

Australasian Association of Bioethics and Health Law
Annual General Meeting 2024
5pm - 6pm (AEDT)
Tuesday, 3 December 2024
Agenda

Venue: University of Sydney, Room 1130

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1	Welcome & Acknowledgment of Country <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Apologies	Wendy Lipworth (President)
2	Minutes of the AGM 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Annexure 1	Wendy Lipworth (President)
3.	President's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stream Updates	Wendy Lipworth (President)
4.	Treasurer's Report (inc. Membership report)	Rebekah McWhirter
5.	Recipients awarded bursaries and grants	Rebekah McWhirter
6.	2024 Conference Update	Cameron Stewart, Roger Magnusson, Ainsley Newson, Tamra Lysaght
7.	2025 Conference Update	Wendy Lipworth
8.	JBH Update	Professor Michael Ashby
9.	Election for AABHL Committee	Wendy Lipworth (President)

	1. Dr Bek McWhirter - Treasurer 2. Dr Simon Walker – General Committee 3. Dr Lisa Eckstein – General Committee	
10.	Any other business	Wendy Lipworth (President)

AABHL AGM Minutes

4 December 2024

In-Person Attendance: Malcolm Parker, Jackie Leach Scully, Andrew Crowden, Mel Drinkwater, Ben Gray, Matthew Dunn, Andrew Pope, Ainsley Newson, Xintong Huang, Megan Pictor, Bernadette Richards, Tamra Lysaght, Lisa Eckstein, Elizabeth Fenton, Mike King, Monique Jonas, Naryz Ghuea, Nina Roxburgh, Kavisha Shah, Molly Johnson, Sara Attinger, Cameron Stewart, Paul Komesaroff, Neil Pickering, Lynley Anderson, Wendy Lipworth, Rebekah McWhirter, Michaela Okninski.

Virtual Attendance: Helen Irving, David Mawufemor.

1. President's Welcome

- I. Wendy Lipworth, President of AABHL opened the AGM at 5:05pm after confirming that a quorum for the meeting had been met (Item 7.8 of the AABHL revised Constitution 2019 sets a quorum of 10 members).
- II. Wendy acknowledged the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet.
- III. Apologies were noted.

2. Minutes of 2024 AGM

- I. Wendy moved to endorse the Draft Minutes of 2023 AGM. The draft minutes were endorsed and ratified without change.

3. President's Report

- I. Wendy introduced several policies the AABHL Committee had been working on noting that we were in the process of drafting a funding policy for stream's so that the AABHL can provide support for Stream-led events. It was also noted that we were in the process of drafting a term of reference for the Streams which was being led by Andrew Crowden and Elizabeth Fenton.
- II. Wendy thanks the AABHL Streams for their dedication and hard work over the past year and presented a summary of the stream activities to the membership. A report of the Stream Summaries was tabled.
- III. It was noted that the AABHL were in the process of devising a digital strategy and social media presence. This project was being led by Marco Rizzi and Nina Roxburgh, who were thanked for their hard work on this project to improve our digital presence
- IV. JBI Structure: it was noted that there has been a change in structure of the JBI with the journal moving to a not-for-profit structure, which was deemed a better structure due to the risk the previous structure posed to Director's of the JBI.

4. Treasurer's Report

- I. Bek tabled and presented the Treasurer's report and noted our current membership. It was noted that the AABHL was in a good financial position, better than the previous year.
- II. In relation to conference expenses, Bek explained that 6 bursaries were awarded, and it was noted that AABHL support of bursaries should be continued as a priority expenditure. It was also noted that this year there were 3 recipients for the student essay prizes. Bek also explained that we are coming up with policies which aim to guide spending moving forward into 2025 and beyond.

5. Bursary recipients and Prizes

- I. Bursary and prize recipients were acknowledged under Item 4 – Treasurer’s Report.

6. Conference Update

- I. Cameron Stewart provided an update on the conference noting that it was going great, and he thanked Conference Design (CD) and the AABHL Stream leads for their hard work. Cam noted that there were no figures concerning finances yet, however, the organisers – CD – were positive that the conference would turn a profit.

7. 2025 Conference

- I. It was noted that AABHL’s 2025 Conference will be held in Christchurch, NZ.

8. JBI Update

- I. Professor Paul Komaseroff – strategic review of the JBI.
- II. Paul introduced the changes occurring due to the strategic review of the JBI. It was explained that the legal status of the JBI has changed and the contract with Springer has been renegotiated, noting that there were some issues with Springer in this regard. The benefits of changing the status were highlighted such as applying for grants and seeking funds and the impetus behind change such as lower costs and tax savings.
- II. An overview of metrics was presented, and it was noted that the JBI is going well with about 500, 000 downloads this year. It was added that there were challenges and opportunities moving forward, with particular focus on how the JBI’s profile and impact can be increased. One issue addressed were the logistics of managing papers submitted to the journal. A number of proposals were put forward to address these issues moving forward.
- III. There were some comments from delegates concerning bibliometrics. It was raised that how to badge the JBI was an important consideration, and it was advised that it would be beneficial to try to get it published under an area that is Q1. Metrics is the currency of universities and proper consideration must be given to this issue. It was commented that the JBI is open access, which is great for readership.

9. Elections for Committee

- I. The following candidates were appointed to the AABHL Committee:

Candidate	Position	Endorsed by	Moved and seconded
Rebekah McWhirter (Interim Treasurer)	Treasurer of AABHL	Wendy Lipworth Michaela Okninski	Tamra Lysaght Neil Pickering

Simon Walker	Re-Election to General Committee	Wendy Lipworth Michaela Okninski	Marco Rizzi Ainsley Newson
Lisa Eckstein	Election to General Committee	Rebekah McWhirter Wendy Lipworth	Rebekah McWhirter Neil Pickering

10. Any other Business

- I. No AOB.

11. Close

- I. Wendy thanked delegates for attending the AGM and closed the meeting at 5:40pm.