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# **Australasian Society for Stem Cell Research**

## **Annual Report**

**2018-2019 Financial year**



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**12<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting  
Australasian Society for Stem Cell Research**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2019, 5.30- 7.00pm Australian Eastern Daylight Time  
Brisbane Convention Centre**

**AGENDA**

1. Welcome and Apologies (Ed Stanley)
2. Acceptance of the Minutes from the ASSCR 2018 AGM (Appendix 1)
3. Results of Committee election process and welcome to new Committee members (Ed Stanley)
4. Treasurer's Report 2018-19 Financial Year (Clare Parish)
5. Resolutions  
"Be it RESOLVED that the meeting affirms the existing annual ASSCR membership fee structure (including GST) for 2020/2021:  
1 year: Full membership \$120. Students \$60. Associate \$120.  
2 year: Full membership \$210. Students \$105. Associate \$210.  
3 year: Full membership \$290. Students \$145. Associate \$290.  
New members who join the ASSCR during the year shall pay a fee equal to:  
(a) the full annual subscription amount if they join between 1 August and 31 January; or  
(b) a *pro rata* annual subscription based on the remaining part of the subscription year; or  
(c) \$0 if they join between 1 May and 31 July or their subscription includes the following year."
6. Reports from Subcommittee Chairs and other ASSCR Activities
7. ASSCR Annual Meeting 2019 (Ed Stanley)
8. Input and Ideas from Members
9. Other Business
10. Hand-Over to new Committee



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## **President's Report: January-November 2019**

In contrast to 2018 in which our society's major activities revolved around assisting the International Society of Stem Cell Research in holding their annual scientific meeting in Melbourne, this year has focused on bringing local researchers and events back into focus. These efforts have been directed at organising our local scientific meeting and forging closer links with National Stem Cell Foundation of Australia ([NSCEA, https://www.stemcellfoundation.net.au](http://www.stemcellfoundation.net.au)), an organisation that has been a pivotal supporter of Stem Cell Research over the last 7 years.

In recognition of great overlap between the interests of our members and those belonging to the Australian Cell and Gene Therapy Society and the Australian chapter of the International Society of Cell Therapy, this year's conference will bring our three societies together for a [joint meeting in Brisbane](https://www.asscr-agcts-isct.org) in mid-November (<https://www.asscr-agcts-isct.org>). This conference will cover the topics from discovery research to clinical translation, giving our members an opportunity to see how their own work fits into the greater landscape of stem cell research and its applications.

A key activity of the society has been community engagement; an activity championed by Megan Munsie, the society's chair of Policy, Ethics and Translation. As a prelude to this year's Annual Scientific Meeting, Assoc. Prof. Munsie has organised what promises to be an engaging and informative forum that will give the public access to scientists and clinicians making discoveries in stem cell research and bringing stem cell technology to the clinic. The forum, to be held at the State Library of Queensland on the evening of November 12, represents the type of event that only societies such as our own have the capacity, and authority, to stage. As such, we see this as an important area of work that the ASSCR is able to carry out on behalf of its members.

Funding is always an issue at the front of mind for those engaged in research in Australia. This year has seen some significant events in the funding landscape that will no doubt have a major bearing on Stem Cell Research across the region. Stem Cells Australia (SCA), an organisation funded by the Australian Research Council, concludes its last year of operation in 2019. SCA has been a critical supporter of discovery research in the stem cell space over the last 6 years and has been particularly important for supporting activities around ethics and public awareness. As such, the role of the ASSCR in promoting public awareness around stem cells is likely to assume greater significance, and by extension, the engagement of our members will be more important than ever. Yet, as one door closes, another one opens. The announcement by the Minister for Health, Greg Hunt, of the \$150M [Stem Cell Mission](https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-greg-hunt-mp/media/progressing-the-long-term-plan-for-stem-cell-research) (<https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-greg-hunt-mp/media/progressing-the-long-term-plan-for-stem-cell-research>) shows that the



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Australian government is keen to support this area of research and help the field realise its potential.

