

AALL AGM 2020 - Live via Zoom

Friday 20 November - 9.30am WA, 11am NT, 11.30am QLD, 12noon SA, 12.30pm ACT, NSW, TAS and VIC - See AGM webpage <http://aall.org.au/agm-2020/>



Attendees: Siri Barrett-Lennard (Chair), Leighana Thornton (Minutes), Alejandra Speziali, Alex Barthel, Amelia Dowe, Andrea Lynch, Anna Podorova, Christine Higginbotham, Claire Urbach, Colleen Kaesehagen, David Rowland, Elena Verezub, Gail Heinrich, Guido Ernst, Helen Drury, Janise Farrell, Joel Russell, Justine Maldon, Kate Chanock, Lesley Cioccarelli, Louise Oxley, Michael Stein, Miriam Sullivan, Raelke Grimmer, Regina Sliuzas, Richard Hewison, Rosemarie Fonseka, Sally Ashton-Hay, Shirley Brown, Stephen Campitelli, Thuy Do, TracyWare, Richard Holland, Jenny Chow (34 participants – quorum reached for decisions)

1. Welcome and acceptance of 2019 AGM Meeting Minutes

Thanks to Raelke for running today's Zoom meeting and to Leighana for taking the minutes. Attendees agreed to record the session for the purpose of taking the minutes.

Siri welcomed all attendees to the AGM and introduced herself to the group. She acknowledged Andrea Lynch for her work as the immediate past president.

Siri displayed and reviewed the minutes of the 2019 AGM and indicated they would be taken as read. She moved that the minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record. Alex Barthel seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

Siri introduced two methods of voting: chat by entering a name or a live voting form on the AGM web page (to allow privacy in voting). Voting can occur until 30 November.

2. AALL highlights 2020 - President's report

Six executive meeting occurred this year – a vibrant executive team. Several events occurred and much contact with ICALLD. We are using a new website, a new journal platform, reduced fees, a successful round of grants and a new proposed constitution. The main highlight for Siri is the executive team.

Our executive team has made many contributions. 2 representatives from each state and territory with other office bearers and leaderships roles. List is on the AGM webpage and the link was added to the chat. A team of dedication, talent and distinction. Each gives selflessly and volunteers and Siri extended thanks to each member.

Siri asked for 15 seconds of silence to acknowledge the contributions and the passing of Traci Bretag (SA) and Ann Beveridge (WA).

3. Proposals for 2021 and voting procedures

a. Treasurer's report & 2020 budget

Miriam reported that the budget is in a healthy state, due to conference revenue and low uptake on grants. \$47,000 in cash for next year, not taking into account money already committed for this year. Membership rates have been discounted for next year. Funding exists for grants, local committee events and for the upcoming conference. We have set aside \$5,000 for strategic and emerging needs (eg, equipment licenses). Please contact Miriam with suggestions. Miriam acknowledged David's

mentoring and expertise. Siri indicated that the proposed budget is on the AALL website. Members are invited to read and endorse the budget, either by voting in the chat or through the web form.

12 present voted to approve 2020 budget. Members are asked to continue voting online.

b. Revisions to Rules/Constitution

Siri described the work Alex Barthel has done to drive the revision of the AALL rules and constitution. Key changes involve clarifications to the roles of the executive and to expand the possible roles. Alex thanked Elena, Leighana and Siri for their work on the project. Previous rules were drafted according to a NSW template in 2003-2004. The main work was to modernise the rules. They are now called a constitution in keeping with changes in NSW terminology (where AALL is incorporated). The new constitution has been endorsed by the executive but needs to be approved by the AGM. He indicated that questions were welcome to him now or later by email. Alex moved a motion that the revised constitution be approved by the association. Siri indicated that members can vote in the chat or via the web form.

Revisions were supported by majority of those present. Motion carried.

4. Announcements and endorsements

- a. Endorsements for AALL State Representatives - Shirley Brown QLD rep and Gail Heinrich ACT rep
Siri thanked those who stepped into state representative roles this year. Attendees were asked to endorse the new representatives.

Both candidates were endorsed by majority vote. Motions carried.

