



Brisbane Girls
Debating Association
Annual General
Meeting Minutes

Date: 20 September 2021

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: Brisbane Girls Grammar School (Bain Staffroom)

All AGM materials can be accessed [here](#).

Standard Matters

Attendance

1. In attendance were: Emily Leggett, Bella Busby, Sophie Cunningham, Lara Pruium, Abbey Grice, Anne Byrne, Eva Seet, Arathy Thirukumar, Georgia Perissinotto, Grace Beattie and Mikayla O'Flynn.

Announcement Of Quorum

2. The Chairperson announced quorum is present at 6:08pm.

Confirmation Of 2020 AGM Minutes

3. Motion to confirm the 2020 Annual General Meeting minutes was proposed by Emily Leggett, seconded by Arathy Thirukumar and approved by Sophie Cunningham, Anne Byrne, Grace Beattie and Georgia Perissinotto.

Abbey Grice, Isabella Busby, Mikayla O'Flynn, Lara Prium and Eva Seet abstained.

The minutes were confirmed.

Reports

4. The Executive from 2020-21 each tabled a written report which provided a brief oral report and the opportunity for the general members to ask questions of them and their reports. Each of the reports were presented by the following people:
 - a. The President, Emily Leggett;
 - b. The Secretary, Sophie Cunningham;
 - c. The Treasurer, Arathy Thirukumar;
 - d. The Schools' Development Officer, Grace Beattie;
 - e. The Competition Officer, Georgia Perissinotto;
 - f. The Adjudicators' Officer, Isabella Busby.
5. Sophie Cunningham moves to accept the report of the President, Emily Leggett. Seconded by Arathy Thirukumar and passed unanimously.

6. Emily Leggett moves to accept the report of the Treasurer, Arathy Thirukumar. Seconded by Emily Leggett and passed unanimously.
7. Emily Leggett moves to accept the report of the Adjudicator Officer, Isabella Busby. Seconded by Sophie Cunningham and passed unanimously.
8. Emily Leggett moves to accept the report of the Secretary, Sophie Cunningham. Seconded by Arathy Thirukumar and passed unanimously.
9. George Steel joined.
10. Emily Leggett moved to accept the report of the Schools Development Officer, Grace Beattie. Seconded by Sophie Cunningham and passed unanimously.
11. Sophie Cunningham moved to accept the report of the Competition Officer, Georgia Perissinotto. Seconded by Arathy Thirukumar and passed unanimously.

Confirmation Of Validity Of 2020-21 Financial Records

12. NOTED that the President and Treasurer verified that: "The association keeps financial records in a way which properly records the association's income and expenditure and dealings with its assets and liabilities."

Confirmation Of 2019-2020 Child Protection Policy and Public Liability Insurance

13. NOTED that the President verified that: "The association keeps records of child protection policy and public liability insurance in a way which properly records the association's values and policies as well as transactions with the public liability office."

Constitutional Changes

14. REVOLVED to amend Rule 13 of the Constitution from:

13. It is recommended, though not required, that debates be conducted in the standard Australasian Debating style, as described in the Australasian Debating Guide.*

TO:

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15. REVOLVED to amend Rule 12 of the Constitution from:

12. The Executive may also charge fees from schools, which the Executive must set, subject to consumer affairs legislation and so not in consultation with the Queensland Debating Union, Greater Public Schools Debating Association or any other body.*

TO:

12. The Executive may also charge fees from schools, which the Executive must set, subject to consumer affairs legislation.*

16. RESOLVED to amend Rule 51 of the Constitution from:

*51. *Persons may use electronic technology such as Internet telephony or webcams in order to participate in the meeting and communicate with other members and such members shall count as present at the meeting for the purposes of quorum.*

TO:

51. With respect to General meetings:*

(1) General meetings may be conducted either in person or by using any technology that gives the members as a whole a reasonable opportunity to participate; and

(2) Any person may attend and participate fully in a General meeting using appropriate technology, whether the meeting is held in person or wholly online, and such members shall count as present at the meeting for the purposes of quorum.

Opening Of Positions And Election Of 2020–2021 Executive

17. RESOLVED to open nominations for the following positions:

- a. President;
- b. Secretary;
- c. Treasurer;
- d. Schools officer;
- e. Competitions Officer;
- f. Sponsorship Officer;
- g. Schools' Liaison Officer;
- h. Adjudicators' Officer;
- i. Training Officer; and
- j. Social Media Officer.

Elect Chair/Returning Officer

18. Emily Leggett moved to elect Sophie Cunningham as Chair and Returning Officer
Seconded by Grace Beattie. Approved unanimously.

Vacancies

19. The Returning Officer, Sophie Cunningham declared all positions vacant.

Election of President

20. Arathy Thirukumar nominated Emily Leggett as President. Seconded by Georgia Perissinotto. Elected uncontested.

Election of Secretary

21. Emily Leggett nominated Georgia Perissinotto as Secretary. Seconded by Arathy Thirukumar. Elected uncontested.

Election of Treasurer

22. Emily Leggett nominated George Steel as Treasurer. Seconded by Georgia Perissinotto. Elected uncontested.

Election of Schools Liaison Officers

23. Georgia Perissinotto nominated Anne Byrne as Schools Liaison Officer. Seconded by Emily Leggett. Elected uncontested.

Election of Competitions' Officer

24. Emily Leggett nominated Arathy Thirukumar as Competitions' Officer. Seconded by Georgia Perissinotto. Elected uncontested.

Election of Schools Officer

25. Emily Leggett nominated Mikayla O'Flynn as Schools Officer. Seconded by Arathy Thirukumar. Elected uncontested.

Election of Adjudicators' Officer

26. Emily Leggett nominated Eva Seet as Adjudicators' Officer. Seconded by Mikayla O'Flynn. Elected uncontested.

Training Officer

27. Emily Leggett nominated Lara Prium as Training Officer. Seconded by Eva Seet. Elected uncontested.

Social Media Officer

28. Emily Leggett nominated Grace Beattie as Social Media Officer. Seconded by Georgia Perissinotto. Elected uncontested.

29. Maeve Lu joined the meeting.

30. Emily Leggett motioned to accept Steven Perissinotto and Kaylene Perissinotto as members of the BGDA. Seconded by Arathy Thirukumar. Steven Perissinotto and Kaylene Perissinotto joined the meeting.

Sponsorship Officer

31. Georgia Perissinotto moved to elect Maeve Lu as Sponsorship Officer. Seconded by Emily Leggett. Elected uncontested.

Other Business And Adjournment

32. Meeting adjourned at 7:16pm.