The past 12 months has seen the ASSCR form closer ties with the [NSCFA](#), a philanthropic organisation whose mission is to support and promote stem cell research in Australia. A key activity of the foundation is the Metcalf Awards for leaders in stem cell research, awards that serve to recognise outstanding stem cell researchers, but also serve to lift the profile of stem cell research in Australia. The formation of closer ties between the two organisations will provide the opportunity to generate an increased public awareness of our shared goals. A natural consequence of this relationship are more formal arrangements in hosting Metcalf prize winners at the ASSCR annual conference and financial support from the NSCFA for students and early career researchers to attend this conference. The ASSCR is grateful to Julia Mason and Graeme Mehegan from the [NSCFA](#) for helping bring this arrangement to fruition.

Finally, in this report, you will see the updates from the various subcommittees working on your behalf as well as the announcement of the Annual General Meeting. Although the results of this year's elections relating to committee positions are still to be finalised, I would like to make special mention of Margret Schuller who has chaired and contributed to our Sponsorship and Industry subcommittee over the last 6 years, but will not be re-nominating for this position. Margret has been a fantastic contributor to the society, bringing her knowledge and tireless work ethic to the position which forms a critical arm of the society's income stream around conference time. As always, Margret has done an outstanding job in attracting sponsorship for this year's conference. We will greatly miss Margret's input and wholeheartedly thank her for the contribution to the ASSCR over the last 6 years.

As this coincides with our annual scientific meeting, the AGM will be held in Brisbane on Thursday the 14<sup>th</sup> of November, at 5.30 PM, at the conference centre where our annual conference will take place. Please note that the holding of an AGM is a legal requirement for the Society and the meeting must be quorate for any voting to occur. Hence, I would urge you as members to put this in your diary for Thursday the 14<sup>th</sup> of November, as per the details on page 3 of the report.

As announced at the 2018 Annual General Meeting, new members were elected to the 2019 ASSCR Committee, and the Committee consists of:

**ASSCR Committee Executive Members**

*Prof. Ed Stanley* (Murdoch Children's Research Institute): President, 2019-20

*Assoc. Prof. Helen Abud* (Monash University): Vice President, 2019-20

*Assoc. Prof. Clare Parish* (Florey Institutes of Neurosciences): Treasurer, 2018-19



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*Prof. Alice Pébay* (The University of Melbourne): Secretary, 2018–19

**ASSCR Committee Ordinary Members**

*Dr. Kathryn Futrega* (Queensland University of Technology): Membership and Communications Subcommittee Chair, 2018–19

*Dr Margret Schuller*: Sponsorship and Industry Subcommittee Chair, 2018–19

*A/Prof. Megan Munsie* (The University of Melbourne; Stem Cells Australia): Policy, Ethics and Translation Subcommittee Chair, 2019–20

*Dr. Shiang (Max) Lim* (St. Vincent's Institute of Medical Research): Conference and Awards Subcommittee Chair, 2019-20

*Dr. Grace Lidgerwood* (The University of Melbourne): Professional Development and Junior Investigators Subcommittee Chair, 2019–20

**Overview of ASSCR Committee and Subcommittee Activities for 2019**

- i) Organising for the 2019 ASSCR Conference, including handling sponsorship pledges, and organising the public forum.
  - travel award organisation led by the Conference and Awards Subcommittee and Treasurer
  - Public forum led by the Policy, Ethics & Translation Subcommittee
- ii) Management of Society finances led by the Treasurer, including investment of funds.
- iii) Continued implementation of the Society Rules (e.g., updating position descriptions and formalising assessment and approval of membership application.)
- iv) Creation of the 2019 Annual Report and organisation of the 2019 ASSCR Committee election.

