrne  Cell Biology – Lim Chee Liew  Plant-Microbe – Ronan Broad  Education – Robert Sharwood  Diversity and Inclusion – Sunita Ramesh  Student representatives  – Lucas Auroux (VIC)  - Juel Datta and Chamilka Ratnayake Mudiyanselage (QLD)  - Alistair Hockey (WA)  - Alexandra Cunningham, Katie Schleyer (SA) | |  | | |
| **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  None – members can contact President anytime with suggestions | |  | | |
| **16.** | **Any other business** | |  | | Thank you to hybrid meeting organisers  Thank you to outgoing exec and reps  Request from Phytogen for articles | |  | | |
| **17.** | **Meeting closed** | | 2.01 | |  | |  | | |