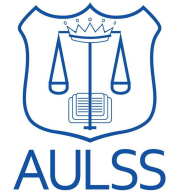


# Adelaide University Law Students' Society Inc.

## Minutes: Committee Meeting 8



**Date:** 10 October 2022

**Meeting Opened:** 6:00pm

**Meeting Closed:** 7:15pm

**Location:** Lecture Theatre 1, Ligertwood 231, The University of Adelaide

Meeting called by: Bella Mickan

Minutes taken by: Bella Mickan

Present (39):

1. Celena Le\*
2. Thu Nguyen^
3. Kane McAskill\*
4. Jessica March^
5. Emma Colovi^
6. Natalie Nimon^
7. Kurt Schenk^
8. Jarod Eddy^
9. Christos Michaels^
10. Felix Eldridge^
11. Henry Allen^
12. Grace Jin^
13. Patricia Papathanasopoulos^
14. Abbey Amundson^
15. Airlie Windle^
16. Shunem Josiah^
17. Sophie Tait^
18. Kathryn Jannes^
19. Katia Saffiedin^
20. Ikhwan Fazli^
21. Henry Lewis^
22. Ruby Stewart^
23. Catherine Chhour\*
24. Bryan Lau\*
25. Anthony Luppino\*
26. Isabella Burgess^
27. Annie Yuan\*
28. Georgia Chiswell^
29. Magenta Stoba^
30. Gurjot Singh^
31. Bhoomika Trivedi^
32. Yurui Jiang^
33. Zachary Carter\*
34. Lin Wang^
35. Cerys Davies^
36. Chelsea Chieng\*
37. Bella Mickan\*

<p>38. Winston Li                  39. Caitlin McArthur  <i>*Member of the AULSS Executive</i>  <i>^Members of the Committee</i></p>
<p>Valid apologies (3):                  1. Shivani Gandhi^                  2. Aiden Zeyang Wang^                  3. Tony Tu^</p>
<p>Invalid apologies (0): 0</p>
<p>Not present without notice (0): 0</p>

### Notice

In accordance with clause 34 of the Constitution, notice of this meeting was circulated before the Executive Meeting, following consultation with the President. An agenda and related documents for this Executive Meeting were circulated on 28 December 2021

### Quorum

In accordance with clause 22(2) of the Constitution, there being at least half of the current Executive plus one in attendance, quorum was present at the time the meeting opened.

### Chairperson

In accordance with clause 24(1) of the Constitution, the President acted as Chairperson.

## Agenda Items

<b>Item: Procedural Matters</b>	
<b>Presented by</b>	Chelsea Chieng
<b>Discussion</b>	<p><b>Welcome</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chelsea welcomed the Committee to their final Committee Meeting of the year.</li> </ul> <p><b>Acknowledgement of Country</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We would like to Acknowledge that the land the AULSS and Adelaide Law School is on today is the traditional lands for the Kaurna people and that we respect their spiritual relationship with their Country.</li> <li>We also acknowledge the Kaurna people as the traditional custodians of the Adelaide region and that their cultural and</li> </ul>

	heritage beliefs are still as important to the living Kaurna people today.
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**Item: President Update**

<b>Presented by</b>	Chelsea Chieng
<b>Discussion</b>	<p><b>Preface</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If anyone has read through the report, my report is quite long tonight and for that reason I will refer to my written report for a lot of it. But I have 2 main things I would like to discuss today: election update and sexual harassment in the Law School.</li> </ul> <p><b>Election Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chelsea explained the issues with the election. To keep it short, Chelsea still doesn't know what happened.</li> <li>• Essentially, we have a Gmail account and I used it like they do in every other year. We assumed everything was fine, during the week nominations were open we did receive 2 nominations. Peter asked that Chelsea ask for updates as she goes to compile the workload etc.</li> <li>• Chelsea has done 4 rounds of co-option this year due to exchange and things like that.</li> <li>• Just assumed everything was fine</li> <li>• Franc then informed Chelsea that there were only 2.</li> <li>• Chelsea messaged exec, asking if he got check spam etc. and franc assured that everything was checked.</li> <li>• Annie suggested a filter issue, but franc said he had done this already. This was obviously really stressful, and Chelsea couldn't log into the Gmail but due to conflict of interest etc. she could not log in.</li> <li>• So, what we decided to do we had to get students to re-submit to staff email.</li> <li>• We also decided we would open it up for another week, because we were aware if we got people to resubmit, they could technically edit the timestamp when they applied, and we would be opening up floodgates of people saying they submitted when they didn't.</li> <li>• In order to avoid that, it was just opened up for another week and there were no issues after</li> <li>• Chelsea suggested that the committee do not use this same Gmail account next year.</li> <li>• Also, if you haven't received confirmation from Franc by close of deadline, message the AULSS straight away.</li> <li>• Chelsea had a few emergency meetings this weekend, but we got there in the end. Chelsea didn't get any emails saying that they didn't get confirmation, so it was smooth sailing this time around.</li> <li>• This time around, not too many vacancies.</li> </ul>