**ASSCR 2019, Brisbane Australia**

Our joint conference with Australian Cell and Gene Therapy Society and the Australian chapter of the International Society of Cell Therapy sees the introduction a new initiative in which the previous year's Metcalf prize winners will be provided the chance to tell their own stem cell stories. This arrangement serves two purposes – promoting the activities of the NSCFA to our members and providing a more visible platform in which the work of Metcalf prize winners will be recognised. For this year's conference, we welcome presentations from Metcalf prize winners A/Prof Enzo Porrello (2018) and Dr Kaylene Young (2014). We hope all of our members come along to support the conference and take the opportunity to be part of the Australia and New Zealand's stem cell community.

**Travel Awards to Support ASSCR student and early career researchers to attend ASSCR in Brisbane November 2019.**

Thanks to the funding support of the National Stem Cell Foundation of Australia, the society was able to offer 25 travel awards to students (x11) and early career (x14) members to attend the 2019 annual meeting of the ASSCR. Students and early career members submitted abstracts that were assessed and ranked by reviewers nominated by the ASSCR,



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ACGTS and ISCGT. Several of these awardees were selected to deliver oral presentations and to compete for the oral presentation prize (Student and ECR categories), with the remaining awardees competing for the poster presentation prize. The travel awards were provided to ASSCR students and early career researchers from South Australia (x1), Queensland (x4), New South Wales (x3), Victoria (x14), as well as one ASSCR member from Sweden. Two awards supported by ASSCR were provided to members from New Zealand.

The list of awardees is provided below:

Clara Pribadi	Xiaoli Chen	Marina Sanchez
Clayton Friedman	Arash Shahsavari	Rachel Shparberg
Jingjing Li	Sally Vuong	Ali Motazedian
Jacqueline Schiesser	Damián Hernández	Grace Lidgerwood
Maciej Daniszewski	Xiaodong (Ethan) Liu	Wing Hei (Horace) Chan
Eva Chan	Jarmon Lees	Cameron McKnight
Ana Rita Leitoguinho	Freya Bruveris	Yau Chung Low
Serena Gallozzi	Amy McCaughey- Chapman (New Zealand)	Ruth Monk (New Zealand)
Nigel Kee (Sweden)		

### ASSCR Communication with members

The ASSCR committee communicates directly with members through e-mail, and with the broader community through its website ([asscr.org](http://asscr.org)) and social media profiles (Twitter and Instagram). These communications platforms are used to share information about upcoming events, research and news articles relevant to stem cell science and regulation, to announce awards and publications, share photographs, and run social media campaigns. The ASSCR website ([asscr.org](http://asscr.org)) continues to provide information regarding the society, links to educational material for patients and the general public, advertises events such as workshops, seminars, public events, and conferences, advertises jobs and scholarships, contact forms, and snapshots of recent social media posts. The material disseminated by the ASSCR is reliant on submissions from ASSCR members, as well as associated groups. Material relevant to stem cell research or regulation is welcome from members of ASSCR and affiliates.

This year, the ASSCR will hold its Annual General Meeting during its annual meeting in Brisbane. Members of our society were invited to attend the AGM by email. Travel and registration awards for early career researchers, sponsored by the National Stem Cells Foundation of Australia (NSCFA), were also advertised to members of the societies. The Company of Biologists have also graciously supported an international speaker (Dr.



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Amander Clark, UCLA) to attend the meeting in November. Sponsorship is acknowledged through the inclusion of sponsors' logos on our meeting flyers.

Prior to the joint AGM, a free one-day public event will be held at the State Library of Queensland in Brisbane (12 November, 2019). This event, titled "Stem Cell Research - Now and in the Future", will be moderated by A/Prof Megan Munsie and feature renowned Australian stem cell scientists discussing their research. Attendees will be greeted at the door by volunteer stem cell researchers, have the opportunity to view a stem cell photo gallery, as well as ask the panel of scientists questions. This event is also advertised through ASSCR email, webpage, social media platforms, and communications teams from other local institutions in Brisbane.

