

# **Australasian Speech Science and Technology Association**

## **Minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting**

Coogee Bay Hotel, Sydney, Thursday 6th December 2018 at 5:10pm

Apologies – Phil Rose, Trent Lewis

### 1. Attendance:

Members: Mark Antoniou, Titia Benders, Catherine Best, Rosey Billington, Laurence Bruggeman, Sasha Calhoun, Felicity Cox, Anne Cutler, Katherine Demuth, Chloé Diskin, Julien Epps, Dominique Estival, Janet Fletcher, Casey Ford, Helen Fraser, Adele Gregory, Shunichi Ishihara, Yuko Kinoshita, Debbie Loakes, Hywel Stokes, Marija Tabain, Kimiko Tsukada, Michael Tyler, Catherine Watson

Non-members: Frantz Clermont, Grazyna Demenko, Christa Lam-Cassettari

2. Minutes from 2017 AGM – accepted by Sasha Calhoun, seconded by Anne Cutler.

3. President's report – Catherine Watson – accepted by Anne Cutler, seconded by Hywel Stokes.

In addition, Catherine Watson expressed her thanks to the SST2018 Organising Committee on behalf of ASSTA who recognises that intellectual meetings are the lifeblood of our professional community and appreciates the voluntary contribution that organisers make over and above their regular academic roles. As Catherine is stepping down from the role of president, she expressed her gratitude to the previous ASSTA executive members who have ensured ASSTA's viability and success for the past 30 years, and thanked her fellow executive members for their hard work.

4. Treasurer's report – Michael Tyler – accepted by Marija Tabain, seconded by Felicity Cox

Discussed the assessment that, on current projections, funds would continue to be available to support ASSTA initiatives until 2028. Members discussed seeking further corporate support for ASSTA initiatives.

5. Forensic Speech Science Committee Report – Helen Fraser

6. Website – Catherine Watson

Improvements to the website are underway.

7. International Congress of the Phonetic Sciences – Marija Tabain

The Organising Committee are keeping a tight eye on the budget and take the responsibility for ensuring a cost-effective congress very seriously. The committee is grateful to the universities who have supported the congress and Marija called for additional university sponsors. She also called for members with corporate associations to make contact with the committee. ICPHS

organising committee comprises Marija Tabain as chair, Rosey Billington as the new social media manager, Paul Warren, Sasha Calhoun and Paola Escudero as the scientific committee, Felicity Cox as ASSTA liaison, Gerry Docherty as IPA liaison and Shunichi Ishihara as treasurer. The committee are pleased to announce that over 1000 abstracts have been submitted and they are committed to accepting only high-quality papers.

8. SST2018 report – Julien Epps

55 papers were published including 11 abstracts. Most papers received three reviews. There were 96 registrations. The conference received funding from the Office of the Chief Scientist of NSW. SST2018 received positive feedback on the quality of the review process, the venue, the single stream for sessions, and the presenter Mal Webb. Improvements could be made regarding publicity (particularly concerning was the non-participation of ISCA), communications, the short early-bird registration period, the requirement that each paper must have a full registration, promoting the conference to speech technology groups. A suggestion was made to co-locate the conference with other associated conferences.

9. Motion put to the AGM by Dr Helen Fraser

"That ASSTA endorse the Call to Action sent by ALS and ALAA to the Australian judiciary seeking review and reform of the handling of indistinct covert recordings used as evidence in criminal trials."

The motion received unanimous support.

10. Election of officers for 2019

Catherine Watson has retired from the position of President and will not continue in a role on the executive.

A notice calling for nominations went out on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2018. There was only one nomination for each position on the executive.

Felicity Cox	– President
Debbie Loakes	– Secretary
Michael Tyler	– Treasurer
Trent Lewis	– Executive member
Janet Fletcher	– Executive member
	– welcome to Debbie Loakes

11. Any other business

– Denis Burnham has been awarded Life membership of ASSTA for his service to the Association as president for 15 years and previous service on the executive committee.

– Felicity Cox thanked Catherine Watson for her service to ASSTA over the past 12 years

– Next SST TBD

Felicity Cox  
ASSTA Secretary