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Australasian Society for Stem Cell Research

Annual Report for 2020

And

2020-2021 Financial Statement



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**14th Annual General Meeting
Australasian Society for Stem Cell Research**

Tuesday 23rd November 2021, 2.00-4.00PM Australian Eastern Daylight Time
Time: Nov 23, 2021 02:00 PM Australia/Melbourne

Join from PC, Mac, iOS or Android:

<https://unimelb.zoom.us/j/84719153478?pwd=dEtCbGZMNUZ3OExHUUHQrbIBmT2plQT09>

Password: 656259

Or join by phone:

Dial (Australia): +61 3 7018 2005 or +61 2 8015 6011

Dial (US): +1 669 900 6833 or +1 646 876 9923

Dial (Hong Kong, China): +852 5808 6088 or +852 5803 3730

Dial (UK): +44 203 481 5240 or +44 131 460 1196

Meeting ID: 847 1915 3478

International numbers available: <https://unimelb.zoom.us/j/84719153478>

Or join from a H.323/SIP room system:

Dial:84719153478@zoom.aarnet.edu.au

or SIP:84719153478@zmau.us

or 103.122.166.55

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AGENDA

1. Welcome and Apologies (Helen Abud)
2. Acceptance of the Minutes from the ASSCR 2020AGM (Appendix 1)
3. Results of Committee election process and welcome to new Committee members (Helen Abud)
4. Treasurer's Report 2020-21 Financial Year (Clare Parish)
5. Resolutions
"Be it RESOLVED that the meeting affirms the existing annual ASSCR membership fee structure (including GST) for 2022/2023:
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. Input and Ideas from Members
8. Other Business
9. Hand-Over to new Committee



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President's Report: January-November 2021

The year commenced with optimism and hope of emerging from the COVID-19 pandemic, re-connecting with colleagues and plans for our annual meeting. It soon became evident that there was considerable uncertainty and like the rest of the country some of our plans continued to remain on hold. In recognition of this, the ASSCR committee extended the memberships of all current members for a further 12 months at no cost to ensure continuity. As incoming president at this time, there have been challenges but also opportunities. The resilience of our members, enthusiasm of our early and mid-career researchers and astounding progress in stem cell research is truly inspiring. Planning has continued with the Australasian Gene and Cell Therapy Society (AGCTS) for our joint meeting, now scheduled in Melbourne 9th-11th March, 2022. There is great excitement to re-engage and share our science in person at this meeting. We have numerous high-profile international speakers who will join virtually, an impressive selection of national speakers and opportunities for presentations selected from the abstracts. This will be a wonderful opportunity for members to network and build links.

The impact of the pandemic has stimulated discussion and implementation of different approaches to support our activities. This year the society sponsored smaller regionally focused gatherings in Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne that supported networking and showcased the work of our early career researchers. These meetings were primarily driven by the society's ECR committee alongside local contributors with over 200 attendees across the three events. This was an enormous boost to our members at the earlier stages of their career and feedback on the success of these events was excellent. There is considerable enthusiasm to continue this model in 2022, following our annual meeting. Members who are interested in contributing to organising or hosting such meetings in their city are encouraged to reach out to our committee. Awards were given for the best presentations at each of these meetings.

We have also been very fortunate to continue our new partnership with Professor Christine Wells and colleagues from across the Parkville stem cell community, running a nationally focussed monthly Zoom forum as part of their highly successful "*Stem Cell Conversations*" series. Organisation of these sessions has also been coordinated by our ECRs and utilises a format of 2 short presentations and Q and A in a 30-minute timeslot on a monthly basis. We regularly attract audiences of over 65 attendees and are extremely grateful to Professor Wells and her colleagues for their generosity in facilitating the success of this forum. We plan to continue this highly successful program in 2022.

This year we were delighted to see our past president Professor Melissa Little commence her tenure as president of the International Society for Stem Cell Research (ISSCR). The



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ISSCR promotes responsible stem cell research to advance knowledge and stem cell treatments and represents 4000 members globally. We congratulate Professor Little on her election to this role which recognises her outstanding leadership in the field. Many Australian stem cell researchers have presented in virtual forums promoted by ISSCR in 2021. Professor Megan Munsie has also contributed to the update of the ISSCR Guidelines for Stem Cell Research and Clinical Translation and continues to serve on ISSCR Ethics Committee. She was also recently invited to join the ISSCR Public Policy Committee. We congratulate Prof Munsie on her contribution and her continuing work on promoting the importance of ethical discussion in stem cell research.