### **ASSCR Finances**

As described in the Treasurer's Report, the Society is solvent and in a healthy financial condition. In keeping with previous years, revenue reported under the Society ABN for the 2018–19 financial year is below \$250,000 and thus the Society remains a small society as defined by the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission. To our knowledge the financial statements presented here, prepared in consultation with the ASN Events financial officer, provide a true and accurate description of the Society's finances.

### **2019 Committee Election Process**

This year nominations were called for 4 elected Committee positions: Secretary, Treasurer, Sponsorship and Industry subcommittee, Membership and Communication subcommittee.

Two valid nominations were received for the position of Chair of the Membership and Communication subcommittee and an online ballot is being held for these two nominations. The results of the election will be announced at the 2019 Annual General Meeting to be held at the Brisbane Convention Centre on Thursday the 14<sup>th</sup> of November, at 5.30 PM. Single valid nominations were received for the positions of Secretary and Treasurer. Therefore, as per ASSCR rules no election will be held for these positions. No nomination was received for the position of Chair of Sponsorship and Industry subcommittee.

### **Summary**

With the conclusion of Stem Cells Australia, the role of the ASSCR as the voice of Australasia's stem cell community will be increasingly important

Professor Ed Stanley  
ASSCR President





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**Committee Meeting Dates and Membership**

**ASSCR Committee Meeting Dates and Attendance for 2019**

Under the ASSCR structure, the 9-member Committee has held 8 meetings, as listed in the Table below and the 2019 Annual General Meeting (AGM).

Meeting Date	Attendance	Apologies	Chair	Minutes
29 January 2019	9	0	E. Stanley	A. Pébay
12 March 2019	8	1	E. Stanley	A. Pébay
30 April 2019	7	2	E. Stanley	A. Pébay
04 June 2019	7	2	E. Stanley	A. Pébay
16 July 2019	8	1	E. Stanley	G. Lidgerwood
27 August 2019	9	0	E. Stanley	A. Pébay
08 October 2019	9	1	E. Stanley	A. Pébay
29 October 2019	7	3	E. Stanley	A. Pébay

The Committee also engaged in frequent email communication throughout the year, including on the following matters:

- (i) Preparing for the ASSCR 2019 meeting, including the format, timing and location of the ASSCR-run public forum.
- (ii) Providing the framework for awarding Postgraduate and Early Career Researcher Travel Awards for the ASSCR2019, sponsored by the NSCFA and the ASSCR.
- (iii) Preparing for our 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting (with the International Society Cell & Gene Therapy (ISCT) and the Australasian Gene and Cell Therapy Society (AGCTS) in Brisbane, 13-15/11/19).
- (iv). Finances
- (v) Continued improvement to the new website with an expansion of the content of the eNewsletters, and Twitter account (@theASSCR).

**Memberships**

ASN Events continues to serve as a contractor to process ASSCR Membership payments and renewals. As of 16 Oct 2019, the ASSCR consisted of 107 members (ACT 1, NSW 25, NZ 5, QLD 14, SA 2, TAS 1, VIC 49, and WA 9).



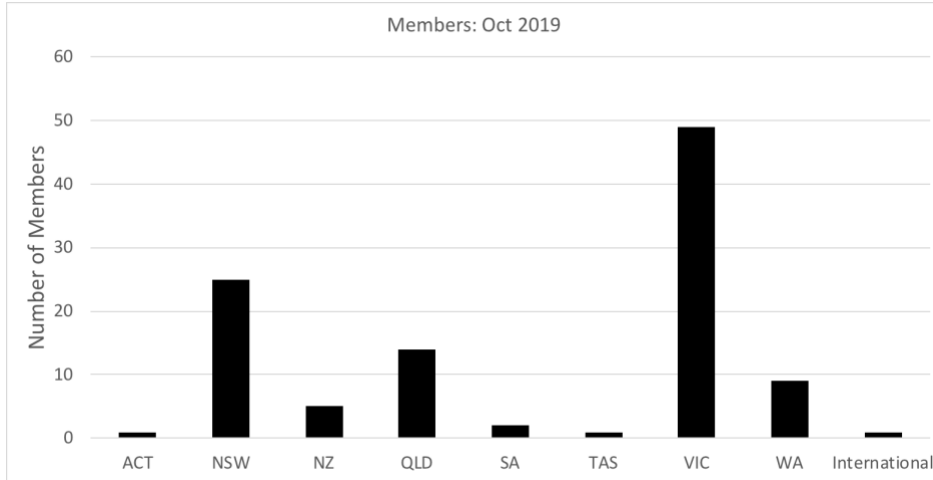
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## **Treasurers Report, Financial Year 2018-2019**

