

# Minutes of Meeting

<b>Meeting</b>	Annual General Meeting 2017
<b>Meeting Date</b>	29 November 2017, 9.30am
<b>Location</b>	Melbourne School of Population and Global Health The University of Melbourne, Room 515, Level 5 207 Bouverie St Carlton VIC 3053
<b>Attendees</b>	Members and guests (please note below)

## 1 Welcome and apologies

The Chair, the Hon Amanda Vanstone, declared the meeting open at 9.34am and welcomed members and guests. She asked that apologies be recorded in the minutes and noted that quorum had been achieved.

The Chair acknowledged the traditional owners of the land and the Melbourne School of Population and Global Health for their generous provision of the meeting room for the event.

## 2 Minutes of 2016 Annual General Meeting

The Chair presented the minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting. No questions were raised.

**Resolution 1:** That the minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting are adopted.

**Moved:** Karen Hayes

**Seconded:** Hugh Taylor

**Motion Carried**

## 3 Chair's address and presentation of the Annual Report for 2016-17

The Chair reflected on the past 12 months.

**Speaker: The Hon Amanda Vanstone**

### Chair's address

The Chair reflected on the past 12 months and noted that the organisation achieved a number of significant wins in support for members through its policy and advocacy work. These included:

- Calling on the Australian Government to set a target of 7% employment of people with a disability within the Australian Public Service by 2020,
- Publishing the Closing the Gap in Eye Health and Vision Care by 2020 sector proposal, making recommendations to improve indigenous eye health, and
- Identifying the need for investment to address a lack of coordinated and systemic approach to eye examinations for people with diabetes.

The Chair acknowledged that these achievements would not have been possible without the collective expertise, dedication and significant contribution of member

representatives from across the sector, through participation in Vision 2020 Australia's policy and steering committees.

A key achievement for Vision 2020 Australia was the planning, development and endorsement of a new Strategic Plan for 2017-2020. Copies had previously been distributed to members and the plan is available on the Vision 2020 Australia website. This plan outlines the continued commitment to engage members, the Australian Government and other relevant stakeholders and provides a framework for the work of the organisation over the next three years.

The Chair spoke about the four foundations will shape the work of the organisation: Advocacy, Collaboration, Awareness and Evidence, which together are critical to ensuring eye health and vision care remains a health priority. Through its policy committees, Vision 2020 Australia will continue to develop effective policy solutions to ensure the viability and sustainability of the sector, in both Australia and our region.

The Chair noted the expertise and contribution of Board Directors Dr Iain Dunlop and Professor Brian Layland OAM who both retired in 2016 having completed three by three year terms. She acknowledged their years of dedicated service. She also welcomed two new Board Directors, Dr Andrew Harris and Dr Anthony Hall who were appointed at the 2016 AGM.

The Chair thanked all the Board Directors for their sustained efforts and guidance of Vision 2020 Australia's strategic direction and extended her thanks to the members and the staff at Vision 2020 Australia for their hard work and ongoing commitment to achieving our vision.

The Chair presented Vision 2020 Australia's 2016-2017 Annual Report and advised that it is available on the website.

The Chair handed over to the CEO.

## **4 Chief Executive Officer's report**

### **Speaker: Carla Northam**

The CEO endorsed the Vision 2020 Australia 2016-2017 Annual Report for and presented an overview of the organisation's activities for the financial year, 2016-17.

The CEO reflected on an increased focus on working with members to represent the eye health and vision care sector, growing the sector's influence with key decision-makers.

The CEO noted that eight policy submissions and proposals were published during the year, three of which related to independence and participation. These included the National Aged Care Advocacy Framework, recommending that the transitioning of the mobility allowance to the National Disability Insurance Scheme not occur, due to its negative impact on those aged over 65, and responding to the Disability Employment Services consultation.

The CEO pledged to work with members, parliamentary friends and other likeminded organisations to ensure that eye health and vision care is always a priority on Australia's health agenda. She stated that she looks forward to the opportunities ahead and to working towards the goals set out in the new 2017-2020 Strategic Plan.

Finally, the CEO added her thanks to the Board, members, policy committees and her team for their passion, dedication and hard work to improve eye health and vision care policy in Australia.

## 5 Financial statements and reports

The Chair presented the Financial Statements including Directors' and Auditor's reports for the year ended 30 June 2017, advising that they were available on Vision 2020 Australia's website. The signed original Auditor's report was presented.

The Chair asked for questions from the members regarding the financial reports.

As there were no questions, the Chair advised that consideration of the financial statements and accounts was concluded.

## 6 Appointment of Auditor

The Chair advised that Saward Dawson had agreed in writing to continue as Auditor. The appointment of Saward Dawson as the Auditor for the 2017-18 financial year was included in the electronic ballot conducted by TrueVote prior to the AGM. The Chair confirmed that the result of the vote reflected unanimous votes for and no votes against the reappointment of Saward Dawson as Auditor of Vision 2020 Australia for 2016-17.

**Resolution 2:** That Saward Dawson, having consented in writing, be appointed as Auditor of Vision 2020 Australia for 2017-18.

**Moved:** Amanda Vanstone

**Seconded:** Maureen O'Keefe

**Motion Carried**

## 7 Appointment of Directors

The Chair noted that the next item on the agenda was the election of directors and that since she was retiring from the Board by rotation and had put herself forward for re-election, John Howie, as Chair of the Corporate and Governance Committee, would be taking over as chair while the elections were held.

