



Australasian Society for Breast Disease

A multidisciplinary approach to prevention, diagnosis and management of breast disease

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MINUTES of Annual General Meeting

Thursday 14th October 2022

12.30pm AEST

Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre

MINUTES

Item	Action/Who
1 Attendance	
See list at the end of these minutes.	
2 Minutes from the 2021 AGM	
Jennifer O'Sullivan moved that the minutes from the last meeting be accepted. This was seconded by Nick Repin.	
3 Business Arising	
4.1 President's Report – A/Prof Elisabeth Elder	
<p>I am very pleased that we can finally meet in person again for the 2022 AGM, taking place during the Australasian International Breast Congress. This joint event between ASBD, CoBrCa (Controversies in Breast Cancer) and BreastSurgANZ, was supposed to have taken place last year but was postponed due to the COVID pandemic restrictions. It is held as a hybrid event and we will carefully evaluate the experience of the virtual participants to guide planning of future events.</p> <p>Some of the lessons we learnt over the last couple of years are the value of mixed method education. Meeting in person is invaluable for networking opportunities and in creating an environment conducive to creative thinking. On the other hand, online learning allows participants to access education in their own time and to pause and reflect on the content.</p> <p>The ASBD webinar series, covering the fundamentals of the various specialties dealing with breast disease, has been a great success. This year there have been webinars on Breast surgery, including oncoplastic surgery, as well as the basics and current controversies in Radiation Oncology and an update on systemic therapy for the various cancer subtypes in the Medical Oncology webinar. These webinars are available on the ASBD website as on demand learning modules awarding CPD points for relevant professional colleges. The ASBD online learning portal also offers the ALERT lymphoedema modules which have been developed in collaboration with Macquarie University on the topic of lymphoedema monitoring and early intervention after breast cancer as well as the previous webinar on Fundamentals in Breast Pathology. Our intention is to continue to develop webinars on other relevant topics – please let us know if you wish to become involved or have ideas for future topics.</p> <p>The yearly course in Applied Ultrasound for Clinicians has been restructured to comprise an online theoretical component followed by a small group hands-on session at various locations. One of these group sessions is held in conjunction with the AIBC meeting.</p> <p>I'm very happy that the membership number has increased again this year, in particular in the allied health and nursing category. This is partly thanks to our ongoing collaboration with the McGrath Foundation who has offered ASBD membership to their breast care nurses as a way to give access to high quality ongoing education. The online courses and webinars, which are free for members but incur a cost for non-members, have also attracted new members. We will continue to issue a newsletter twice a year – all members are welcome to contribute with articles on interesting topics or case reports.</p>	

We are continuing our strong relationships with other organizations involved in Breast Cancer Care, such as BCNA and BreastSurgANZ as well as the McGrath Foundation. We're also collaborating with Breast Cancer Research Review, both in Australia and New Zealand, who are promoting our courses and membership to their large mailing list.

This year we had two half-day strategic planning meetings, one in February and one in June. Both were held as an online hybrid event with executive board members from NSW gathering in a Sydney hub and QLD members in a Brisbane hub.

Planning for the ASBD conference in Adelaide 14-16 September 2023 is well underway, with promise of a stimulating program and high-profile international speakers.

As always, I would like to thank Kerry Eyles, our executive officer, for her tireless efforts and hard work to keep the society running smoothly.

This year, the ASBD celebrates its 25-year anniversary! I would like to acknowledge all current and past members of the executive committee and thank them for sharing their knowledge and enthusiasm over the years.

I look forward to continuing to work with all of you in 2023!

4.2 Treasurer's Report – Dr Nick Repin

Dear President, Directors, and Members,

Please accept this my first treasurer's report for the Australasian Society for Breast Disease for financial year ended 2022.

We are a non-profit association dedicated to promoting knowledge in breast disease and I have to say it is a credit to my predecessors that we entered the pandemic with a good reserve. Particular credit is due that in the difficult financial year ending in 2021, we sustained a loss of only \$8,373.