The society was pleased to see that there were numerous outstanding publications from stem cell researchers in 2021, some of which received considerable media attention. Examples include the generation of iblastoids (Professor Jose Polo), drug treatments for COVID-induced cardiac damage (Associate Professor James Hudson) and new approaches for stem cell transplantation to treat Parkinsons (Professor Clare Parish). Plus many more... We also congratulate our members on their success in grant funding, especially from the MRFF Stem Cell Mission where projects were funded to support disease modelling, transplantation strategies and the ethics of stem cell research. This included projects related to retinal diseases, digestive disease, heart failure, cardiac toxicity and kidney disease. Further funding was also received to support Australia's COVID-19 research effort. The breadth of research involving our members and the potential impact continues to be impressive.

The ASSCR continues a collaboration with the National Stem Cell Foundation of Australia ([NSCFA](#)), a philanthropic organisation whose mission is to support and promote stem cell research in Australia. We are grateful to the NSCFA for their continuing support for the attendance of students and early career researchers at our upcoming conference and we are pleased to host the [Metcalf prize](#) winners and researchers from their Matched Funding program at our annual conference.

To provide further recognition for our early career researchers, the ASSCR committee will introduce a "Rising Star" Award in 2022 for early career researchers within 5 years post PhD. Details of this award and how to apply will be supplied in due course.

Our AGM will be held as a teleconference on Tuesday the 23rd of November, at 2.00 PM, with attendance details to be provided. As the holding of an AGM is a legal requirement for the Society and the meeting must be quorate for voting to occur, it is imperative that members make every effort to attend.

Finally, as two key members of the ASSCR committee are finishing this year, Professor Alice Pébay as Secretary and Professor Clare Parish as Treasurer, I would like to pay tribute



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to the key contributions they have made to the committee. Both Alice and Clare have worked tremendously hard for the society. It has been a pleasure and privilege working with the whole committee in 2021 to navigate through the uncertainties imposed by the pandemic to provide support to members. We are looking forward to the exciting events planned in 2022.

As announced at the 2020 Annual General Meeting, new members were elected to the 2021 ASSCR Committee, and the Committee consists of:

ASSCR Committee Executive Members

Prof. Helen Abud (Monash University): President, 2021-22

Prof. Megan Munsie (The University of Melbourne): Vice President, 2021-22

Prof. Clare Parish (Florey Institutes of Neurosciences): Treasurer, 2020–21

Prof. Alice Pébay (The University of Melbourne): Secretary, 2020-21

ASSCR Committee Ordinary Members

Dr. Christian Nefzger (University of Queensland): Membership and Communications Subcommittee Chair, 2020–21

Dr. Nathan Palpant: Policy, Ethics and Translation Subcommittee Chair, 2021–22

Dr. Shiang (Max) Lim (St. Vincent’s Institute of Medical Research): Conference and Awards Subcommittee Chair, 2021-22

Dr. Jarmon Lees (St. Vincent’s Institute of Medical Research): Professional Development and Junior Investigators Subcommittee Chair, 2020-21

Dr Margret Schuller (Peprtech): Sponsorship and Industry Subcommittee Chair, 2021-22

Overview of ASSCR Committee and Subcommittee Activities for 2021

i) Organising for the 2021 ASSCR/AGCTS Conference, including handling sponsorship pledges, selecting national and international speakers and organising the public forum. The conference was rescheduled to March 2022 due to COVID-19

- travel award organisation led by the Conference and Awards Subcommittee and Treasurer

- Public forum led by the Policy, Ethics & Translation Subcommittee and Vice-President

- Organisation of local ECR meetings by committee members and local organisers

- Organisation of virtual “stem cell conversations” by the ECR committee

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 2021 Annual Report and organisation of the 2021 ASSCR Committee election.

ASSCR Communication with members



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The ASSCR committee communicates directly with members through e-mail, and with the broader community through its website (asscr.org) and social media profiles (Twitter, new handle: @theASSCR). 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) 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 by teleconference, and members of our society were invited to attend the AGM by email.