The Australasian Society for Stem Cell Research (ASSCR) is incorporated in Victoria PC 3194 (ABN:45 374 899 784) and registered as a tax-exempt not-for-profit charitable organisation. As a Charitable Institution the society is endorsed to access the following tax concessions: GST Concession 18 Apr 2008; Income Tax Exemption (since 18 Apr 2008); and FBT Rebate (since 18 Apr 2008). The ASSCR is also endorsed as a Deductible Gift Recipient (since 18 Apr 2008).

Cash Flows are managed through a National Australia Bank (NAB) Operating account. The Society held one Term Deposit account in this financial year (at NAB). The ASSCR had cash reserves of approximately \$141,422 at the end of the 2018-2019 Financial Year.

In 2012 we signed a memorandum of understanding with ASN for secretariat services. Cash flows associated with membership fees, conferences and other activities are managed by ASN via the NAB Operating Account. The ASSCR Committee members are not signatories to any of the accounts; instead the Treasurer and 2 elected committee members authorize the ASN Financial Controller to make and receive payments.

All transactions processed via ASN are reported to the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) by ASN Conferences acting as agent, and all GST liabilities are remitted by ASN Conferences on submission of the ASN Conferences Business Activity Statements (BAS). Currently all GST reporting occurs under the ASN Events' ABN; moreover, ASSCR submits 'nil GST returns' to the ATO with respect to its own ABN (as no transactions occur outside of the ASN-operated NAB account). ASN provides the ASSCR with a quarterly tax liability summary as well as a full GST ledger annually for our records.

Income this financial year was generated by a combination of membership fees, sponsorship, and interest earned on our bank accounts. Expenditures this financial year were Sponsorship, Prizes and Awards, administration and consultancy fees, website, and committee teleconferences (see the notes to Table 1 for more details).

Breakdowns of Income and Expenditure as well as Net Equity for each year from 2016-2019 are provided in Table 2 for comparison purposes. A brief summary of our financial position as of 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019 is given below.

### **ASSCR Net Equity:**

As of June 30<sup>th</sup> 2019, our net equity was **\$141,336.05**. This sum included:

- \$63,507.78 in our ASN managed NAB Term Deposit
- \$77,914.21 in our ASN managed NAB Operating account



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- Less Liabilities \$85.94. #

# Tax payable to the ATO for the period 1 Apr – 30 June 2019.

Net tax payable of \$85.94 was remitted to the ATO on 26 July 2019

**2018 ISSCR meeting:**

- No ASSCR meeting was held in 2018 due to the ISSCR meeting in Melbourne (June 2018). A total pledge of \$35,000, from ASSCR to ISSCR, was made to support the meeting.

**2019 ASSCR-ISCT-ACGTS joint meeting:**

- \$ 5,000 seed funding for the 2019 joint ASSCR-ISCT-ACGTS meeting was transferred to the joint meeting operating account. Both ISCT ANZ and AGCTS also contributed \$5,000 to the joint meeting account.