Before continuing, please note, that the accounting approach for ASBD is that expenses and revenues are accounted in the year in which the service is contracted to be delivered, even if paid for previously, and for example none of the costs and revenues of this conference, and current membership fee income, is reflected in these accounts.

INCOME	FYE2022	FYE2021
Membership income	61,447	66,260
Conference Income	0	0
Training income	13,796	16,045
Sponsorships	20,000	58,341
COVID payments	25,500	0
Finance income	15	50
	\$120,758	\$140,696

Being an educational society, ASBD finances are heavily dependent on educational activities and scientific meetings, which have not been possible to hold in the last two financial years. You will note zero income from conferences and yet this item was \$251,000 in FYE2020.

We were able to continue to provide limited training courses and value to the members, but you will see that all income sources dropped between 2021 and 2022 but have been partially compensated by NSW COVID support payments for which we are grateful. We are also for ongoing sponsorships in difficult circumstances.

EXPENSES	FYE2022	FYE2021
Employee	115,029	104,508
Conf/Training/Venue	20,104	14,849
Other operating expenses	23,856	28,388
	158,989	147,745
Depreciation	605	1,325
	\$159,594	\$149,070

Our costs however have continued and have increased a little over the last two years and the reason for the increase is because we did not stand still. The society has been investing in developing and delivering more diversity in the educational activities and resources that it offers. These should reduce our dependence on scientific meetings for income and offer more value as an incentive to attract and maintain both memberships and sponsorships of ASBD.

PROFIT/LOSS	FYE2022	FYE2021
Income	120,758	140,696
LESS: Expenses	159,594	149,070
Loss	\$38,836	\$8,374

We have another, loss, it is larger. That is the bad news.

NET ASSETS	FYE2022	FYE2021
Opening - 1 Jul 2021	369,367	377,741
LESS: Loss	38,836	8,374
Closing - 30 Jun 2022	\$330,531	\$369,367

The good news is that our loss is an investment that we could afford.

We entered the year with reasonable reserves allowing us to operate and invest in the future, and our loss has consumed approximately 12% of these.

If nothing changed, we could operate for 8 years at this rate, but in reality, much is changing and in particular we can celebrate that we are now in the midst of our first scientific meeting since 2019, with an astonishing record level of membership.

Going forward

- We expect this year's conference to begin to contribute. The net result is unknown.
- We have an increased level of webinar, training programs and online modules to provide increased value to the membership.
- We have a record level of membership which we think we are more likely to retain.
- We believe we have renewed value to potential sponsors.

While we will still be working hard, I think we can go forward with some financial optimism.

Thank you for your attention.

4.3 Auditor's Report and Appointment

Auditor – Chanelle Pienaar, Audit Assist

The Auditor's Report is available in the room and is tabled.

A new auditor will be appointed in 2023. Accountancy services have been moved from Brisbane to Sydney, commencing in July 2022. A Sydney based auditor will be selected during 22-23 to complete the 2023 audit.

4.4 Membership Report – Kerry Eyles

See the charts below for an update on ASBD past and current membership. Given the impact of COVID-19 over the last 18 months the directors were pleased with the growth in membership. Membership is at record levels partly because of the online education we now offer.

It was noted that the nursing membership tends to fluctuate depending on whether we have a conference or other specific activities that are of interest to the nurses. We need to target Victorians and also medical oncologists to join ASBD. We should also encourage Breast Physicians to join ASBD.