ASSCR's National Stem Cell Conversations

The ASSCR has delivered the online monthly seminar series, the “*National Stem Cell Conversations*”, in collaboration with Professor Christine Wells and colleagues from the University of Melbourne and the Parkville stem cell research community. The series features national and international researchers and is moderated by Dr Jarmon Lees and Dr Aude Dorison, and will welcome Dr Marina Naval-Sánchez as a third moderator later this year. The series has been regularly attended by 50-70 persons from across Australia, and provides an easily accessible forum to stay connected, engage in conversation, and keep on top of the latest stem cell research. People interested in speaking at a *National Stem Cell Conversation* should contact Drs Lees, Dorison, or Naval-Sánchez.

ASSCR's local early career researcher symposia

The ASSCR held three locally organized and in-person symposia in Brisbane, Sydney, and Melbourne in 2021. Over 200 early career researchers including honours, masters and PhD students, and postdocs attended the events for a full day of scientific talks and networking dinners (dinner to be rescheduled in Melbourne due to COVID-19 lockdown). Attendance was free for ASSCR members and \$20 for non-members, coinciding with a large increase in the ASSCR membership base. A core committee (Dr Christian Nefzger, Dr Margret Schuller, Dr Aude Dorison, and Dr Jarmon Lees) and local committees organized the events. Feedback from the symposia has been overwhelmingly positive with a view to hold similar events next year.

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



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2020-21 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.

2021 Committee Election Process

This year nominations were called for 4 elected Committee positions: Treasurer, Secretary, Sponsorship/Fundraising/Industry subcommittee Chair; and Membership and Communications subcommittee Chair. Single valid nominations were received for three of the four positions. Therefore, as per ASSCR rules no election will be held for these positions. An election will be held for the position of Treasurer. The results of the election will be announced at the 2021 Annual General Meeting to be held via Zoom on Tuesday the 23rd of November, at 2.00 PM Australian Eastern Daylight Time.

Summary

2021 is a year where we have concentrated on local ECR events and virtual "stem cell conversations" due to the uncertainty imposed by the pandemic. Despite the challenges, our local events managed to avoid the lockdowns, providing wonderful networking opportunities. Many members have faced considerable challenges with the lockdowns but continue to generate great research and are looking forward to an increase in activity in 2022. We look forward to coming together for our meeting in March 2022. As members, if you would like to contribute to activities and put forward ideas, please get involved and help shape the societies future.

Regards,

Professor Helen E. Abud
ASSCR President



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Committee Meeting Dates and Membership

ASSCR Committee Meeting Dates and Attendance for 2021

Under the ASSCR structure, the 9-member Committee has held 7 meetings, as listed in the Table below and the 2021 Annual General Meeting (AGM).

Meeting Date	Attendance	Apologies	Chair	Minutes
02 February 2021	8	1	H. Abud	A. Pébay
16 March 2021	7	2	H. Abud	S. (M.) Lim
27 April 2021	6	3	H. Abud	S. (M.) Lim
08 June 2021	9	0	H. Abud	A. Pébay
20 July 2021	7	2	H. Abud	A. Pébay
31 August 2021	9	0	H. Abud	A. Pébay
12 October 2021	9	0	H. Abud	A. Pébay

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

- (i) Preparing for the ASSCR 2021 meeting, which was ultimately postponed due the COVID-19 pandemic.
- (ii). Finances
- (iii) Continued improvement to the new website with an expansion of the content of the eNewsletters, and Twitter account.

Memberships

ASN Events continues to serve as a contractor to process ASSCR Membership payments and renewals. As of Sept 2021, the ASSCR consisted of 183 members (Victoria 86, New South Wales 43, Queensland 27, Western Australia 11, New Zealand 6, Australian Capital Territory 4, South Australia 3, International 2, Tasmania 1).

Out of these 70 were student memberships, 9 were associate memberships and 104 were full memberships.

Please note that due to the COVID-19 crisis and the absence of the society's annual meetings in 2020 and 2021 all memberships were extended by 12 months in each of these years (i.e. 24 months collectively) free of charge.



