

CANBERRA ORGANIC GROWERS SOCIETY INC.

Special Committee Meeting - 1 September 2020

Minutes

A special meeting of the Committee of the Canberra Organic Growers Society Inc. was held on Tuesday, 1 September 2020, commencing at 7.30 pm. The usual meeting format was suspended because of the COVID-19 pandemic and members of the Committee met via the video-conferencing platform, Zoom.

The purpose of the meeting was to consider the Committee vacancies arising as a consequence of the 2020 Annual General Meeting.

Attendance

Michele Barson, Minh Chu, Aylwen Garden-Gardiner, Patricia Georgee, Andy Hrast, Karen James, Narelle McLean, Jo McMillan, Teresa Rose, Rebecca Travers, Terry Williams.

Apology

Cathy Morrison was unable to join the meeting because of technical difficulties.

In attendance

The outgoing Secretary, Julie Gorrell, provided support for the meeting.

1. Chair of meeting

It was agreed that Andy Hrast would chair the meeting.

2. Confirmation of vacancies for COGS Committee office bearers.

The Committee noted that there were a number of vacancies as an outcome of the AGM. In accordance with S12(4) of the COGS Constitution, the Committee unanimously confirmed that the following COGS members be appointed to fill these vacancies.

President - Andy Hrast

Vice-President - Michele Barson

Secretary - Minh Chu

Information Officer - Cathy Morrison

Noting that Andy Hrast has been elected as Treasurer at the AGM, it was further confirmed that he resigned this post effectively immediately. Patricia Georgee was thus elected unanimously to this position.

The Committee confirmed that Andy Hrast would act as the Society's Public Officer.

3. Annual returns to the ACT Government

In accordance with the provisions of the ACT Associations Incorporation Act (1991), the Society is obligated to submit the following annual reports -

Annual Return (includes financial details)

Change of Public Officer Particulars

Change of Committee Particulars (lists all new and departing Committee members).

The outgoing Secretary will ensure their completion and submission.

4. Next committee meeting

The incoming Committee will meet in accordance with the 2020 meeting schedule on Tuesday, 8 September. The location of the meeting will be confirmed.

5. Garden AGMs

The incoming President encouraged all members to attend as many garden AGMs as possible. A roster will be developed and circulated by Jo McMillan. The purpose of attending these meetings is to familiarise Committee members with our gardens and to provide COGS members with an opportunity to meet COGS Committee members.

Meeting closed at 8.10 pm