**Major 2018-2019 Expenditures:**

- \$39,165 for Prizes (inclusive of support for student/ECR attendance at the 2018 ISSCR meeting).
- \$ 8,446 in Administration inclusive of ASN Management Consultancy

**Table 1. Income statement 2016-2019**

	<i>2015</i>	<i>2016</i>	<i>2017</i>	<i>2018</i>
<i>Conference location</i>	<i>Hunter Valley</i>	<i>Margaret River</i>	<i>Sydney</i>	-
<b>Financial year ending</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>
<b>Income</b>				
Annual meeting	\$26,251	\$17,639	\$27,696	\$0*
Membership	\$16,696	\$16,033	\$11,201	\$ 8,400
Interest/Other income	\$796	\$2,930	\$2,129	\$ 1,797
Sponsorships	\$16,000	\$20,000	\$36,735	\$ 1,000**
<b>Total income</b>	<b>\$33,492</b>	<b>\$56,602</b>	<b>\$77,811</b>	<b>\$ 11,197</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Sponsorship			\$15,000	\$0***
Travel awards			\$10,243	\$39,135****
Awards				\$ 600**
Admin & Accountancy			\$8,850	\$ 8,446^
Other expenses:	\$21,614	\$56,902		
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$21,614</b>	<b>\$56,902</b>	<b>\$34,093</b>	<b>\$ 48,181</b>
<b>Net income (deficit)</b>	<b>\$11,878</b>	<b>(\$288)</b>	<b>\$43,718</b>	<b>(\$36,984)</b>



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**Table 2. Comparison of net equity in financial years ending June 2016 - June 2019**

<b>Financial Year ending in June</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>
Cash assets ASN	\$121,561	\$112,388	\$186,509	\$141,422
Cash Assets BankWest	\$17,665	\$17,665	\$0 ^^	
<b>Total cash assets</b>	<b>\$139,226</b>	<b>\$130,053</b>	<b>\$182,750</b>	<b>\$141,422</b>
Liabilities				(\$ 86)^^^
<b>Net Equity</b>				<b>\$141,336</b>



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**Notes on Tables:**

**Table 1:** Accounting is performed differently for the joint society meetings (2015, 2016, 2017). For simplicity, income from the joint meetings is presented as ASSCR's profit share less any ASSCR-specific expenses and/or income. All values are rounded to the nearest dollar.

ASSCR Income in the 2018-2019 financial year came from memberships, interest on our operating and term deposit accounts, and sponsorship.

\* Due to the ISSCR in Melbourne in 2018, ASSCR did not host a meeting in the 2018-2019 financial year hence no associated profit/loss is reflected in Table 1 for this meeting.

\*\* \$1,000 was received from Thermo Fisher for sponsorship of the ASSCR photo competition at the ISSCR meeting – both income and actual expenditure of \$600 recorded in Table 2.

ASSCR expenses in the 2018-2019 financial year were: travel awards to support attendance of student/ ECR members at the 2018 ISSCR meeting, secretariat fees (administration and accounting), web site maintenance, and committee phone meetings (see below).

\*\*\* \$5000 seed funding for the 2019 joint ASSCR-ASGCT-ISCT meeting, Brisbane is deemed to be refundable and thus not recorded as an expense.

\*\*\*\* A \$36,735 sponsorship payment was provided by NSCFA for Travel awards to support ASSCR members to attend the 2018 ISSCR Annual Meeting in Melbourne. These funds were received in the 2017-2018 financial year, with reimbursement of these awards made after the meeting, paid in July 2018. ASSCR provided an additional \$2400 to support 2 NZ ECR travel awards, collectively totalling \$39,135 and covering a total of 66 travel grants.

^ General ASSCR expenses including ASN management fees, accounting, teleconferences, website maintenance and bank fees.

**Table 2:** Net Equity = sum of Current Assets minus Current Liabilities.

^^ Bank West term deposit was closed April 2018 with the funds (\$17,665.40) rolled into the NAB operating account.

^^^ Outstanding Tax Payable (GST) as of 30 June 2018.