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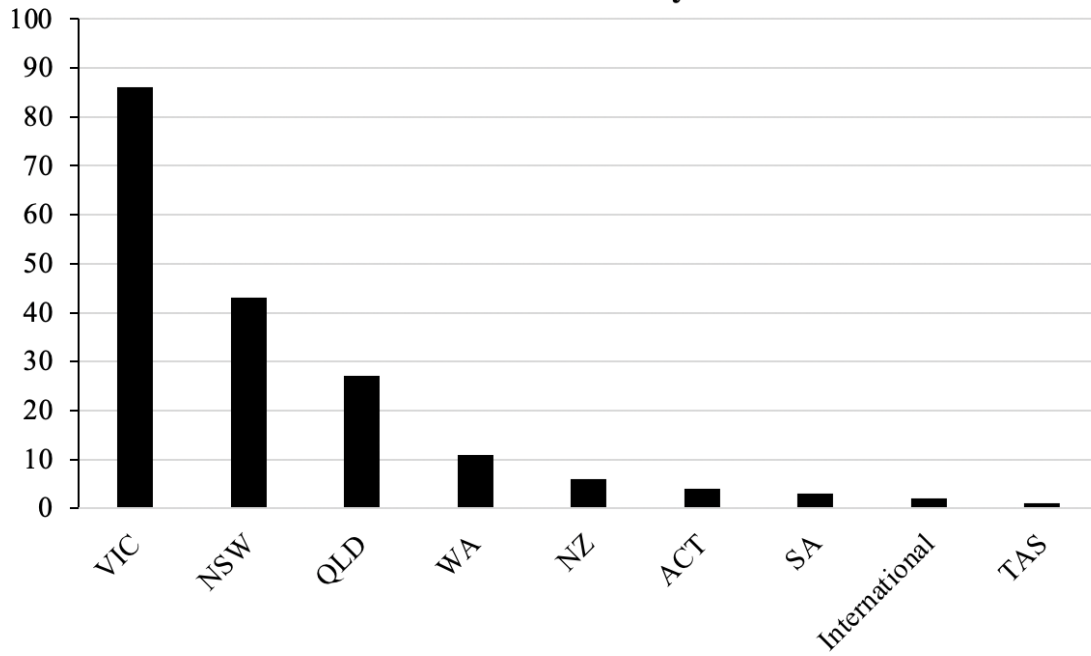
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Number of members by state





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Treasurers Report, Financial Year 2020-2021

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 \$148,663 at the end of the 2020-2021 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 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 2018-2021 are provided in Table 2 for comparison purposes. A brief summary of our financial position as of 30th June 2021 is given below.

ASSCR Net Equity:

As of June 30th 2021, our net equity was **\$148,663.92**. This sum included:

- \$ 131,868.32 in our ASN managed NAB Term Deposit
- \$ 19,413.29 in our ASN managed NAB Operating account
 - Less Liabilities \$ -2,617.69 #



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Negative Liability of \$307.37 is GST refund due from the Tax Office for the June BAS and \$2,310.32 for Accrual Event (carry forward of sponsorship funds for the ASSCR ECR symposium held in Melbourne in August 2021, i.e. the 2021-2022 financial year).

2021 ASSCR ECR Satellite meetings (Brisbane and Sydney):

• Plans for an ASSCR meeting to be held in November 2020 in Melbourne were cancelled due to COVID-19 and the anticipation of lockdowns and/or travel restrictions. Instead, in the 2020-2021 financial year, two early career researcher (ECR) one-day symposia were held in Brisbane (21st January 2021) and Sydney (14th May 2021), with an additional ECR symposium held in Melbourne (August 2021), falling within the 2021-2022 financial year.

All expenditures and income from the 2 symposia have now been reconciled.

Brisbane

Total Symposia Income:	\$ 2,972.73
Total Symposia Expenses:	\$ 4,509.67
Net Trading Position (deficit):	\$ 1,536.94

Sydney

Total Symposia Income:	\$ 2,990.91
Total Symposia Expenses:	\$ 5,079.04
Net Trading Position (deficit):	(\$ 2,088.13)

Major 2020-2021 Expenditures:

- \$1,483 for Prizes and awards at the ECR symposiums.
- \$ 4,837 for Administration inclusive of ASN Management Consultancy
- \$ 7,911 for Catering at the ECR Symposia



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Table 1. Income statement 2018-2021

	<i>2017</i>	<i>2018</i>	<i>2019</i>	<i>2021</i> <i>ECR symposia</i> <i>Sydney/Brisbane</i>
<i>Conference location</i>	<i>Sydney</i>	-	<i>Brisbane</i>	
<u>Financial year ending</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
<u>Income</u>				
Annual meeting	\$27,696	\$0*	\$ 5,742	\$0**
Membership	\$11,201	\$ 8,400	\$ 8,953	\$ 4,811
Interest/Other income	\$2,129	\$ 1,797	\$ 4,817	\$ 2,332***
Sponsorships	\$36,735	\$ 1,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 4,600****
Total income	\$77,811	\$ 11,197	\$ 39,512	\$ 11,743
<u>Expenditure</u>				
Sponsorship	\$15,000	\$0	\$	\$
Travel awards	\$10,243	\$39,135 [#]	\$ 22,315	\$
Awards		\$ 600	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,483 [^]
Admin & Accountancy	\$8,850	\$ 8,446	\$ 4,891	\$ 4,837 ^{^^}
Other expenses:			\$ 4,660	\$ 8,742 ^{^^^}
Total Expenses	\$34,093	\$ 48,181	\$ 33,866	\$15,062
Net income (deficit)	\$43,718	(\$36,984)	\$5,646	(\$ 3,319)



