

## AUSTRALIASIAN HUMAN DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (AHDA) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2021

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**Date:** November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**Meeting Opened:** 2.32PM [NZDST] | 12.32PM [AEDT] | 11.32AM [AEST]

**Via Zoom**

**Attendees:** Annette Henderson, Cassy Dittman, Paul Jose, Sina Gibhardt, Wan-Ting Yeh, Susan Walker, Riley Scott, Jaimee Stuart, Alecia Moser, Nic Badcock, Senta Govin-Vel, Jacqueline Henderson, Melanie Audier, Molly Speechley, Jacqueline Homel.

**Apologies:** None.

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1. Welcome and Apologies
  - 1.1. No apologies recorded.
2. Business Arising and Approval of Previous Minutes
  - 2.1. Susan Walker approved the previous minutes. Jaimee Stuart seconded.
3. President's Report (Annette Henderson)
  - 3.1. Acknowledgements: The President acknowledged the active support and work of the executive team and the regional representatives. During 2021, we welcomed Cassy Dittman as Secretary, Molly Speechley as Junior Member at Large, and Nic Badcock as WA Regional Representative.
  - 3.2. Third Online Conference Acknowledgements: The President acknowledged and thanked the organising committee for their hard work in planning the conference; particular mention was made of Alecia Moser and Alexander O'Donnell, who are not members of the AHDA executive, but contributed significantly to the conference organisation.
  - 3.3. Summary of Activities in 2021: main activities have been working on developing new branding for AHDA, as well as a new website. Annette also hosted a coffee catch-up
4. Treasurer's Report (Dr. Jaimee Stuart)
  - 4.1. Actions since last AGM: Auditing and balancing of all outstanding financial years
  - 4.2. Financial transactions: The current ongoing costs for the association are payments of insurance (\$729.75 pa) and annual return fees (\$57.60 pa). Accountant fees are no longer applicable, but new ongoing fees for website, domain and membership portal will occur. The past conference income was \$860, the current conference is due to net \$1000.00 (ongoing payments were made by 4 members). Largest payments were for website and logo as well as historic balancing of finances. There will be some ongoing costs for website hosting. Costs for student prizes will be paid by ISSBD.
  - 4.3. Current financial position: The current balance of the account is **\$14,338.55**. It is expected that given the estimated financial transactions as presented above, the account will be approximately \$14,500 at the end of 2021.
  - 4.4. Because of annual auditing requirements, we will need to move the AGM to mid-year to ensure it fits with the Australian taxation year.
  - 4.5. Annette formerly thanked the ISSBD Executive for their support of the student awards and encouraged members to consider attending the ISSBD conference in June next year in Greece.
5. Secretary's Report (Dr. Cassy Dittman)

- 5.1. No report.
6. Communications Director Report (Riley Scott)
  - 6.1. Membership Growth 2020-2021: 89 new members through conference registrations in 2021. Similar numbers as to 2020 (89 new members through 2020 conference).
  - 6.2. MailChimp: Currently 250 contacts in Members mailing list. This will decrease at the end of 2021 when memberships lapse: 102 existing members have not renewed membership via conference. Roughly 45% of subscribers are regularly engaging and opening emails
  - 6.3. Communications & Newsletters: 3 sent so far this year + Conference information. Conference highlights & summary, and final 2021 newsletter to come. Also implemented member spotlight and new publications from members in the newsletter.
  - 6.4. Social Media Presence: Facebook: 36 likes, 46 followers (almost 3x growth from last year!); Twitter: 9 followers (only 1 month old).
7. Junior Member-at-Large Report (Dr. Nichole Breeland and Molly Speechley)
  - 7.1. The President presented on behalf of the Junior Members and unveiled our new website: [www.ahda.org.au](http://www.ahda.org.au).
8. Regional Representatives Joint Report
  - 8.1. No report.
9. General Business
  - 9.1. New Positions:
    - 9.1.1. Nichole Breeland has resigned from her Junior Member (New Zealand) position, as she has been successful at obtaining a research position in the U.S. Annette formerly thanked Nichole for her commitment to the role.
    - 9.1.2. Sina Gibhardt (PhD Student, University of Auckland) has agreed to come on board as our new Junior Member (New Zealand).
  - 9.2. Gaps in Regional Representation in SA, NSW, Victoria, Tasmania, and NT. Please email the President ([a.henderson@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:a.henderson@auckland.ac.nz)) if you wish to nominate as a Regional Representative.
  - 9.3. If you have ideas or submissions for our AHDA newsletter or social media, please email our Communications Director: [AHDAmembers@gmail.com](mailto:AHDAmembers@gmail.com)
  - 9.4. Membership growth strategy: Jaimee Stuart recommended that we disentangle membership from conference registration and move membership to either calendar year or the financial year. Another option put forth by the group was to contact past members whose membership had recently lapsed.
  - 9.5. Conferences 2022 and beyond: group agreed that annual virtual conferences are effective in keeping the momentum going for AHDA. We will continue to think as an Executive as to the possibility for an in-person conference in the future.
10. New Business
  - 10.1. No new business.

**Meeting Closed:** 3.32PM [NZDST] | 1.32PM [AEDT] | 12.32PM [AEST]