## **APPENDIX 1**

### **11th ASSCR AGM Tuesday 04 December 2018 2PM Teleconference – Minutes**

**Present:** Helen Abud (HA), Melissa Little (ML), Margret Schuller, Ed Stanley (ES), Megan Munsie (MM), Alice Pébay (AP), Grace Lidgerwood, Max Lim, Christine Wells (CW), Ernst Wolvetang, Michael O’Connor (MOC), George Yeoh (GY), Pritinder Kaur (PK), Duncan Crombie, Ngaire Elwood, Caroline Gargett, David Elliott.

**Apologies:** Clare Parish, Bernie Tuch, Damian Hernandez, Maciej Daniszewski, Alan Trounson, Michael Morris, Kathryn Futrega.

<b>Item</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Actions</b>
1. Welcome and apologies (Melissa Little)		
2. Acceptance of the Minutes from the ASSCR 2017 AGM (Appendix 1)	The Annual Report, which includes the Minutes from the 2017 AGM, was distributed by email to Members on 09/11/18.	MM moves motion that the Minutes be accepted. PK seconds. Motion to approve Minutes passed unanimously.
3. Results of Committee election process and welcome to new committee members (Melissa Little)	<p><b>Results of Committee election process:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Helen Abud elected as Vice President from 2 valid nominations from the returning officer – thanks for putting name forward.</li> <li>• Shiang (Max) Lim elected unopposed as Chair Conference and Awards Subcommittee Chair Subcommittee</li> <li>• Grace Lidgerwood elected unopposed as Chair Professional Development and Junior Investigators Subcommittee</li> </ul>	





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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Megan Munsie re-elected unopposed as Chair Policy, Ethics and Translation Subcommittee</li> </ul>	
4. Acceptance and comments from incoming President (Ed Stanley)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thanks to all past members and welcome to new members</li> <li>• The society is in very good shape, and the new committee will continue to engage with our stem cell community and ensure to be kept relevant to its members.</li> </ul>	
5. Treasurer’s Report, 2017-18 Financial Year (Melissa Little)	<p>The full Treasurer’s Report appears in the Annual Report.</p> <p><b>ASSCR Net Equity:</b>          Recap of status of society – with cash reserves          Inc in Vic registered for GST not for profit etc deductible gift certificate etc.          Net equity is up from previous financial year by ~\$44k because of income from the NSCFA ~\$36K for travel awards for the ISSCR, which were spent in July (hence in the new financial year)          Liability of ~\$3,759 at the end of the financial year and that has been paid in July          Accounts (operating account and term deposit, both at NAB) are managed through ASN secretariat          Operating account: \$81,361 (balance at 31/10/18)          Term deposit account: \$62,200          Major incomes: \$11.2 K in membership fees, ~\$27K in profit share from 2017 joint meeting (Sydney); sponsorship interest earned on bank account of ~\$2K          Expenses: pledged \$35K to ISSCR (\$15K in the last financial year, \$20K in the previous financial year), spent \$10,200 in prizes and</p>	Report is accepted by ED. GY seconds



	<p>awards (incl. \$9K received from the NSCFA to the prior year); \$8,800 spent in administration, management and consultancy fees.</p> <p>No feasible concerns moving into the current financial year Anticipated expenses: Scientific meeting</p>	
<p>6. Vote on changes to membership regulation (Ed Stanley)</p>	<p>We need to ensure that the society name is associated with individuals who are conducting stem cell activities in a manner that fits with the general outlook of the society. How to phrase applications to fit the membership, what criteria to be used to admit and re-admit members?</p> <p>Proposed changes made to previous criteria is a formal review to check that new members are conducting activities in line with the expectations and the criteria outlined by the ISSCR. Those criteria are based on those implemented by the ISSCR. The aim is to avoid taking new members whose activities might be regarded as scientifically spurious or ethically not completely sound.</p> <p>Christine Wells: what will the feedback to unsuccessful applicants be and their right to respond? ES: feedback will be a quote of the lines from set of criteria that the applicants fail to meet not sure yet on the appeal process.</p>	<p>All agreed, ES moves motion that the changes on membership regulation be accepted. AP, HA second.</p>
<p>7. Resolution to affirm ASSCR annual membership fees</p>	<p>Under the Rules of Association, the ASSCR must formally review its membership fee structure at each AGM.</p>	<p>ES moves motion that the Resolution to affirm the current fee structure be accepted. ML</p>



