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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 5 May 2020
6.00 pm Via Zoom Video Conference

DRAFT MINUTES

Present: **Committee:** President Ian Coltman (A'77), Co-Vice Presidents Annabel Bainger (Southey, Cl'02) and Simon Kemp (Cu'70), Treasurer Will Richardson (M'02), Honorary Secretary Katie Rafferty (Spry, Ga'84), Andrew Burgess (FB'81), Susie Donald (The Hermitage '75), Tristan Dwyer (Fr'01), Bill Ferguson (P'72) and Margie Gillett (Cordner, Clyde '71)
Ex Officio: Rebecca Cody, Principal, Brendan McAloon, Director of Community Relations
Attendees: Paul Byrne (Camp, Fr'01), Frank Covill (OGG Fellow), Jane Darling (A'95), Rob de Fégely (FB'74), Charles Henry (FB'67), Graham Lee (FB'74), Sophia Marsden-Smith (McQuillan, Fr'09) and James Robinson (FB'77)

18 Members of the Old Geelong Grammarians Association were in attendance.

Apologies: **Committee:** Elly Grace (Siperki, Cl'94), Rob Perry (A'83), Sandy Mackenzie (FB'59)
Ex-Officio:
Old Geelong Grammarians: Pam Bennett (Honorary OGG), Geoffrey Hammond (FB'67), Lachie Stevens (M'96), Christine Walker (Honorary OGG) and Brad Walter (A'91, Honorary and Life OGG)

2. Confirmation of the minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting.

The minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting were accepted and adopted.

Moved: Ian Coltman; Seconded: Annabel Bainger; **Carried**

3. Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting May 7 2019.

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the 2019 AGM.

4. The Roll of Honour was read aloud and is attached to these minutes.

5. Principal's Update.

The Principal presented an update on the School and spoke about leading through this unprecedented period. Some of the things she spoke of included how the Executive and Leadership Team have worked intensely with the demands; to create and evolve an entirely new model of learning and teaching across 4 campuses, of managing stressors related to change, of financial modelling across significant and varied contingencies reviewing the business model and assumptions especially in relation to overseas students and of keeping abreast of rapidly moving Government requirements.

Ms Cody also spoke about what was revealing, disappointing and rewarding during this period. She said it was revealing in terms of opportunities for the School, specifically including International sharing and resourcing in the best interests of effective learning and teaching, acceleration of

change management, inclusive of shape of the day, staff structures and resourcing and identification of staff who act as stabilisers, adaptors and innovators.

It was disappointing in terms of such things including contradictory leadership between Federal and State Governments, poor parental behaviour reflective of transactional mindsets and erratic and unreasonable behaviours in response to change. However it was rewarding in terms of and including the teachers' rapid pivot to revolutionise their practice, operational colleagues being willing and able to be redeployed in the best interests of the School, reaffirmation that a liberal/holistic education is far more than content delivery and the ownership of time and independent scholarly practice for senior students.

6. The President's Report

The President's Report was given by Ian Coltman and accepted. It is attached as an appendix to these minutes.

A copy of the President's Report will be available in the September 2020 Annual Report and on the website.

7. The Financial Report for the year ended 31 December 2019 was received and accepted.

Moved: Ian Coltman; Seconded: Will Richardson; **Carried**

8. Ian Coltman stated that as the Auditors for the 2019 financial year, PricewaterhouseCoopers have resigned and the School have appointed Grant Thornton in their place, it makes good sense that as the OGGA work so closely with the School, that the OGG Association also appoint Grant Thornton as Auditors for the 2020 financial year.

Motion that the Auditors Grant Thornton be appointed for the 2020 financial year.

Moved: Ian Coltman; Seconded: Will Richardson; **Carried**

9. Special Resolution – Changes to the Rules of Incorporation

Rule 10

It is proposed that the heading "Imprisonment" in Rule 10 be amended to "Conviction and Imprisonment".

Rule 10(1A)

It is proposed that a new Rule 10(1A) be inserted after Rule 10(1) as follows:

A Member, Honorary Life Member or Fellow under Rule 6, will be deemed to be automatically expelled from membership of the Association upon conviction in Australia for a sexual offence against a person under the age of 18 years, or for conviction outside Australia for conduct which if engaged in in Australia, would constitute such an offence.

Motion that the proposed changes to the Old Geelong Grammarians Incorporated - Rules of Incorporation that have been notified to members, posted on the School's website and which were tabled at the AGM, be adopted.

Moved: Ian Coltman; Seconded: Bill Ferguson; **Carried**

10. Election of Committee Members

Nominations have been received for current committee members whose two year terms have come up and they wish to nominate for re-election: Annabel Bainger (Southey, Cl'02), Andrew Burgess (FB'81), Ian Coltman (A'77), Bill Ferguson (P'72), Simon Kemp (Cu'70) and Sandy Mackenzie (FB'59).

There were two further nominations received, for Sophia Marsden-Smith (McQuillan, Fr'09) and James Robinson (FB'77) filling two vacant places that currently exist.

As there were no further nominations received, all of those named above were deemed to be elected or re-elected to the Old Geelong Grammarians Inc. Committee.

11. The President formally acknowledged Frank Zhao (M'19) the recipient of the OGG Prize for Dux of the School in 2019. Frank has accepted a place at Stamford University in the USA to study Advanced Mathematics and Computer Science.

12. Honorary OGG awards were presented to staff members Pam Bennett (Administrator in the Human Resources Department at Corio), Jane Marney (Teaching staff at the Bostock Campus), Paul Seller (Resident Tutor of Cuthbertson House and Director of IT at Corio), Christine Walker (Alliance Catering Staff, notably Head of the Salad Bar at Corio) and Brad Walter (Information Services and Support along with IT Projects at Corio). The recipients will be presented with their OGG ring or tie in person at a later date.

13. General Business.

Tristan Dwyer suggested formally recognising the honorary OGGs in person at a later date as the COVID situation allowed. He also suggested linking Frank Zhao with Jess Simson, another OGG who is currently studying at Stamford University.

James Robinson asked Rebecca whether the model that Trinity College is using, where student residents are in total lockdown remaining in a bubble, could be used at Corio and Timbertop. Rebecca responded that it is ultimately the Chief Medical Officer's decision as to how the school may operate. The School need an exemption from CMO to bring students to Timbertop and break the 2m social distancing rule requirements. The boundaries of Timbertop are quite porous in that there are staff, their families and others who come and go from the campus.

Also National guidelines say boarding Schools can only take back 25% of boarders leaving a decision as to which boarders should return.

At Corio, we have a model where we may be able to offer a single bedroom for year 11 and 12 students. While single bathrooms are not possible, intensive cleaning between showers etc. might meet requirements. It is a very complex situation currently being investigated.

Margie Gillett congratulated Rebecca Cody on her foresight and on strong guidance and thanked her very much on behalf of all OGGs.

The Meeting was declared closed at 7.00 pm.