- b. Louise Oxley asked if her continuing service needed to be endorsed by the AGM. Siri and David indicated that was sufficiently addressed at the conference AGM.
- c. Outgoing from Exec Lead roles – Tess Snowball (Web) and Roz Rowen (Secretary)
- d. Announcements - Web Development (Gail Heinrich); Social Media (Lesley Cioccarelli)
- e. Nominations (to be confirmed by the Executive) - Amelia Dowe (Secretary); Elena Verezub and Steve Campitelli (National Events/PD); Shirley Brown (Memberships/New Members)

Nominations to be confirmed by Executive at next Executive meeting.

- f. Expressions of Interest (use AGM Webpage Form) – Treasurer (queries to Miriam Sullivan, stepping down as Treasurer, and to David Rowland, Assistant Treasurer); Journal (JALL) Editing Subcommittee (queries to JALL Editor, David Rowland); Email Communications/Newsletters (proposed); Marketing/Design/Videos (proposed); PR/Partnerships (proposed); Interest Group Coordination (proposed, e.g. ALL Research; Online Learning, STEM, etc); other Subcommittee members

Members invited to use AGM web form by 30 November to express interest in volunteering.

- g. Nominees for Honorary Life Members - Helen Drury NSW; Sally Ashton-Hay Qld; Siri Barrett-Lennard WA; Tim Moore Vic; Nicola Rolls NT; Brownyn James NSW
Siri announced the nominees for life membership to the attendees and congratulated the nominees. Alex confirmed that nominees for life members do not need to be a current member of AALL

Nominations will be forwarded to the Executive for consideration at the next Executive meeting.

- h. **Unsung Hero Awards – Nominations open to 30 November (use AGM Webpage Form)**
There have been no nominees to date. Members are encouraged to do so. Unsung heroes are those who have worked diligently in their sphere of influence who may not have a national profile.

Siri indicated that the current actions for 2020 are to vote and volunteer. The forms can be found on the AALL website. If attendees have already voted in the meeting, they do not need to vote again. Voting and volunteering will continue until 30 November. Siri indicated that there are a number of proposed roles that members can take up.

5. **Reports – see AGM webpage**

Alex moved that the reports be accepted by the AGM. Motion carried.

a. **Journal**

The journal report is on the website and Siri encouraged all to read this important document. David has worked tirelessly for AALL and is a founding member. In addition to getting the journal up and running, he assists with polices processes and procedures, and helps the organization to remain viable financially. He is a past treasurer and supports the current treasurer. David stated the most recent issue is being finalised, with the special journal issue going out next Friday. One of the founding co-editors has stepped down this year, and we are looking to recruit two co-editors. David outlined the responsibilities and asked any members interested in joining the team to contact him directly. Siri indicated that those who are interested in volunteering for roles can add their name to chat, and she added a link to the form to volunteer with JALL there as well. Siri expressed her thanks for David's work and effort.

b. **AALL Grants**

Sally indicated that two rounds were hosted this year. An online information session was very well attended, with many questions received and guest speakers sharing their expertise. However, there were a small number of applications this year. \$6250 requested, with one grant from Uni Melbourne approved. Combination of research and resource development. Sally thanked the review panel for their work.

c. **State/Territory Reports**

Siri has amalgamated State and Territory reports into one document, and added contact information and statistical data to these reports. Siri provided an overview of the current membership numbers in the states and territories and internationally. She indicated that membership has increased substantially in recent months and congratulated State and Territory representatives.

d. **President's report**

Delivered orally (#2 above). President's report (written version) will be uploaded to the AGM webpage.

6. **Q & A**

Helen thanked AALL members for their support of their colleagues at the University of Sydney, with over 1000 petition signatures.

7. **Close** – next Exec meeting date Friday 4 December (10am WA, 11.30am NT, 12pm QLD, 12.30pm SA, 1pm ACT, NSW, TAS and VIC or [find the time in your location](#)) to confirm matters arising from AGM and dates for 2021.

Friday 20 November to Monday 30 November 2020 – See AGM webpage <http://aall.org.au/agm-2020/> AGM online voting, volunteering and feedback (link will be emailed to members; queries to siri.barrett-lennard@uwa.edu.au) - Complete online voting. Register interest in volunteering for AALL interest groups, working groups and sub-committees. Send us your ideas for 2021, and your questions and feedback.