



## THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING UNION (Queensland Branch)

### 2019 Annual General Meeting Minutes 24 November 2019 ESU House Milton QLD

#### **Welcome**

The President, Roly Sussex, welcomed everyone to the 2019 Annual Meeting. The meeting commenced at 4:00pm.

#### **Apologies:**

Apologies were received from John Thompson-Gray, Stephen Sheaffe, Carmel Daveson, Glenda Sheaffe, Libbie Escolme Schmidt OAM, Kathy Hermosilla-Silva Honorary Council of Chile, Paul Munson, Leanne Munson, James Pitts

#### **Attendees:**

**Board Members:** Roland Sussex, Jan Heffernan, Raymond Heffernan, Robert Goes, Caroline Hatcher, Richard Macedo, Ross Brodie, Majella Stevens, Gary Gardiner

**Members and Friends:** Gabrielle Goes, Trish Brodie, Bep Torkington, Clyde Torkington, Tina Leotta, Phillip Goldsworthy, Brian Flaherty, Toni Evans, Wendy Grummitt, Alan Grummitt, Julia Ponder, Desley Miller, Valmae Richardson, Harley Richardson, Patsy McCarthy, Don Bain, Julia Ponder

#### **2018 AGM Minutes**

The minutes of the 2018 ESU AGM, which had been confirmed by the Board, were presented to the meeting. It was agreed that they were a true record of the meeting.

Moved: Janet Heffernan      Seconded: Ray Heffernan      Carried

#### **President's Annual Report**

Roly presented the ESU 2019 Annual Report which had been posted on the website for members to view. Copies were also distributed at the meeting. A copy to the report is attached to these minutes.

Moved: Brian Flaherty      Seconded: Desley Miller      Carried

#### **Treasurer's Report and Auditor's Report**

Ray presented the ESU 2019 Annual Financial Report. Copies were distributed at the meeting. A copy to the report is attached to these minutes.

Moved: Ray Heffernan      Seconded: Clyde Torkington      Carried

#### **Confirm Membership Fees and Conditions**

It was confirmed that the membership fees and conditions remain the same in 2020. The membership fees are listed on the ESU Website.



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### **Election of 2019/2020 Office Bearers**

Nine nominations were received. It was moved that the existing Board of Directors be re-elected. The following were duly elected: Roly Sussex (President), Richard Macedo (Vice President), Ross Brodie (Secretary), Raymond Heffernan (Treasurer), Jan Heffernan, Robert Goes, Caroline Hatcher, Gary Gardiner and Majella Stevens.

### **Appoint an Honorary Solicitor**

It was moved that Pender and Whitehouse be reappointed for 2020.

Moved: Richard Marcedo      Seconded: Roly Sussex      Carried

### **Appoint an Auditor**

It was moved that Crowe Horwath be appointed as auditor. ESU is incorporated under ACNC legislation which reduces the audit requirements dependent on revenue. ESU may not require a full audit after the Constitution is revised and rewritten and approved by members. The ESU solicitor will review the Constitution. One member was concerned about having only one signatory on the accounts.

Moved: Ray Heffernan      Seconded: Phillip Goldsworthy      Carried

### **General business**

Nil

### **Vote of thanks to Chair**

Richard thanked Roly for his hard work and commitment and leadership of ESU.

### **General Matters**

- It was suggested that ESU 'reaches out' to English as a Second Language students, new migrants and the ethnic communities. The Board will take this under consideration. Roly will make contact with Bep Torkington and Julia Ponder re this suggestion.
- Valmae and Harley Richardson offered ESU the use of the Shangri-La Board Room at Wynnum.

**The meeting closed at 5:00pm.**

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Roly Sussex (President)

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