- **Election Guide:**

- Annie and Chelsea worked very hard on the guide.
- Thank you, Annie, for all your work on the guide.
- Chelsea congratulated the 2023 Committee. Specifically, Chelsea congratulated next year's President Bryan Lau and Vice-President Felix Eldridge.
- Chelsea then ran through the entire 2023 Committee positions that are uncontested.
- Chelsea then wished the other contested candidates good luck which will be happening this week.
- Chelsea reminded the Committee to cast their votes and showed the designated voting times on the screen.

**Sexual Harassment in the Law School and University**

- Chelsea gave a content warning.
- The AULSS understand that these conversations can be quite distressing so please leave the room if this is triggering or feel free to step out if you ever need to.
- Chelsea notes that she has included a table of appendix of some of the support that is available in case anything stresses you in this meeting but also as a resource if a student or you ever experience something like this, there is so much information surrounding this.
- Chelsea showed the table – anything in yellow is what the university provides. Chelsea then went through each resource and what they do. Feel free to screenshot that if you want to.
- The problem: I'm sure we all know, and this doesn't come to a surprise, the SJ has run an amazing event on this, that sexual harassment is a problem.
- It is an issue within society but especially within the university and the law school.
- Chelsea then ran through the statistics of sexual harassment.
- Chelsea recognised how awful this is and when it is put into number like what is displayed it is quite jarring. But equally jarring is how many students actually make a report of this.
- She again went through the statistics.
- She has been doing some research into 'end rape on campus Australia' who are an organisation who give info to students and university's about what we can do.
- The number 1 suggestion they make is to share information.
- We have an important platform where we can promote safe behaviour on campus
- Of course, we do have our AULSS grievance policy, whether that is for a complaint against a committee member or something that happens at an AULSS event or initiative.

- This is always available on the AULSS website, and it applies to all members of the AULSS, members being students.
- But we have seen from these stats that there is a real lack of formal reporting. Chelsea has seen this over the past 5 years at law school.
- But there are so many reasons why people don't want to come forward. At first, Chelsea thought there was something about the grievance policy because people don't use it. But then she had meetings with the Dean and other professionals and the issue is not with the grievance problem. The issue is more with society because if you speak out there is potentially more backlash and other unfortunate things like that.
- As we are fellow students, inherently it will be difficult for people to come forward to us because it is confronting, and we also know everyone in the law school knows each other.
- The solution perhaps is an anonymous reporting system.
- Chelsea wants to inform every one of the university safer campus communities which is a basically a website. Chelsea then got up the website for the committee to see.
- Chelsea asked a show of hands if they have seen the website before. *Only a few students raised their hands.*
- This is essentially a way to make a report of sexual harassment or assault but the benefit being that you can raise it anonymously. The idea is that you can create a record and a data base and if it happens again in the future and then you are willing to make a complaint you have a complaint record.
- This is a good first step if a student is not ready to speak out.
- *Yurui: do you think the comms could make a video something about this for next year?*
- *Chelsea: I love that, and a video is really good idea as it is engaging. Thank you.*
- A third party can also make a complaint. For example, if a committee member told you something you can report it.
- A staff member is also under a duty report.
- And also, if you witness something you can make a third-party report. You can choose to identify or not.
- There are also other things like support services and info about how to make a report to the police if you so wish.
- Benefit: creates a record.
- Chelsea has utilised this service and it only takes a few minutes, a huge part of this is if the complainant identifies themselves, then the university will contact them before action is taken
- This is a really good way to report anonymously.

