

JOHNSON SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA INC.
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – SATURDAY 13 OCTOBER 2012
held at The English Speaking Union, 146 West Toorak Road, South Yarra
MINUTES

The meeting was opened at 6:00 pm by the President

1. Apologies were received from Donna Williams, Darren Lewis and Paul and Tanya Tankard.

2. Attendance: the meeting was attended by 21 members

3. Minutes of the 2011 Annual General Meeting as circulated were confirmed..

4. President's Report

Barrie Sheppard outlined the year's events, including an NGV visit presenting the Joseph Highmore portraits, a record attendance of 46 at the Annual Seminar, the Fleeman Lecture presented by Dr Simon Bower concerning Tourette's Syndrome (to a small but enthusiastic audience), and a highly successful Christmas Party attended by 18 people.

There were three newsletters during the year and Papers Vol 13 was published and delivered to paid-up members.

The question of membership numbers and tardy renewals continued to be of concern. After lengthy discussion, it was *moved Merite Smith, seconded John Wiltshire, that a new category of Household Membership covering more than one person living at the same address will be introduced in the next financial year with a subscription of \$75 (Concession \$65). Carried*

The President then closed by thanking Bryan Reid (Newsletter Editor), Barbara Niven (Secretary) and Paul Tankard (Papers Editor) for their efforts during the year.

Moved Barbara Niven, seconded Geoff Brand, that the President's report be received. Carried. The meeting expressed appreciation of the President's work over the past three years.

5. Treasurer's Report:

The annual financial statement as presented to the Meeting was found to have an error. *Moved John Byrne seconded Neville Turner that after the Treasurer has made the necessary adjustments the revised statement will be sent to members. Carried..*

6. The Annual Statement by the Public Officer (Barbara Niven) was tabled as required under Section 30 (3B) (b) of the Act.

7. Annual Elections

Nominations for Committee positions were received as follows:

President: John Byrne

Vice-President: Geoff Brand

Treasurer : Barrie Sheppard

Secretary: Barbara Niven

Committee Members (2) Bronwen Hickman, Bryan Reid

There being no other nominations, these candidates were declared elected.

Denis Le Neuf and Paul Tankard were re-appointed as co-opted members of the Committee.

8. Notices. The Chairman drew attention to the date and time of the Christmas Party. Publication of Papers Volume 14 has been delayed for reasons beyond the control of the Editor and the typesetter but it is hoped to be available for distribution early in the new year.

9. There being no further business, the meeting closed at 6.20 pm.