

## **Minutes PS Superannuants Executive Committee Meeting held at 10.30am on 28 October 2024**

In the Meeting Room 5, Mead Hall, Flinders Street Baptist Church, 65 Flinders Street Adelaide.

ATTENDANCE: Chair Executive Peter Frick, Secretary Barry Grear AO, Ian Beckingham, Eileen Prichard, Jim Rhodes, Dr Keren Wicks, Don Campbell, (Zoom)

APOLOGEES: President Dr Micheal Evans, Dr Ray Hickman, Peter Baker

1. The Chair gave an **“acknowledgement to country”**.
2. **The Minutes of the Committee Meeting of 30 September 2024** were CONFIRMED  
Moved Grear, Seconded Frick.
3. Chairman asked for any **Conflicts of interest** – there was none.
4. **Correspondence**

**“Case Studies: Residential Care”** which Claire Withers had forwarded to us. Peter Frick advised that the document was in the public domain so it could be used in the Superannuant.

**Letter to Minister Dr Jim Chalmers** letter has been sent for follow up of his letter of 3 September 24.

**Freedom of Information** Request has been sent and acknowledge that it has been received. AGREED to wait for advice from Ray Hickman.

5. **Treasurer’s Report.** The Report Dated for September circulated on 2 October to all members.
6. **Key Issues from Insurance Broker.** The members considered the information but decided that our insurance was satisfactory.
7. **President Report** None
8. **Membership Officers Report.** Membership Officer gave a written report. Report ACCEPTED. Moved Campbell, Seconded Frick.

He highlighted in his report that some members would like two residential addresses, and they want to have their middle name recorded. In the cases of dementia, we will honour our commitment that the surviving is a surviving partner. Contact with stakeholders would be clarified.

**9. Guest Speaker Coordinator’s Report.** Today the speaker will be Liz Pullen who is a children's author. Liz will speak on her craft with reference to the writing of family biographies.

Our speaker in November will be Stan James, well known arts critic with the Advertiser. Stan will talk on "The Australian Film Industry Then and Now". He will draw on his long career as a journalist, foreign correspondent, sub editor and even

cartoonist. He may even give some historical perspectives of his encounters with Rupert Murdoch. The speaker for the Annual Meeting in February would be decided at the November meeting.

**10. Communication Manager Report.** Peter Frick gave a written report. ACCEPTED Moved Frick Seconded Gear. The dates for elections and the Superannuant were listed.

**11. Report of the APPS Advisory Group** ACCEPTED Moved Frick Seconded Campbell. The written report and archiving resources of ACSPRO was possible and could be through our members portal.

**12 Victorian Sub Committee Report.** ACCEPTED Moved Campbell Seconded Gear. Some good information was shown. Don Campbell advised that he would be in the USA in November but would still be available on Zoom.

**13 . Catering for November Afternoon Tea.** Secretary will contact Dianne re last year. Keren and Eilleen will help on the day.

**14 . Chairman at General Meeting.** Peter Frick will do the introduction at the meeting.

CLOSURE. The meeting closed at 11.08am South Australia Time

NEXT MEETING. 25 November 2024 @ 10.30am.

## Attachments

### APSS Advisory Group October 2024 Report

The Advisory Group (AG) met twice during the month, once with Chris Parsons, CSC, who will be the guest speaker at the Victorian Branch meeting on 27 November, to explain to our Members what CSC does and could do for us. This sounds like an interesting meeting.

The AG met later that week for our Monthly Internal meeting to discuss contributions from our group members – and to welcome President of SCOAWA Ron De Gruchy, joining us for the first time.

One of the items discussed was how to make our various resources available to members so we can empower those who are able, to also put pressure on MPs to protect our combined Superannuation Funds.

The archiving resources of ACSPRO was discussed as a good option.

The meeting considered how we work with various agents to maintain our ability to advocate for our various members. Strength in numbers.

A summary of the meeting with Chris Parsons was made using AI tool Read.

Don Campbell

## **Communications manager's Report October 2024**

1. Critical dates for the 2025 election process:
  - a. Nominations for the committee sought by web site advert (01/12/2024) and email notice (01/12/2024 and 01/01/2025)
  - b. Nominations to Barry by 21/01/2025
  - c. List of nominees in the Superannuant by 03/02/2025
  - d. AGM 24/02/2025
2. Deadline for the January Superannuant 21/01/2025
  - a. To the Printer 23/01/2025
  - b. Emailed Superannuant 28/01/2025
  - c. Posted Superannuants 29/01/2025
  - d. Delivery of posted Superannuant by 03/02/2025
3. Notice of AGM
  - a. On the web site and by email by 10/02/2025

Peter Frick

### **National Membership Officer Report to Executive for 28th October 2024 Meeting**

Thanks to all of you who responded to my request for "Missing" information

The first response was received on 25 September. These first responses were from the members who receive their Newsletter by email. Then there has been a mix of email and online forms and now it is mainly the paper form from page 8 of the Newsletter.

