



## **MEETING MINUTES ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Date: Thursday, June 22, 2023  
Time: 1700 – 1730 CEST  
Location: Cockle Bay Room, ICC Sydney  
Chair: Quazi Haque – President IAFMHS

### **1. Welcome and Introductions**

### **2. President's Report**

- Quazi Haque thanked the attendees for participating in the conference and acknowledged its success. He reported that the conference attracted nearly 500 attendees, a significant number that would contribute to achieving financial break-even for the event. Quazi Haque thanked RANCZP, ANZPPL, and APS College of Forensic Psychologists for partnering with IAFMHS to organize the conference, and especially thanked the Local Organizing Committee and Kimberlie Dean. He noted the high quality of the conference presentations and the valuable discussions and connections that have been had.
- Quazi Haque provided updates from the AB/BOD meeting earlier that the Association continues to work on and prioritize issues about Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion. He also announced that the Service development, organization, strategy & delivery SIG will be renamed to Service Development and Delivery.

- Quazi Haque highlighted efforts to improve communications and membership engagement through social media efforts, led by Lara Schwarz.

### **3. Treasurer's Report**

- Robert Leark updated that the Association has managed the challenges posed by the COVID pandemic effectively, with necessary funds set aside for contingencies. The Board has been vigilant in managing expenses to ensure financial stability.

### **4. Journal Report**

- Michael Daffern thanked the Associate Editors (AE), Editorial Board(EB), and reviewers for their valuable contributions and emphasized the significance of reviewers in maintaining the quality of the Journal.
- Michael Daffern presented the journal's performance metrics and how it continues to attract submissions from researchers worldwide, with ongoing efforts to encourage submissions from developing countries. He informed that the journal has sufficient articles for the remaining two issues for this year and has planned two special issues for the upcoming year.
- Michael Daffern encouraged members to submit their papers to the journal and to follow the journal on social media.

### **5. Student Board Report**

- Lillian Bopp provided updates about the Student Section and highlighted the various initiatives put on by the Student Board members. She urged members to encourage their students to get involved with the student board, emphasizing the enriching experiences and growth opportunities available through such involvement.

- Lillian Bopp thanked the work of the student volunteers for helping organize and support the conference.

## **6. BOD updates**

- Quazi Haque updated and introduced the incoming Board of Directors. Tonia Nicholls will be the incoming President and Vivienne de Vogel the President-Elect. Tessa Maguire and Birgit Vollm will join the BOD as members-at-large. Anne Crocker has completed her term as Past President and will remain on the Advisory Board as Quazi Haque transition to being Past President.
- Tonia Nicholls thanked Quazi Haque for his leadership of the Association over the past two years and extended thanks to Kimberlie Dean for her leadership over the conference organization. Tonia Nicholls shared her vision to continue collaborations with partners and stakeholders and to continue to help develop the younger leadership team.

## **7. Next Meeting; June 2024, San Francisco, USA**