TYPE	Jan-20	Feb-21	Oct-21	Oct-22
Nursing/ Allied health	158	68	142	301
Doctor	246	242	231	300
Trainee				12
	404	310	373	613

Specialty	Feb-18	Feb-19	Feb-20	Feb-21	Oct-21	Oct-22
Nursing	24	25	145	60	134	256
Surgery	117	97	118	104	120	143
Radiation Oncology	29	27	31	31	26	47
Breast Physician	33	31	31	32	26	32
Radiology	44	30	28	30	26	46
Pathology	21	19	17	20	13	9
General Practice	14	7	11	8	9	15
Medical Oncology	10	9	8	12	9	21
Radiography/Mammography	2	6	4	3	4	21
Other			10	5	4	13
Science/Research	1			4	1	3
Lymphoedema Management			1	1	1	7
TOTAL	299	253	404	310	373	613

LOCATION	
NSW	182
QLD	198
VIC	113

WA	39		
New Zealand	32		
SA	30		
TAS	5		
ACT	6		
Hong Kong	1		
NT	6		
Pakistan	1		
TOTAL	613		

5 Election of new Directors

5.1 Resignations

Patty has been an ASBD director since 2018 and has contributed to the development and growth of ASBD particularly in the organisation of the 2019 Scientific Meeting, and the radiology content of the 2022 AIBD.

We sincerely thank Patty for her involvement and contribution to ASBD over the last four years.

5.2 Election of new Director

Dr Brooke Sawyer and Dr Parisa Aminzadeh nominated for the position of Director, Radiology. The AGM attendees voted and approved the nomination of Dr Parisa Aminzadeh.

The new executive is:

Name	Discipline
A/Prof Elisabeth Elder - PRESIDENT	Surgeon
Dr Peter Chin - VICE PRESIDENT	Surgeon
Dr Nicholas Repin - TREASURER	Radiologist
Dr Jennifer O'Sullivan - SECRETARY	Breast Physician
Dr Minjae Lah	Radiation Oncologist
Dr Parisa Aminzadeh	Radiologist
Dr Gavin Harris	Pathologist
Ms Jenny Gilchrist	Nurse
Dr Maree Colosimo	Medical Oncologist
Dr Sanjeev Kumar	Medical Oncologist
Prof Gelareh Farshid	Pathologist
Dr Marcus Dreosti	Radiation Oncologist

6 Items of Business

6.1 Planning future ASBD educational events – online and face-to-face

Conferences:

- 2023 - ASBD 13th Scientific Meeting, Adelaide, 14-16 September
- 2024 - possible Leura conference with collaboration with Westmead BCI/BreastSurgANZ

Online Education:

Online workshops now available:

- Breast Surgery 101
- ALERT Lymphoedema modules
- Pathology Fundamentals
- Applied Ultrasound for Clinicians – theory online, then practical workshop face to face.

Coming Up:

- Breast Surgery 101 Webinar - 17th November 7:00pm AEDST
To be converted into an online learning course post webinar
- Radiation Oncology
- Medical Oncology
- Genetics 101

Other topics and ideas for future courses:

This item is postponed and being discussed at the next Executive meeting.

Bruno Giuffre suggested content from webinar in pdf/downloadable form would be helpful.

Elisabeth thanked everyone for attending the 2022 AGM.

Next AGM Date

The next AGM will be held at the 2023 conference 15 September 2023

Meeting Closed at 1:30pm AEST

Appendix 1 Apologies

A/Prof	Brennan	Megan
Prof	Farshid	Gelareh
Dr	Harris	Gavin

Appendix 2 ASBD 2022 AGM Attendance

	Last Name	First Name	Director	Attended
Dr	Aminzadeh	Parisa		1
Dr	Chin	Peter	D	1
Dr	Colosimo	Maree	D	1
Dr	Connor	Patty	D	1
Dr	Dreosti	Marcus	D	1
A/Prof	Elder	Elisabeth	D	1
Dr	Fraser	Susan		1
Ms	Gilchrist	Jenny	D	1
Ms	Brydon	Peta		1
Dr	Guiffre	Bruno		1
Dr	Kumar	Sanjeev	D	1
Dr	Lah	Minjae	D	1
Dr	O'Sullivan	Jennifer	D	1
Dr	Pfeiffer	Deborah		
Dr	Repin	Nick	D	1