



## Australian Death Studies Society

### Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022, 11:00am AEDT

Via zoom - registration required:

<https://uqz.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYrd-itpzMvHdN3-gtADIPA6qrhFCojW2Y4>

**Present:** Hannah Gould, Kate Falconer, Sharon Greenfield, Katy McHugh, Rebecca Lush, Racheal Harris, Bjørn Nansen

#### 1. Confirmation of Minutes of 2020/21 AGM

The minutes of the 2020/21 AGM were confirmed as accurate.

#### 2. Annual Report on the Activities of the Society

Hannah Gould (President) spoke to the key points coming out of the Society's Annual Report. In the past year, key activities for the Society include the hosting of our inaugural Annual Lecture, given by Professor Thomas Laqueur of UC Berkeley, and the inaugural *Redesigning Deathcare Conference*, organised in conjunction with the DeathTech Research Team at the University of Melbourne.

Also in the past year the Society expanded our membership to include 'Associate Members'. As a result, we have seen a strong increase in membership numbers. The Society currently has 57 members, comprising of 49 'standard' members and 8 associate members.

There were no questions or comments.

#### 3. ADSS Financial Statements for 2021-22

Kate Falconer (Secretary) spoke to the Society's Financial Statement and overall financial position. The ADSS has no assets or outstanding debts. The Society currently manages two bank accounts - a general account (used for the deposit of membership fees, payment of writing prizes, etc.), and an account specifically for the Redesigning Deathcare Conference. Following the Conference, the latter account has a surplus of \$25,710.82 (as of 30/11/22).

There was discussion as to how best to utilise this surplus. It was agreed that the ADSS Committee will produce a formal plan to deal with the surplus at its first Committee Meeting in 2023.

#### 4. Election of Committee Members

In accordance with s 49 of the ADSS Constitution, Hannah Gould (Meeting Chair) declared all positions on the Committee vacant. Nominations were called for each of

the Committee positions (being President, Secretary, Treasurer, HDR/ECA Representative, and General Committee Member).

Following the receipt of nominations, the ADSS Committee was reconstituted with the following members:

President: Hannah Gould

Secretary: Kate Falconer

Treasurer: Bjørn Nansen

HDR/ECA Representative: Katy McHugh

General Committee Members: Racheal Harris, Romain Fathi, Rebecca Lush, and Sharon Greenfield

A very big thank you to the outgoing ADSS Committee members!

## **5. Membership Fees**

The ADSS annual membership fees (currently set at \$50/year waged, \$20/year unwaged, and \$50/year for associate members) were confirmed.

There was discussion as to the use of the terminology 'waged' and 'unwaged'. It was agreed that the term 'unwaged' would be replaced with 'low waged/unwaged/precariously employed' on the ADSS website.

## **6. Other Business**

Hannah Gould raised the possibility of producing ADSS merchandise. It was agreed that the Committee will explore the idea in 2023.

**There being no other business, the AGM closed at 11:40am AEDT.**