

# Slovenian Australian Chamber of Commerce

## Annual General Meeting 2017

**Held:** 6:30pm, Wednesday 22 March 2017

**Location:** Level 1, 4 Railway Parade, Burwood, NSW, Australia 2134

## MINUTES

1. **Opening of Annual General Meeting**
  - a. **Meeting opened at 6:45pm**
2. **Attendees and Apologies**
  - a. **Present** – HC Adrian Vatovoec, HC Nevenka Golc Clarke, HVC Mark Stariha, Lara Cernetic, Mateya Slobodnik
  - b. **Apologies** – HC Anthony Tomazin, Jana Grilc (Embassy), Robert Walters, Adam Miller (Harvey Norman), Alfred Breznik (Emona),
3. **Minutes**
  - a. **Motion** – That the minutes of the last general meeting of the Slovenian Australian Chamber of Commerce held on 1 March 2016 be confirmed as a true record of the proceedings at that meeting.
    - i. **PASSED**
4. **Annual Report – Presentation**
  - a. **Motion** – That the Annual Report be accepted
    - i. **PASSED, with agreement to pay NSW Fair Trading Annual Return Fee estimated fee as \$86.**
5. **Treasurers Report – Presentation**
  - a. **Motion** – That the Treasurers Report be accepted
    - i. **PASSED**
6. **Election of the Committee**
  - a. Note:
    - i. the Committee is to consist of the office-bearers of the association, the Honorary Consuls of Slovenia in Australia, and ordinary committee members.

- ii. the total number of Committee members is to be a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 8. All financial members can nominate to be on the Committee. There are currently 4 Honorary Consuls, meaning 4 additional members may be voted onto the Committee
- iii. Nominations of candidates for election as office-bearers of the association or as ordinary Committee members can be made at the annual general meeting or delivered to the secretary of the association before commencement of the annual general meeting at which the election is to take place.
- b. **Motion** – That written and oral nominations be received at this meeting for election to the Committee
  - i. Note that all Honorary Consuls are automatically on the committee
  - ii. **Mateya Slobodnik and Robert Walters were both nominated to the Committee. Both accepted**
- c. **Motion** – That the members of the Committee be elected
  - i. **The members of the Committee were confirmed as**
    1. HC Anthony Tomazin
    2. HC Adrian Vatovec
    3. HC Nevenka Golc-Clarke
    4. HVC Mark Stariha
    5. Robert Walters
    6. Mateya Slobodnik

## 7. Election of Office Bearers

- a. Note:
  - i. The office-bearers of the association are as follows: a. the president (chairperson), b. the treasurer, c. the secretary
  - ii. No person shall hold more than two positions on the Committee at any one time.
- b. **Motion** – That the Office Bearers be elected
  - i. **Office Bearers were appointed as follows**
    1. **Chairman – Anthony Tomazin**
    2. **Treasurer – Mark Stariha**
    3. **Secretary – Robert Walters**
    4. **\*Although there is no actual Assistant Secretary position in the constitution, the members agreed that Mateya Slobodnik be given the role of Assistant Secretary to assist Robert Walters**

## 8. Appointment of Auditor

- a. **Motion** – that an Auditor be appointed
  - i. **DEFEATED**

**9. Membership Fees**

- a. **Motion** – that the membership fees and categories be amended to remove 1 year membership and to increase membership fees for 3 Year membership to \$60 and 10 year membership to \$180.
  - i. **PASSED**

**10. Notice/s of Motion**

- a. **NONE**

**11. Urgent General Business**

- a. **Motion** – that urgent general business be discussed.
  - i. **Lara presented information on the**
    - 1. co-organisation of the SAAA Conference called [Australian and Slovenian current and future research opportunities, 22 May 2017, Melbourne](#), and asked SACC to assist in promoting this event. The Committee agreed.
    - 2. possible participation at Small Business Festival Victoria, together with countries from Central European Business Forum in August (date TBC), Melbourne. The Committee agreed this was of merit and would support where possible
  - ii. **Adrian Vatovec**
    - 1. Advised that he had paid the \$330 annual membership for the SACC to the Council for International Trade & Commerce, and did not wish to be reimbursed for the membership fee. The Committee thanked Adrian for his generosity and his continuing work in promoting the chamber.

**12. Closure of the Annual General Meeting**

- a. **METTING CLOSED 7:23pm**