

# AUScA Meeting

3 December 2015

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# 1 Welcome

The meeting was held in the Clubs Meeting Room, Lady Symon building, on December 3, 2015.

## 1.1 Attendance

Karl, Sophia, Taylor, Emi, Brittany, Ben, Jason, Arwah

## 1.2 Apologies

# 2 Lecturer awards

The lecturer voting has now completed, and we have the winners:

- Overall winner: John Conram – Karl to deliver
- Geology: Karen Barovich – Ben to deliver
- Chemistry: Greg Metha – Sophia to deliver
- Molecular biology: Paul Thomas – Brittany to deliver
- Physics: Derek Leinweber – Jason to deliver

The people listed above will deliver the awards by hand. They will explain to the lecturers who AUScA are, and the voting process. Jason has a template and Brittany has the paper, and the two will print the certificates within the next few days.

For reference for those giving out awards: 500 members in our club.

The possibility of a prize to go alongside the certificate was also discussed. The two main possibilities were chocolates or wine. A majority vote ruled in favour of chocolates, and Ben set the budget at \$100 for all five prizes. Brittany will purchase these prizes from Haighs.

# 3 Review of Annual dinner

From a financial perspective, the Annual Dinner was a success.

- -\$83 decorations
- -\$1850 dinner
- +\$700 grant
- +\$1313 tickets
- Overall: +\$80 approx.

Feedback from the night included: inclusion of alcohol in the ticket price may be better; a different date may encourage greater attendance.

## 4 Celebratory ball for 125 years of AUScA

In 2016 the AUScA will enter its 125th year. In light of this, the club proposes an event be held in celebration. The proposed event is a ball or gala. All current and previous members of AUScA will be invited.

In terms of logistics, this is a very large event to organise. In order to invite previous members we will need to try to track down records, contact those who were members, and encourage them to attend. Our promotion will have to be very strong, and we will need to start promoting very early.

It was suggested that we could have one or two keynote speakers. Paul Davis and Chris Smith were both mentioned as possibilities, but any alternative ideas are welcomed at the next meeting.

Promotion of the event will need to begin in O'Week, and we need to book the venue fairly immediately. We will need around 100 to 200 attendees. One suggested venue is the Crown, and the event would be held in the middle of the year, so as to give us time to organise and promote it. Karl will contact the venue and find out package prices. We would aim for ticket costs to be under \$100, with a discount for members. This ticket cost would include a three-course meal and a drinks package.

Ben suggested that the event budget could be around \$3000, and it is possible that the AUU and the Faculty of Scientists may give us some money or help with promotion. Brittany will look into this. It was also suggested that we print a new banner advertising the event and/or the fact that the club is in its 125th year.

In order to encourage alumni attendance, we will need to contact them ASAP. Brittany will pursue this.

Event dates discussed included the weekend after week 12 of term one (4th June) or possibly at the end of the holidays. Any time in between will be harder to encourage attendance because of the exam period.

In order to consolidate details on this event, we will have another meeting at the beginning of January.

Side note: Make the 125 year anniversary part of the pub crawl design, or make patches or badges for lab coats?

## 5 Roles in committee

It was suggested that we include an additional executive role within the committee: communications officer. The role of this person include updating the facebook page and website, as well as sending out all promotional emails. They could also choose whether to do a regular newsletter as well. It should be noted that with all of these responsibilities, there would be no expectation for the communications officer to participate in any activities to any major degree throughout the year.

The committee also discussed whether we also need a promotional officer, but it was decided that this was not necessary as the tasks can be assigned to

the communications officer.

In order to make this role an official part of the executive committee we will need to update the constitution, and as such will need to hold an SGM.

Another aspect of committee structure was the possibility for sub-committees for all future events. This would streamline the organising process, and the president could be the head of each sub-committee.

The final major topic for discussion was the possibility of online election for committee roles in 2016. It is likely that more votes will be attained if the voting is possible without AGM attendance (which is usually quite low). Nominations would be called for (four weeks out from AGM) and then voting (two weeks out from AGM).

Potential pitfalls:

- People cannot nominate for more than one executive role
- Teams of nominees cannot form
- Would need an SGM before AGM to amend constitution

An alternative to this would be to distribute nominee information before the AGM, and then have voting at the AGM. Another alternative again would be to have only the executive positions voted for online, with general committee members elected at the AGM. Executive positions:

- President
- Vice president
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Communications officer

The committee is currently undecided as to whether we will have online voting or voting in person at the AGM. This idea will be discussed at the next meeting in early January.