

# Minutes for ASID 2024 Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Australasian Society for Intellectual Disability

Held at Room 207, Lvl 2, Susan Wakil Health Building (D18), Western Avenue, University of Sydney, & Zoom  
28/11/2024 @ 16:15 PM – 18:15 PM AEDT

## ASID 2025 AGM presentation

### No. Minutes

#### 1. Meeting open and confirmation of quorum

**Attendees in person:**

Christine Bigby, Laura Hogan, Prudence Lennox, Bernadette Curryer, Allyson Thomson, Vivienne Riches, Stuart Wark, Samantha Frain, Kate Allred, Linda Ward, Emma Wood, David Thompson, Maeve Kennedy, Amy Wright, Thalia Child (TAS Secretariat)

**Attendees on zoom:**

Fiona Rillotta, Mark Mason, Patricia O'Brien, Kerrie Lante, Daniel Romano, Michelle King, Ben Crothers, Deborah Stuart, Henrietta Trip, Samantha Bartalos, Hilary Johnson

The Chair and ASID President, Christine Bigby opens the meeting at 4:16pm AEDT. Chris offers a warm welcome to all attendees and clarifies that the meeting focuses on the activities from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024. A quorum is present.

The logistics for the meeting are outlined and the agenda is shared.

#### 2. Acknowledgment of Country

*ASID would like to acknowledge and pay respect to the Indigenous communities of Australia and Aotearoa, and in particular the Indigenous representatives who join us today for this meeting.*

*We respect the significance of whakapapa and whenua, lineage and land and we appreciate the unique contribution Indigenous people have made to ASID and the disability community.*

Laura Hogan acknowledges and pays respect to the indigenous communities of Australia and Aotearoa, New Zealand.

#### 3. Apologies

There are 5 apologies received for this meeting:

- Alan Hough
- Nic McKenzie
- Sally Robinson
- Kimberly Chalmers
- Daniel Romano

#### 4. Declaration of proxies

There is 1 proxy received for this meeting:

- Alan Hough - proxy to Christine Bigby

#### 5. Confirmation of previous AGM minutes

**MOTION:** *That the minutes of the 2023 Annual General Meeting held on 30 November 2023 be approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting*

**Move:** Allyson Thomson  
**Second:** Laura Hogan  
**Motion carried unanimously.**

## 6. Presentation of President's Report and Annual Report

### [6.A 202324 ASID Annual Report.pdf](#)

Christine Bigby presents the President's report. She highlights the activities completed by ASID against the following strategic goals:

- Involve people with intellectual disabilities, their families or friends in ASID activities
- Publish research that makes life better for people with intellectual disabilities
- Share information based on research and in different ways
- Share new things that make a difference for people with intellectual disabilities
- Bring people together across ASID
- Connect with organisations that make life better for people with intellectual disabilities
- Manage the business of ASID well

## 7. Consideration of 2023/2024 Audited Financial Statements

### [7.A ASID Ltd - Audited Financial Statements 2024 - Signed Directors and Auditors FINAL.pdf](#)

A recording is played featuring Alan Hough, ASID Treasurer, who couldn't attend in person. He highlights:

- ASID had more money coming in than going out in the last financial year, by over \$27,000
- Unfortunately ASID was victim to a scam and lost \$20,000. ASID has changed its policies to make sure it doesn't happen again
- Most money was received from the conference, journals, and membership

Fiona Rillota asks why if the conference is the biggest source of income, is it so expensive to register. Christine Bigby explains that while it is a big source of income, it is also the biggest source of expenditure, and costs more to run than the money brought in.

David Thompson asks whether the ASID membership fees will be reduced as he believes they are quite expensive. Christine Bigby notes that the board talk a lot about membership fees and structure. The board agree to continue this conversation to find a solution.

## 8. Appointment of Auditor

**MOTION:** *That Bentleys Tasmania Audit Pty Ltd be appointed as auditor for the Society for the 2024/2025 financial year*

**Move:** Vivienne Riches  
**Second:** David Thompson  
**Motion carried unanimously.**

## 9. Announcements of the results of the election of Directors

Per the ASID constitution, there were 4 director roles available for a 3-year term. As well as current members standing for re-election. A virtual election was conducted as ASID received 7 nominations. The following Directors have been appointed and re-appointed to the ASID Board for a 3-year term. The full Board list is:

- Alan Hough (ACT)
- Allyson Thomson (WA)
- Christine Bigby (VIC)
- Henrietta Trip (NZ)
- Laura Hogan (NSW)
- Maurice O'Connor (QLD)
- Michelle King (QLD)
- Paul O'Dea (QLD)
- Prudence Lennox (NZ)
- Stuart Wark (NSW)
- Vivienne Riches (NSW)



Christine Bigby congratulates the Board members and will get in touch with anyone who was not elected to involve them in other ways.

10. Meeting close

Christine Bigby invites comments and questions from the members.

Meeting closed: 4:58pm.