

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

ALLIANCE FRANÇAISE DE PERTH

6:30pm Monday 17 June 2025

PRESENT:

Henry Boston (Vice President), Colin Savory (Treasurer – on line), Thomas Feldstein (General Manager), Di Ingelse (Honorary President), Frédérique Antoine, Christel Bouton, Claire Chaffey, Christine Chidlow, Olivier David, Carly-Jane Figgis, M.D. Hasib, Terry Grose (on line), Jenny Vartan, Margo Warburton, Aine Whelan, Madeleine Williams

APOLOGIES: Stephanie Beard, Neil Fearis, Greg Hemsall, Christine Smith, Pat Young

IN ATTENDANCE: Joshua Burton (Returning Officer)

1. OPENING

1.1 President Henry Boston (Chair) opened the meeting at 6:30pm with an Acknowledgement of Country, and welcomed all attendees.

2. QUORUM

2.1 The Chair confirmed that in accordance with the Constitution a quorum was present and therefore declared the meeting open.

3. APPOINTMENT OF MEETING SECRETARY and NOTICE OF MEETING

3.1 Honorary President Di Ingelse was appointed to keep the minutes of the AGM.

3.2 The Notice of Meeting was accepted and taken as read. Moved: Henry Boston; Seconded: Di Ingelse.

4. AGENDA

4.1 The Chair moved that the agenda be taken as read and accepted.

Seconded: Jennie Vartan.

5. MINUTES OF LAST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

5.1 Members **APPROVED** the minutes of the AGM of 17 June 2024. Moved: Henry Boston; Maddie Williams

6. PROXIES

Two proxies were received, from Neil Fearis and Christine Smith. The Chair advised that he would vote all proxies at his discretion in favour of all resolutions.

7. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

7.1 The President presented and read his report (attached) in full.

8. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

8.1 General Manager Thomas Feldstein presented and read his report for 2024 (attached) in full.

8.2 The Chair moved that the President's and General Manager's reports be accepted: Seconded Claire Chaffey.

8.3 Members **ACCEPTED** the reports as read.

9. AUDITED ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL AND ELECTION OF AUDITORS

9.1 Treasurer Colin Savory presented the audited accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024.

9.2 No questions were asked.

9.3 Financial statements were **ACCEPTED** by all members on a show of hands.

9.4 Treasurer recommended that the current auditors be appointed for the coming year.

10. RETIREMENT OF BOARD MEMBERS OF THE BOARD BY ROTATION

10.1 Two members of the Board, Terry Grose and Neil Fearis, had served three years since last elected and, under the Constitution, were required to resign, and are eligible for re-election.

10.2 Valid nomination forms were received from Terry Grose and Neil Fearis.

11. ELECTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The Chair handed over the running of the meeting to the Returning Officer, Joshua Burton, lawyer from Cullen Macleod, who confirmed that he was satisfied that candidates nominating for Board membership are members of the Alliance Française de Perth and are therefore eligible for election, and that their nomination forms were received in the correct format and within the timeframe required.

11.1 COMMITTEE MEMBERS

For Board Membership there were three nominations:

- Terry GROSE
- Neil FEARIS
- Claire CHAFFEY

As the number of candidates matched the number of vacant positions, the Returning Officer declared that Neil Fearis and Terry Grose were re-elected, and Claire Chaffey was confirmed as being elected unopposed.

The President thanked the Returning Officer for his participation and resumed the Chair.

The Chair congratulated Terry Grose and Neil Fearis and welcomed the newly elected Board member, Claire Chaffey. He also noted that Peter Quale, who was elected last year, had to stand down for personal reasons at the end of the year, and thanked him formally for his contribution during his tenure as a board member.

12. GENERAL BUSINESS

The Chair stated that there was no other business that he was aware of, and declared the meeting closed.

13. CLOSE

13.1 Meeting closed at 7:17pm, and attendees were invited to enjoy some hospitality and refreshments.

Henry Boston
President

Date:

Di Ingelse
Meeting Secretary

Date