



## Minutes

### *AAIR Annual General Meeting*

**Tuesday 19 November 2024  
Intercontinental Adelaide, SA Australia**

11:25–11:55am ACDT

A total of 43 AAIR members and 6 non-AAIR members were present.

#### **AAIR members present**

<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
Jagadishwar	Bandi	Australian Catholic University
Uzzal	Roy	Australian Catholic University
John	Voss	Central Queensland University
Ilse	Hogendorf	Charles Darwin University
Zaunayat	Khan	Charles Darwin University
Patrick	Edsall	Charles Sturt University
Frances	Asha	Deakin University
Lyndal	Vick	Deakin University
David	Collings	Edith Cowan University
Dean	Ward	Edith Cowan University
Karin	Conradie	Edith Cowan University
Peter	Hayes	Edith Cowan University
Corey	Wallis	Flinders University
Julie	Herraman	Flinders University
Katrina	Pruntel	Murdoch University
Erin	Crandon	Southern Cross University
Lisa	Bolton	The Social Research Centre
Alisa	Cameron	The University of Adelaide
Cadence	Hart	The University of Adelaide
Simon	Potts	The University of Adelaide

First Name	Last Name	Organisation
Anshu	Mala	The University of Melbourne
Gabrielle	Harrison	The University of Melbourne
Clare	Andreallo	The University of Notre Dame Australia
Lizzie	Li	The University of Queensland
Rintaro	Ohno	Tohoku University
Asta	Tan	University of South Australia
Ben	Kernich	University of South Australia
Brianna	Burner	University of South Australia
Geetika	Thakran	University of South Australia
Jillian	Lechner	University of South Australia
Michael	Crisp	University of South Australia
Roger	Lanti	University of South Australia
Thong	Phan	University of South Australia
Brent	Lanham	University of Tasmania
Cassandra	Saunders	University of Tasmania
Ben	Iu	University of Technology Sydney
Elizabeth	Kim	University of Technology Sydney
Sharon	Liddell	University of Technology Sydney
Omer	Yezdani	University of the Sunshine Coast
Deepthi	Gopinath	Victoria University

### AAIR members present who didn't sign attendance sheet

First Name	Last Name	Organisation
Ewa	Seidel	Flinders University
Stuart	Terry	Otago Polytechnic
Don	Johnston	Southern Cross University

### Non-AAIR members present

First Name	Last Name	Organisation
Joanna	Allwood	Deakin University
Julia	Petrou	La Trobe University
David	Coman	RMIT University

First Name	Last Name	Organisation
Kate	Bramich	University of Tasmania
Renée	Lu	UNSW Sydney
Muhammad	Attique	Victoria University

**Chair:** *Stuart Terry, AAIR President*

**Agenda:**

**1. Welcome to members, attendance, and apologies**

(Stuart Terry)

Stuart warmly welcomed all members to the AGM for the period that ends 30 June 2024.

He then gave an acknowledgment of country.

There were no apologies to note.

Quorum was achieved.

**2. Confirmation of proxies**

(Stuart Terry)

Stuart called for proxies, and none were received.

**1. Confirmation of minutes of 2023 AGM**

(Stuart Terry)

Stuart presented the minutes of the AAIR annual general meeting that was held both in person at Oaks Melbourne on Market Hotel, Thursday 30 November 2023. He advised that only those present at the 2023 AGM are eligible to move and second the documents. The minutes were moved and seconded.

Minutes moved by: Stuart Terry

Minutes seconded by: Cassandra Saunders

He asked all those in favour to accept the minutes. The minutes were passed. They were taken as being read.

**2. President's report**

(Stuart Terry)

Stuart introduced the executive committee, both those in the room and those unable to attend.

Our membership now stands at 358 members. At the heart of our work is our unbreakable commitment to keep our members at centre of everything that we do. Our committee has a lot of passion to be the best professional association that we can, and this last year we've really focused on this. He thanked Liesha Northover, the AAIR Executive Officer, and then introduced our observers, Sharon Liddell and Anand Kulkarni.

He gave thanks to our sponsors, Altis Consulting, Explorance, and The Social Research Centre.

Our last year's forum was one of the biggest forums we've held in some time. Thanks were given to those Don and Victoria who were instrumental in organising it. Thanks were given to Victoria and Leishman and Associates. We had high quality presentations last year, with several presenters from overseas.

Stuart reflected on his time as president through COVID-19. We hosted our first online forum, and then our first hybrid forum. Our member numbers through this time was getting down to the low hundred and 20s, but now we've grown almost to that 360 mark.

We are streamlining our operations by moving across to Google Workspace.

Andrew Bradshaw was a long-standing member of AAIR, and he has been on the committee and the newsletter editor for some years. He's had a long-extended membership. We wish to offer Andrew a certificate of appreciation for his time on the committee and his contribution to the association.

Stuart raised life membership for Don Johnston. He's been associated with AAIR since the early 1990s. His contributions to our community have been countless. He has been the face of all the forums, serving as chair of the organising committees for over a decade. His commitment has never wavered. He's been on the executive committee since 2006, and has been the Vice President since 2016. He has also been the government reporting special interest group chair, as well as our liaison person with Association for Institutional Research (AIR) in the United States.

It is with immense gratitude that we offer Don Johnston life membership of AAIR.

Moved by: Stuart Terry

Seconded by: Lisa Bolton

Don expressed his gratitude for offering life membership. Life membership is only awarded to 20 living people at any one time. He said being part of this community is about sharing your story. It's a privilege and an honour.

Stuart invited Lizzie Li as Honorary Treasurer to present her final financial report.

### **3. Treasurer's report and financial statements**

(Lizzie Li)

Lizzie Li said that the association is in a very healthy financial position. Despite our challenges, we are still making a profit. She thanked our members for their assistance with this.

We encourage institutional memberships so that we can provide better professional development more broadly to everyone.

**4. Committee vacancies: acknowledge outgoing and introduce incoming Executive Committee**  
(Stuart Terry)

Amendment that was not addressed during the AGM: the committee changes that took place at this time were:

- Stuart Terry stepped down from the role of President into the Immediate Past President role.
- Ewa Seidel was elected to the role of President. She was formerly an ordinary member.
- Sharon Liddell was elected to the role of ordinary member. She was formerly an observer.
- Anand Kulkarni was elected to the role of ordinary member. He was formerly an observer.
- Andrew Bradshaw resigned from the committee. He was formerly an ordinary member, and the newsletter editor.

**3. General business**  
(Stuart Terry)

Stuart noted that the AAIR presidency had been held in New Zealand since 2015 when Kathie Rabel became president. He now formally passes over the presidency of AAIR to Ewa Seidel.

He then called for general business from the floor.

There was no further general business.

**4. Next meeting**  
(Stuart Terry)

N/A

**5. Close of meeting**  
(Stuart Terry)

Stuart Terry thanked everyone for their attendance and participation.

The meeting was officially closed at approximately 11:45 am ACDT.