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Table 2. Comparison of net equity in financial years ending June 2018 - June 2021

<u>Financial Year ending in June</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Cash assets ASN	\$186,509	\$141,422	\$151,958	151,282
Total cash assets	\$182,750	\$141,336	\$151,933	151,282
Liabilities			(\$ 25)	(\$ 2,618) [#]
Net Equity	\$182,750	\$141,336	\$151,982	\$ 148,664



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Notes on Tables:

Table 1: Accounting is performed differently for the joint society meetings (2017 and 2019). 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 2020-2021 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.

** Due to COVID-19, the joint ASSCR annual meeting scheduled for November 2019 in Melbourne was cancelled.

*** Interest and other income included \$1363.64 ECR symposia registrations, a \$100 donation, and \$ 868.18 in interest on our term deposit and operating account.

**** A total of \$ 6,900 in sponsorship was provided by Cell Therapies PTY LTD, Lonza Australia, Australian Bioresearch, John Morris Group PTY LTD, In Vitro Technologies, Miltenyi Biotech, Stem Cell Technologies, Custom Science and, Nanostring Technologies to support the three ECR Symposiums. Two symposia were hosted in the 2020-2021 financial year (Brisbane and Sydney), with the Melbourne symposia held in August 2021. Funds were split equally between the symposia and hence \$4600 reflected in the 2020-2021 financial year and \$2300 transferred to the 2021-2022 financial year (Accrual event).

ASSCR expenses in the 2020-2021 financial year were: ECR symposia awards, administration and accounting fees, web site maintenance, committee phone meetings and membership subscription (see below).

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. This is collectively reflected in the profit (\$43,718) for the 2017-2018, balanced against the loss (-\$36,984) in the subsequent 2018-2019 financial year.

^ Prize money for best presentations by a graduate/ECR ASSCR member at the Brisbane and Sydney symposia.

^^ General ASSCR expenses including ASN management fees, accounting/administration, teleconferences, website maintenance, committee phone meetings and bank fees.



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^^^ Other expenses includes \$7911 in catering for the Brisbane and Sydney symposiums, \$659 for Science and Technology, Australia annual membership and general sundries of \$172.

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

Negative Liability of \$307.37 is GST refund due from the Tax Office for the June BAS and \$2,310.32 for Accrual Event (carry forward of sponsorship funds for the ASSCR ECR symposium held in Melbourne in the 2021-2022 financial year).



APPENDIX 1

**13th ASSCR AGM Tuesday 15 December 2020 2-4PM AEST
Zoom Meeting– Minutes**

Present: Ed Stanley (ES), Helen Abud (HA), Nathan Palpant, Alice Pébay (AP), Clare Parish (CP), Max Lim (ML), Jarmon Lees (JL), Aude Dorison, Christian Nefzger (CN), Anai Gonzalez Cordero, Andrew Elefanty, Damian Hernandez, Duncan Crombie, George Yeoh, Huan Ting Ong, Jacqui Schiesser, Jacky Sun Jess Frith, Kuldip Sidhu, Keren Abberton, Lay Khoon Too, Margret Schuller, Maciej Daniszewski, Michael O’Connor, Michael Morris, Ngairé Elwood, Nadia Rajab, Pei Tian, Sally Vuong, Thao Nguyen

Apologies: Megan Munsie, Grace Lidgerwood

Item	Discussion	Actions
Welcome and apologies (Ed Stanley, ES)		
Acceptance of the Minutes from the ASSCR 2019 AGM (Appendix 1)	The Annual Report, which includes the Minutes from the 2019 AGM, was distributed by email to Members on 20/11/20.	ES moves motion that the Minutes be accepted. AP seconds. Motion to approve Minutes passed unanimously.
Results of Committee election process and welcome to new committee members (Ed Stanley)	<p>Results of Committee election process:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Megan Munsie elected unopposed as Vice President. • Shiang (Max) Lim re-elected unopposed as Conference and Awards Subcommittee 	



