



Annual General Meeting

4.45pm, 4 March 2016

The Ansett Hall, The Peninsula School

1. Welcome (Simon Murray, Chairman)

The Chairman welcomed all in attendance, thanking them for their support of PESA. He then introduced the members of the Board and the Executive Officer.

2. Chairman's Report (Simon Murray)

The (attached) Chairman's Report was read to members during the meeting.

3. Finance Report (Stuart Johnston, Treasurer)

The Treasurer presented the annual financial statement for the period ending 31 January 2016 encouraging all members to renew their memberships when they fall due.

PESA Ltd

ABN 87 168 259 096 (Not registered for GST)

Balance Sheet - 1 July 2015 to 31 January 2016

Assets		
Cash at Bank		69,634.10
Paypal Account		876.01
Accounts Receivable		
Total Assets		70,510.11
Liabilities		
The Peninsula School Loan Account		0.01
Accounts Payable		
Provision for Income Tax		
Total Liabilities		0.01
Net Assets		70,510.10
Equity		
Accumulated Surplus(Loss) - Current Year		39,982.20
Accumulated Surplus - Prior Years		30,527.90
Total Equity		70,510.10

4. Membership Report (Phil Doll, Company Secretary)

The Executive Officer reported on the 12 month membership growth of PESA

Institutional Members N=53

Individual Members N=305

5 Election of Directors (Phil Doll)

The Secretary indicated that in accordance with Clause 8.2 b(i) of the Company's constitution, the following Directors retire by rotation at the end of the AGM and therefore their positions on the Board fall vacant:

- (i) Mr Simon Murray
- (ii) Mr Stuart Johnston
- (iii) Mr Scott Watson

In addition, the following casual positions were announced as vacant:

- (iv) Mr Roger Bayly
- (v) Dr Steve Zolezzi

The Secretary announced that the call for nominations for Directorship had attracted a field of seven:

Simon Murray, Stuart Johnston, Roger Bayly, Scott James, Janis Coffey, Darren Boyce, Joanne Alford

A vote by members for the five vacant positions was held, with Simon Murray, Stuart Johnston, Roger Bayly, Scott James, Janis Coffey being elected to three year terms on the Board.

6. Questions from members

No questions were received

Meeting closed at 5.15pm

Mr Simon Murray

Chairman

Attachment:

Chairman's report to the 2016 AGM



Chairman's Report – 4 March 2016

I welcome you to the 2016 PESA Annual General Meeting.

The formalities of this AGM will see a short Chairman's Report. Stuart Johnston, PESA Treasurer, is to present to the AGM a Financial Report. Phil Doll, Executive Officer, will report on membership.

Today we will elect 5 Directors to the Board for the next 3 years. Three of these positions arise from the rotational nature of Board membership set out in our Constitution and 2 arise as they are currently deemed to be casual Board positions.

I am joined on stage by some of my fellow Directors of PESA:

Roger Bayly, Deputy Principal, Christ Church Grammar School, WA
Stuart Johnston, (Treasurer) Principal, The Peninsula School, Vic
Charlie Scudamore, Vice Principal, Geelong Grammar School, Vic
Scott Watson, (Public Officer) Principal, Euroa Secondary College, Vic
Dr Steve Zolezzi, Head of Wellbeing - Diocese of Newcastle-Maitland, NSW
Steven Bowers, Principal, Burgmann Anglican School, ACT
Warren Symonds, Principal, Mt Barker College SA

I applaud the Board Members with us today, and those who are unable to be here because of the demands in their own schools:

Dr Julie Townsend, Headmistress, St Catherine's School, NSW
Anne Johnstone, Principal, Ravenswood School NSW

Each of these Directors has given generously of their time to our Association and is worthy of our commendation.

Phil Doll, our Company Secretary and Executive Officer is also on stage. Phil has been tireless in his efforts to support PESA since its foundation and to bring this annual conference to fruition.

Phil retired from his position at Peninsula last year after 27 years at the school, but agreed to stay on a little longer with PESA in order to ensure the success of this conference. I thank him for all that he has done to help build our Association and wish him well in his retirement years.

In the Foreword of the conference program I mentioned that as we enter our 3rd year of operation, we can be very pleased with what we have achieved already and that we can be extremely optimistic about the future of PESA and about Positive Education in general.

Today's pre-conference seminar Positive Psychology 101, was pitched at those with little or no knowledge of positive psychology. It was heartening to see that the session attracted 60+ people - all eager to know more about the science underpinning our Positive Education programs. My thanks go to Justin Robinson who did a fine job in educating and encouraging those delegates in their quest for more knowledge.

What more proof of our work as an Association do we need than to simply look around this Hall and see hundreds of educators here, keen to learn how best to enhance student and community wellbeing.

Our Patron, Professor Martin Seligman continues to be a great advocate for our Association. Professor Seligman has told the whole world about the appetite for Positive Education that exists within Australia and has encouraged other countries to follow in our footsteps. Indeed, the formation of PESA was a powerful catalyst for IPEN, the International Positive Education Network, which was very successfully launched last year.

In the past 12 months we have confirmed the absolute need for us to seek philanthropic support in order to broaden our efforts - particularly with schools in underprivileged areas. I am pleased to report that there are certainly philanthropists out there, such as John Higgins, The Blackwood foundation and many more, who are keen to put funds and support behind our Association.

With this in mind, I am delighted to let you know that we have recently gained "Charitable Status" with the ATO which is great affirmation that the work we are involved with is being well recognized. This status has brought with it various forms of tax concession which is very pleasing.

Looking ahead, we will be further committing our efforts to building our Association. An immediate task is to appoint a new Executive Officer - at a much increased time fraction.

PESA aspires to build a vibrant network of educators who are willing to share their Positive Education journeys. In order to achieve this aim we know that PESA must be more active in encouraging and enabling "local" networking.

It is pleasing to report that our efforts to create State Chapters of PESA is now bearing fruit in Western Australia and South Australia and is enjoying a growing in Tasmania.

As we look to the future, PESA must establish a significant membership base, both individual and institutional. Subscriptions are modest but provide valuable income for PESA to run the Association. The great news today is that we have about 50+ extra members now as a consequence of the incentive built into the conference pricing which gave 12 months membership to those who were non-members at the time of registering. I do hope that you will continue with your membership at the time of its renewal in 12 months.

A consequence of this initiative is that all conference delegates will have the option of voting in just a few minutes when we take a vote for Directors.

The popularity of this year's conference has been particularly encouraging for our Board. I go on record in thanking Phil Doll as Conference Chair and committee members Marita Hayes-Brown, Catherine Brandon, Georgie Cameron, Jack Fisher and Kirsten Ross for their great work. They set out to bring us "ideas, ideas, ideas" and they have certainly achieved this aim.

I also thank our Keynote Speakers and Workshop Presenters for their willingness to share their expertise and give support to PESA. Your generosity has led to this wonderful professional opportunity that we are all getting to enjoy.

I would like to announce that the Board has decided on a way to formally recognize those people who have made a special commitment to our Association. It is very fitting that Professor Lea Walters is to be our inaugural PESA Ambassador. Lea has been with us from the beginning, advising and helping where she can to promote the Association in a very public way. I look forward to presenting her with her award tomorrow following her keynote address.

In closing, I commend you all for your efforts in assisting your schools to help build flourishing communities – we have so many excellent and dedicated teachers doing such great work in their schools.

Simon Murray
Chairman of PESA