

AWTRS AGM minutes

Date: Tuesday 29th October 2024

Venue: WA Maritime Museum, Fremantle

Time: 12:30pm (AWST)

Attendees: Allison Cowin, Brooke Farrugia, Ainslie Derrick-Roberts, Xanthe Strudwick, Rae Moses, Stuart Mills, Tony Parker, Anna Guller, Amanda Kijas, Michaela George, Dongxui Zou, Amira Allahham, Johanna Koks, Heather Russell, Andrew Stevenson, Victoria Simovich, Alex Logothetis, Benjamin Morrison, Natasha Kolesnikoff, Le Tuong Van Vo, Eleonora Allievi, Caitlin Berry-Kilgour

Apologies: Lyn Wise

Agenda

#	Agenda point to be addressed	Who
1	<p>Presidents report: Nominations are in for a new committee.</p> <p>AWTRS expenditure – fund students and ECRs – travel awards – wound or wound associated conference nationally/internationally. This year as in Perth and a bit further, combined usual funding together to give more opportunities for students/ECRs to attend. Awardees ranged from 1st year PhD to experienced postdocs. Travel award recipients will write conference report.</p> <p>Thanks to funders – Phoenix Eagle, Phoenix XYZ, AXT, Uργο. Phoenix support whenever they can and have done for a number of years. AXT + Uργο – from AWTRS connections – also supported the conference.</p> <p>Thanks to Allison + Andrew for all their work in helping to organise the conference + ECR event alongside YuSuk, Giselle and Alex from MBSANZ. and Clive + Andrea for all their help with organising.</p> <p>Great turnout of AWTRS members at the conference. 2nd AWTRS meeting held in Perth – good to revisit.</p> <p>Thanks to all committee members. New initiative recently set up where each committee member has a portfolio to work on.</p> <p>Thanks from Brooke – it’s been a fantastic 6 years!</p>	Brooke Farrugia

<p>2</p>	<p>Treasurer’s report: In a financially stable position.</p> <p>2024 – closing balance \$44,954 in account Been static – tend to spend what we earn</p> <p>Not been making much in recent years at conferences, as getting sponsorship is getting harder, need to start approaching sponsorship earlier.</p> <p>AWTRS is a not-for-profit organisation – but want to support students/ECRs to attend events.</p> <p>Income is mainly from membership and most expenditure on travel/awards, small amount in Small Talk Events, and website.</p>	<p>Allison Cowin</p>
<p>3</p>	<p>Secretary’s report: Membership fees haven’t changed for a few years. Need to look at corporate memberships – see what they get for their membership. Currently at the highest membership for 6 years. For those memberships due to expire in December, you will receive an email notifying you of this and option to renew.</p>	<p>Lyn Wise Presented by Brooke Farrugia</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>ECR Rep: Thanks to Stu for setting up the website last year – great place to put your profile. Thanks to Rae for doing new PhD profiles – Alex + Ben</p> <p>Biannual Image Award and paper of the year – please enter to be in with a chance to win December 15th – deadline for photo award and paper of the year</p> <p>Can apply for YI or EMCR awards. YI/EMCR awards just on ROPE. YI – any time during PhD to 2 years postdoc. EMCR – 2-10 years post-PhD</p> <p>Promote your research on social media. Any ECRs welcome to get involved, please reach out to Andrew.</p>	<p>Andrew Stevenson</p>
<p>5</p>	<p><u>Establishment of new AWTRS committee</u> President: Allison Cowin (as the only nominee in advance and no nominations taken from the floor). Allison set up the society and loves the society, keen to maintain it and see it</p>	<p>Allison Cowin/Xanthe Strudwick</p>

	<p>thrive. Membership fluctuates over the years but does a lot to help students/ECRs.</p> <p>Vice President: Xanthe Strudwick – no nominee in advance, Xanthe was nominated from the floor.</p> <p>Secretary/Membership Secretary: Rachael Moses</p> <p>Treasurer: Brooke Farrugia</p> <p>Student/Early career representative: Anna Antipov</p> <p>7 general committee members: Stuart Mills (website) Zlatko Kopecki Abbas Shafiee Tony Parker Fiona Wood Andrew Stevenson Ainslie Derrick-Roberts - Nominated from the floor.</p>	
6	Next conference in 2026 to be held in Adelaide.	Allison Cowin