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**MINUTES OF THE AUSTRALIAN GENERAL PRACTICE ALLIANCE (AGPA)  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2022  
BY ZOOM CONFERENCING**

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The meeting opened at 8.11pm (AEDT).

**1. PRESENT**

Dr John Deery (Chair)	Dr Mukesh Haikerwal
Dr Kevin Arlett	Dr Richard Barker
Dr Brenda Murrison	Dr Craig Richards
Dr Janice Coleman	Dr Lyn Wren
Dr Owen Latimer	Richard Hart (Secretary)

**APOLOGIES & PROXIES**

<b>Apology</b>	<b>Proxy – in favour of</b>
Dr Jared Dart	Dr John Deery
Dr Maria Boulton	Dr John Deery
Jian Mao	Dr Lyn Wren

**2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**2.1 Special General Meeting, 18 November 2021**

Resolution: The minutes of the Special General Meeting held on 18 November 2021 were confirmed as a correct record. (M Haikerwal/B Murrison)

**2.2 Annual General Meeting, 18 November 2021**

Resolution: The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 18 November 2021 were confirmed as a correct record. (B Murrison/L Wren)

**3 CHAIR'S REPORT**

The Chair spoke to his circulated report, highlighting the ongoing pressure placed on General Practices by the COVID-19 pandemic; AGPA's advocacy on a number of fronts including representation on the Primary Care Implementation Group (PCIG) and Primary Health Care Queensland; a continued focus on the Pathology Rent issue; submissions to Government and public advocacy on a range of issues including the lack of indexation for Medicare, the vaccine program, telehealth and the trend to private billing and GP shortages. He noted the work of AGPA's Practice Support and Continuity Program which is focussed on the business of General Practice and provides support to Practices via webinars and some very successful GP Peer Discussion Groups. The Chair's report is attached to these Minutes.

The Chair thanked Directors and members for their commitment and efforts on behalf of AGPA over the past year. He acknowledged and commended the significant contribution of Dr Maria Boulton who resigned as an AGPA Director following her appointment as the President of the AMA Queensland. Maria had been a Director since November 2019 and was a key person in representing the organisation to great effect.

On behalf of the Board and members, Dr Haikerwal thanked Dr Deery for his considerable efforts over the past 12 months as the Chair of AGPA.

**4 CONSIDERATION OF 2021-22 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT, DIRECTORS' REPORT, AUDITOR'S REPORT**

The Chair presented the Financial Statements, Director's Report and Auditors Report for 2021-22 as circulated.

Resolution: That the 2021-22 audited Financial Report and Directors' Report be accepted. (J Deery/B Murrison)

**5 APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR for 2022-23**

**PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL**

Resolution: That Bonsella be appointed as AGPA Auditor for 2022-23. (J Deery/B Murrison)

It was noted that while the audit firm remains the same, the company has a policy of changing the audit partner annually.

**6 ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

Richard Hart assumed the Chair for the election of Directors, noting that the AGPA Chair will be elected by the Board at the next Board Meeting.

Those present were advised that four (4) AGPA Board positions fall vacant at this AGM, one due to resignation during the year (Maria Boulton), two due to rotation provisions in the Constitution (John Deery and Brenda Murrison) and one unfilled position from the 2021 AGM. Four nominations had been received by the due date from:

- John Deery
- Brenda Murrison
- Richard Barker
- Craig Richards

As the number of nominations did not exceed the number of vacancies, no election was necessary, and the nominated Directors were declared elected for a term of three years.


John Deery resumed the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

The Chair thanked the ongoing Directors and acknowledged their work during the past 12 months to further the aims of the AGPA. He thanks those present for their attendance.

**7 MEETING CLOSE**

The Chair thanked members for their presence, input and ongoing support to the Alliance and closed the meeting at 8.28pm.

**MINUTES CONFIRMED:**



**16.11.2023**

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**Chair**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_