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jarmon Lees elected unopposed as Professional Development and Junior Investigators Subcommittee • Nathan Palpant elected unopposed as Policy, Ethics and Translation Subcommittee • ES thanks Megan Munsie for her role for the last six years in the Policy, Ethics and Translation Subcommittee • ES thanks Grace Lidgerwood for her role for the last two years as Professional Development and Junior Investigators Subcommittee 	
<p>4. Treasurer’s Report, 2019-20 Financial Year (Clare Parish, CP)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The full Treasurer’s Report appears in the Annual Report. <p>ASSCR Net Equity: Recap of status of society – with cash reserves The society is tracking very well and is in a very wealthy state</p> <p>Revenue remains under \$250,000: hence the society is exempt from tax as a non for profit charitable organisation The society is registered in Vic registered for GST Bank accounts (two: term deposit and daily operating account) are held by the NAB and managed by ASN conferences By the end of 2019/20 Financial year: \$152,000. Overall net equity has remained similar across past 4 financial year (but a \$10,000 increase this year). \$130,000 in term deposit, \$22,000 in the daily operating account.</p> <p>Income: membership (\$9,000); interest (\$2,000), National Stem Cell Foundation of Australia (NSCFA: \$3,000 towards public event, \$20k towards travel awards for ECR to attend the 2019 Brisbane meeting),</p>	<p>Report is accepted by ED. AP seconds</p>



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	<p>Profit shares from the Brisbane conference (\$6,000 split between the three societies).</p> <p>Expenses: travel awards (\$20,000 from NSCFA, \$2,300 from ASSCR to support the members from NZ); \$2,000 in prizes at the conference, running cost for ASN to manage our accounts and also the public event held in Brisbane.</p> <p>No major concerns for the society moving forward in the current financial year given the net equity over \$150,000.</p>	
<p>5. 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>The Resolution is as follows: "Be it RESOLVED that the meeting affirms the existing annual ASSCR membership fee structure (including GST) for 2021/2022: 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 <i>pro rata</i> 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."</p>	<p>ES accepts the current fee structure. Vote by hands and resolution approved unanimously.</p>



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<p>6. Reports from Subcommittee chairs and other ASSCR activities</p>	<p>Membership/Communications (CN): 120 members until recently, recruited 8 new members thanks to the newly established local ECR meetings (first one in Brisbane). Policy/Ethics/Translation (ES): we hope to hold another meeting in November 2021 in Melbourne, together with a public forum. Professional Development and Junior Investigators (JL): ECR forum half day event in UQ, with networking session. Free for members. 32 registrations so far. Similar meeting in Melbourne and Sydney early/ mid 2021. MS: the working group for the setting up of these small events is working very well and should ease the logistic of these other future events. National Stem Cell Conversations are held in partnership with the Centre for Stem Cell Systems (led by Christine Wells), with a monthly conversation hosted by the ASSCR. The format (10 min snapshots of research) is a success. Thanks to Aude Dorrison and Jarmon Lees for setting up both initiatives</p>	
<p>7. ASSCR Meetings 2020 and 2021 (Ed Stanley)</p>	<p>Meeting cancelled for this year, which helped setting up novel ways of communicating with and between members of the society. Internet meetings (Stem Cell Conversations) and small local meetings have been set up, with a focus on ECR. The local ECR meetings will start in 2021 (Brisbane, Melbourne, Sydney). Our relationship with the NSCFA has also strengthened. All these are really important recalibrations, which were catalyzed by a very challenging 2020.</p>	
<p>8. Input, ideas from members</p>	<p>George Yeoh: possibilities of engaging more with WA and possibly run another meeting in WA ES: small regional meeting in WA could be organized in Perth?</p>	



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	Helen Abud: given current context the regional meetings are a way to help with difficulties of travelling and finances around meetings. strong membership	
9. Other business	The ASSCR decided to extend membership by one year to all members given the COVID19 crisis.	
10. Hand-Over to new Committee	ES thanked all committee members and welcome to the new members. HA: new president, thanks ES for his leadership. Challenging time ahead, but with opportunities. The enthusiasm of the ECRs has come to the front and has helped reshape our activities in a difficult environment. To all with ideas and suggestions, please come forward with any new ideas. Meeting closes at 02.35 PM.	