The Chair noted that following Directors retire from the Board having completed the maximum number of terms - Ms Amanda Davis and Professor Hugh Taylor and acknowledged the significant contributions that both have made to Vision 2020 Australia Board. He also noted that Ms Jane Edge had chosen to retire from the Board in the past year.

The Chair noted that the Hon Amanda Vanstone and Dr Jess Gallagher retire from the Board by rotation and offered themselves for re-election.

Nominations in the proper form under Article 31.2 of the Vision 2020 Constitution were also received from;

- Ms Jaki Adams-Barton
- Dr David Andrews
- Ms Daveena Brain
- Ms Megan McAlpine

who, being eligible, offered themselves for election as Directors, pursuant to Article 28.2.

The maximum number of Directors, under Article 28.1 of the Constitution is eleven; since there are six candidates for the maximum of five positions available, there will be an election of Directors at this meeting. The Chair determined, pursuant to Article 24.2 that the election would be determined by electronic ballot.

The Chair then handed over to the Returning Officer, Mr Frank Bush, who outlined the conduct of the election and received the votes.

The Chair handed over again to Mr Frank Bush to announce the results of the election.

The votes were cast electronically prior to the AGM.

Mr Bush announced that the following nominees had been elected to the Vision 2020 Australia Board for a three-year term:

- Amanda Vanstone
- Jess Gallagher
- David Andrews
- Jaki Adams-Barton
- Megan McAlpine

The Chair congratulated the elected Directors.

## **8 General business**

The Chair asked members present whether they would like to raise any general business. No items of general business were raised for discussion.

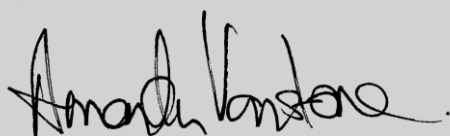
## **9 Closure of meeting**

The Chair thanked the members and guests for their attendance and declared the meeting closed.

The meeting concluded at 9.46am.

**The Hon Amanda Vanstone**  
Chair

Signature:



**Name:** The Hon Amanda Vanstone **Title:** Chair **Date:** 26 October 2018

## **Summary of Actions**

No table of figures entries found.

## **Summary of Resolutions**

**Resolution 1:** That the minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting are adopted.

**Resolution 2:** That Seward Dawson, having consented in writing, be appointed as Auditor of Vision 2020 Australia for 2017-18.

## Attendees

Professor Greg Johnson  
Mr Lito De Silva  
Megan McAlpine  
Brandon Ah Tong  
Mr Roley McAtee  
Kirsty Machon  
Marion Rivers  
Robyn Chu  
Mr Gerhard Schlenther  
  
Professor Frank Billson  
Mr Mark Petty

Diabetes Australia- National Office  
Royal Australasian College of Surgeons  
Vision Australia  
Fred Hollows Foundation, The  
Lions Australia  
Optometry Australia  
Orthoptics Australia  
Novartis  
Royal Australian and New Zealand College of  
Ophthalmologists  
Foresight Australia (via telephone link)  
Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital

## Vision 2020 Australia

The Hon Amanda Vanstone  
Ms Jane Edge  
Ms Jess Gallagher  
Ms Karen Hayes  
Mr John Howie  
Professor Hugh Taylor  
Ms Carla Northam  
Mr Dougal Hollis  
Mr Adam Sawell  
Ms Karen Bignell  
Ms Dee Tumino  
Ms Sarah Davies  
Ms Nami Nelson

Chair  
Director  
Director  
Director  
Director  
Director  
Chief Executive Officer  
Director of Operations  
Communications Manager  
Office Manager  
Vision Initiative Manager  
Policy and Advocacy Coordinator  
Global Strategy Manager

## Apologies

Ms Amanda Davis  
Mr Justin Mohamed  
Ms Sandra Bailey  
  
Mr Kerry Gallagher  
Ms Judy Curran  
Professor Jonathan Crowston  
Mr Geoff Pollard  
Dr Graeme White  
Professor David Mackey  
Ms Julie Heraghty  
Mr Peter Murphy  
Ms Finola Carey  
  
Ms Genevieve Quilty  
Mr Clive Miller  
Mr David Andrews  
Ms Frances Gentle  
Mr Peter McCluskey  
Ms Mei Ying Boon  
Ms Judy Bickmore  
Dr Pauline Rumma  
Ms Jacinta Spurrett  
Dr Clare Allen  
Mr David Speyer

Director  
Director  
Aboriginal Health and Medical Research Council  
of NSW  
Australian Society of Ophthalmologists  
CanDo4Kids  
Centre for Eye Research Australia  
Glaucoma Australia  
Guide Dogs NSW/ACT  
Lions Eye Institute  
Macular Disease Foundation  
Novartis Pharmaceutical  
Optical Distributors and Manufacturers  
Association of Australia  
Optometry Australia  
Optometry Giving Sight  
Royal Australasian College of Surgeons  
Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children  
Save Sight Institute  
School of Optometry and Vision Science, UNSW  
Sight For All  
Sydney Hospital/ Sydney Eye Hospital  
The Eye Surgeons Foundation  
VisAbility  
Vision Australia