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	<p>The Resolution is as follows: "Be it RESOLVED that the meeting affirms the existing annual ASSCR membership fee structure (including GST) for 2019/2020:          1 year: Full membership \$120. Students \$60. Associate \$120.          2 year: Full membership \$210. Students \$105. Associate \$210.          3 year: Full membership \$290. Students \$145. Associate \$290.          New members who join the ASSCR during the year shall pay a fee equal to:          (a) the full annual subscription amount if they join between 1 August and 31 January; or          (b) a pro rata annual subscription based on the remaining part of the subscription year; or          (c) \$0 if they join between 1 May and 31 July or their subscription includes the following year."          PK: what are the criteria for associate membership? ES: for industry, corporate. ML reads the provision of associate membership. PK: do we need an honorary membership based on past affiliation? ES suggests taking on board and discuss for consideration.          MOS: might be worth reviewing and updating the rules to ensure fits with our constitution.          GY mentions that S needs to be removed from Students.</p>	<p>seconds. The Resolution was carried unanimously.</p>
<p>8. Reports from Subcommittee chairs and other ASSCR activities</p>	<p>Membership/Communications: ML thanks Kat for her role and improving the website and communication role. ED also congratulates.</p> <p>Policy/Ethics/Translation: MM thanks the committee members and other colleagues for work during the year and for the public event at Fed Square during the ISCCR</p>	



	<p>Conference/Awards: HA acknowledges the support of the NSCFA for the travel awards for this year.</p>	
<p>9. ISSCR 2018 (Melissa Little) / ASSCR Meeting 2019 (Ed Stanley)</p>	<p>ML asks ED to move on to the 2019 meeting. Current plan is a joined meeting with the ISCT and AGTC in Brisbane next year (13-16 of November, tentative dates). Few sticking points: committee wants to hire ASN events to help organize the meeting. CP is currently engaging with ASN and obtaining quotes, currently in circulation to the committee. So far committee is in agreement. Both societies are yet to agree on using the ASN, but looking promising. Once done, the ASN will be engaged and we can then proceed and give more information on dates and planning process on the way.</p> <p>Ongoing discussion with NSCFA. 2 visible roles:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Sponsor travel awards: although fairly reliable this is not something locked in a long time in advance. ES is trying to get certainty on support a longer time in advance as will ease planning.</li> <li>2. Running of the Metcalf Prize. Proposition discussed by the committee that both winners will be invited speaker at the annual ASSCR meeting. Our society website will outline this new policy. ES to complete negotiation by the end of the year.</li> </ol> <p>GY: Proposal to give a one-year free membership to each winner. MM: we should feature alumni more prominently on our website. GY: should ensure website promotes actively the prize. Some interest from the members to have more regular contacts with the society. Newsletter or emails to be sent to members. Maybe on</p>	<p>All agreed</p>



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	a quarterly basis (update), could feature ECR, ensure to engage the ECR. There are pros and cons so the right balance as to be found.	
10. Input, ideas from members	See above No other comments GY wants to congratulate the committee members who were engaged in the ISSCR as it was a real success. NSCFA is really important. ASSCR 2020: Adelaide? Date and venue will be locked in early 2019. Would NZ be a possibility? ES: it would probably be more expensive, so despite the justice of having a meeting in NZ, we would need to look at the financial implications.	
11. Other business		
12. Hand-Over to new Committee	ES thanks ML for everything she has done for the society and for the 2018 ISSCR organization and securing funding. Thank to all other committee members and welcome to the new members. Meeting closes at 14.56	