After a month I have received over one hundred and twenty responses to my invitation to members to share their "Missing" details – and I expect responses to continue.

Some members are cautious and phoned the message line. Others have recognised their vulnerability, and willingly supply alternate contact details, to continue their membership through their spouse.

A number have joined up their partner as a Partner Life or Partner Annual member.

In addition, we are starting to build up to the end of year renewals rush. These members use the October Newsletter as their reminder to process their Annual Renewal.

There are a small number of challenges which I am resolving as I go:

Postal or Physical Address – some want to supply both. I prefer the residential address when they give us two addresses, as it is possible to write to the Occupier of those addresses in a RTS situation.

Year of Birth and employer department of Partner members – no space in the Membership Register for recording these items for the Partner.

Some Members want to supply multiple “First Names”. Often this is for people who use their “Middle” name instead of their “First” Name for personal reasons.

Dementia – I have been interpreting the section of our Constitution which allows the “surviving” partner to “inherit” membership, to also include heartfelt situations where the member is suffering dementia, and the partner is already effectively the surviving partner.

One field we did not include in the “Missing” details was the First Name.

This should be included in future Newsletter mailing information, perhaps highlighting where it should appear, as there are many such “Missing” first names in our records.

Several responses came from Stakeholders. One was from Public Sector Association, who updated their contact details – their email address was an old one still used from CPSU, where the PSA official had retired. The person contacting me wanted to know if they needed to pay a renewal fee – I said no, but if you could share our A4 Information page with their serving members, that would be appreciated. I sent that – and await a response.

Don Campbell,

## Treasurer's Report

<b><u>S.A. SUPERANNUANTS</u></b>								
<b><u>TREASURER'S REPORT - October 2024</u></b>								
							<b><u>Y.T.D</u></b>	
Cashbook balance as at 30/09/2024						\$10,382.01		
<b><u>ADD:</u></b>								
	Receipts							
	Membership - Ann & Life	\$1,970.00					\$19,835.00	
	Raffle proceeds	\$0.00					\$0.00	
	Sundries	\$0.00					\$100.01	
	Bank interest	\$0.00					\$0.00	
	Investment Interest	\$0.00					\$0.00	
	Redeemed Investment	\$0.00					\$0.00	
	Petty cash	\$0.00					\$0.00	
	Total	\$1,970.00					\$19,935.01	
<b><u>LESS:</u></b>								
	Payments							
	Hall Hire	\$330.00					\$1,310.00	
	Office Expenses	\$37.90					\$1,230.96	
	Fees	\$1,860.00					\$3,917.96	
	Newsletter Expenses	\$0.00					\$5,696.06	
	Reinvested Int or Div'd	\$0.00					\$0.00	
	New Investment	\$0.00					\$0.00	
	Executive Expenses	\$0.00					\$0.00	
	Website	\$0.00					\$548.89	
	Tax	\$557.79					\$557.79	
	Sundries	\$16.95					\$1,605.18	
	Insurance	\$0.00					\$4,220.00	
	Total	\$2,802.64					\$19,086.84	
Cashbook balance as at 30/09/2024						\$9,549.37		
Cashbook balance year to date							\$848.17	
<b><u>BANK RECONCILIATION</u></b>								
Balance as per Bank Statement							\$9,587.27	
Less: Unpaid expenses Envelopes, M Evans						\$37.90		
						Total	\$37.90	
Balance as per Cashbook							\$9,549.37	
						<b>Out of Balance</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	
<b><u>INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS</u></b>								
		Opened	Principal	Rate	Matures	Interest	Maturity Action	
<b>Investment 1</b>								
	BankSA Term Deposit	9/10/2023	\$21,367.17	4.85%	9/10/2024	Maturity	Pr(\$21367.17) & I	
	BankSA Term Deposit	9/10/2024	\$22,406.32	4.70%	9/07/2025	Maturity		
<b>Investment 2</b>								
	Argo Shares (5266)	26/08/2008	\$19,522.50	Value at	31/10/2024	\$46,130.16		
<b>Investment 3</b>								
	BankSA Term Dep	29/02/2024	\$30,030.56	4.98%	31/10/2024	Maturity		
<b>Investment 4</b>								
	CBA Term Deposit	12/07/2024	\$22,408.61	4.75%	12/07/2025	Maturity		
<b>TOTAL INVESTED:</b>		<b>Excluding shares</b>	\$72,344.07	<b>Including shares</b>	\$118,474.23			
<b><u>ADD</u></b>	CASHBOOK BALANCE		\$9,549.37					
	CASH ON HAND		\$0.00					
<b>TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE</b>		<b>Excluding shares</b>	<u>\$81,893.44</u>	<b>Including shares</b>	<u>\$128,023.60</u>			

Michael Evans