AUSTRALIAN SOCIETY OF PLANT SCIENTISTS

2025 AGM Meeting of the Australian Society of Plant Scientists
Agenda

DATE:	Wednesday 26 November 2025
TIME:	15:45-17:30 ACST (Adelaide time)
VENUE:	In-person: North Theatre 1, Flinders University, Bedford Park Online Teams Meeting ID: 466 358 154 039 5, Passcode: Ek7fw22q

1. Welcome and Apologies (**BK**)
2. Accept minutes from 2024 (**MB**)
3. ASPS 2025 Awards (**BK**)
4. Future ASPS/ComBio meetings (**BK/MB**)
5. Report President (**BK**)
6. Report Finances (**MW**)
7. Report Communications (**SB**/JW/CB/GK/FS/LC)
8. Report Global Plant Council (**PR**)
9. Science Meets Parliament (**BK**)
10. Functional Plant Biology Editor (**SS**)
11. Report Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (**SR**)
12. ELECTION OF OFFICERS Nominations to fill ASPS positions (**BK/MB**)
13. SPECIAL MEMBERSHIPS Nominations required for Members (Life/Corresponding) (**BK**)
14. ASPS Executive Composition (**BK**)
15. Terms of Reference for Discipline Representatives (**BK**)
16. Terms and Conditions for Partnership with other Societies (**BK**)
17. Any other business

ASPS Minutes and Actions

No.	Item	Comments	Actions	Timeframe
1.	**Welcome and Apologies (BK)**	Declare Meeting Open: Acknowledgement of Country		
2.	**Accept minutes from 2024 (MB)**	Any issues arising from the 2024 AGM minutes.		
3.	**ASPS 2025 Awards (BK)**	**Awards given this year**: - Goldacre Award: Dr. Stephanie Watts-Fawkes - Jan Anderson Award: no award made - ASPS Education and Outreach Award: no award made - RN Robertson Lecture: Professor Michelle Watt - Functional Plant Biology Best Paper Award - Dr. Yin Liu - Annals of Botany Lectureship: Dr Lena Mueller - RN Robertson travel award: Mr. Callum Hayes - Student Travel Awards: 43 awarded		
4.	**Future ASPS/ComBio meetings (BK/MB)**	Future ASPS meetings. o 2026: ComBio Sydney* o 2027: ASPS combined local face-to-face and hybrid meeting o 2028: ComBio Melbourne* o 2029: ASPS face-to-face *ComBio o biannual, alternating between Melbourne and Sydney		

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5.	**REPORT** **President (BK)**	President's report		
6.	**REPORT** **Finances (MW)**	Honorary Treasurer's Report		
7.	**REPORT** **Website & Communications** **(SB/**JW/CB/GK/FS/LC**)**	Communications Report		
8.	**REPORT** **Global Plant Council (PR)**	Peter Ryan to present about GPC activities.		
9.	**Science meets Parliament (BK)**	Science Meets Parliament 2025, ASPS was represented by: Dr. Nipuni Peththa Thanthrige and Dr. Ashley Jones Report of SMP within the April Phytogen Edition		
10.	**Functional Plant Biology Editor (SS)**	Comments from Sergey Shabala		
11.	**REPORT** **Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (SR)**	DEI Report, from Sunita Ramesh		
12.	**ELECTION OF OFFICERS** **Nominations to fill ASPS positions (BK/MB)**	For election (incumbents elected 2022, 2024 for student): For election: • Treasurer – Mark Warters (UWA) • Genetics and Molecular Biology – Dr Nipuni Thanthrige (Qld) • Plant Development – open • Environmental Ecophysiology – Dr Kristine Y. Crous (NSW)		

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		• Plant Climate Interactions – Dr Georgia Koerber (SA) • Plant Physiology - Dr Dugald Reid (Vic) • Student representatives – Mr Lucas Auroux (VIC), Ms Chamilka Ratnayake (QLD), Mr Juel Datta (QLD), Mr Alistair Hockey (WA), Ms Katie Schleyer (SA), Ms Alexandra Cunningham (SA) (1 year term) Remaining: • Discipline Reps (elected 2024): • Cell Biology – Dr Lim Chee Liew (VIC) • Plant-Microbe Interactions - Dr Ronan Broad (VIC) • Plnt Science Education – Dr Robert Sharwood (ACT) • Diversity and Inclusion Representative - Dr Sunita Ramesh (SA) • 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, 2023 • President Elect: Brent Kaiser (USyd) • Honorary Treasurer: Mark Waters (UWA) • WSC chair – Scott Boden (UAdel) • Website Administrator: Janet Wheeler		

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13.	**SPECIAL MEMBERSHIPS Nominations required for Members (Life/Corresponding) (BK)**	Require nominations for: - Suggestions for Life members 2025: Martha Ludwig (UWA), Peter Ryan (CSIRO, Canberra), Anna Koltunow (UQ), Andrew Smith (UA) - Suggestions for Corresponding members 2025: Mark Tester (King Abdullah University of Science and Technology), Ueli Grossniklaus (University of Zurich)		
14.	**ASPS Executive Composition (BK)**	Proposal to elect a Communications Officer to the Executive Committee		
15.	**Terms of Reference for Discipline Representatives (BK)**	See attached document		
16.	**Terms and Conditions for Partnership with other Societies (BK)**	See attached document		
17.	**Any other Business**			