*Chelsea put the following proposal to the Committee:*

- Proposal: that the AULSS as a student body and having an incredible platform – this is something we can do.
- Chelsea went through a range of initiatives.
- Posters on the toilet door
- Something on our website that is permanently there
- We could also be putting something in every single social event – we do have our event descriptions, but people don't read that. Instead we should make a post in the discussion and have a meme also but essentially 'hey guys we don't condone this type of behaviour .. this is what you can do if you see something ... here is our grievance policy' to make it a continuing point of discussion.
- We won't have time for this year, but Chelsea recommends for future Committee's to provide training.
- The hardest thing Chelsea has had to deal with as president is dealing with these things. It is really tough and vicarious trauma is a possibility. We are not qualified to be dealing with sexual harassment, we aren't police, we aren't the judge. These are big decisions that have such grave consequences
- One thing we could do is how to respond to exposures. It gives you a training on what to say with compassion. And knowing what to advise them to do.
- *Thu: might be a good idea to put it in the first-year guide*
- *Yurui: do you think we could have a list of resources on the AULSS website so we can link to other services. A lot of bars have code words like angel shot etc. if you are in an uncomfortable situation so they can seek help.*
- *Chelsea: that is terrific. When we went to ALSA they have a sober officer and also a burner phone, they have an emergency line if something happens you can call that burner phone and the sober officer has that burner phone,*
- *Bella: Phone number on the wristband*
- Chelsea opened up the floor
- *Yurui: if we can get professional to do more intervention training because she has seen this a lot on social media, if someone is being faced with an uncomfortable situation, if you see someone else, come in and devolve the situation and make sure person being harassed is safe whilst also being safe yourself.*
- *Zac: question for Annie, on the Eventbrite is there a possibility to add to a*
- *Annie: they have the privacy and terms and conditions; a lot of time can insert as a description.*
- *Chelsea: something a lot of societies have is a blacklist for inappropriate behaviour, sexual harassment, getting too drunk. Adding something to the disclaimer that AULSS has the right to blacklist you from events?*

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Felix: university used to run 2 safer related campus things for student reports and Felix went to one as an SRC event so you could suggest that next year Executive.</i></li> <li>• <i>Tony: mental health training was good. Bryan and tony did something like that again next year.</i></li> <li>• <i>Airlee: I am really in favour of having descriptions as Engineering does this and it is really great.</i></li> <li>• <i>Yurui: having the blacklist having a warning system because with the group we have a pre warning and then a band. You can let people know that this is wrong, obviously if it is a lived experience,</i></li> <li>• Chelsea also explained the respectful Ligertwood committee – which Chelsea sits on. Details can be found in her report.</li> </ul> <p>Motion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To pass a motion to attempt to implement all these ideas that Chelsea has in writing outlined in her report</li> <li>• The AULSS Committee agree to try to implement action regarding sexual harassment. Although the Committee is not bound to this, this motion demonstrates that we are on the same page that the AULSS has a duty and a platform to implement these suggestions.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ All in favour: all present</li> <li>○ Passed: Yurui</li> <li>○ Seconded: Bryan</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Chelsea thanked the Committee. She understands it is too late in the year to implement most of this now, however, future Committees can work towards this.</li> </ul> <p>Tri-Blood society</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finished last Friday we had a disappointingly low number of donations and extremely low engagement from law students.</li> <li>• At the YouX President dinner, however, we won the best clubs collaboration which was a \$500 prize.</li> </ul> <p>President Mid-Semester Newsletter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Basically, I just wanted to know what you guys thought about the newsletter. Was it a vibe?</li> <li>• <i>Committee nodded</i></li> <li>• Chelsea got a lot of feedback that it was great and engaging. Especially having all the events in one document, it was easy to see and read what the AULSS was up to.</li> <li>• Airlee: I love that it is not the law societies newsletter – and it actually is a thing – it was done in 2019 but Chelsea was told it's a lot of work and to not bother with it. But there was just so many going out.</li> </ul>
<b>Moved</b>	Isabella

<b>Carried</b>	Jessica
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<b>Item: Vice-President Update</b>	
<b>Presented by</b>	Bella Mickan
<b>Discussion</b>	<p>Bella welcomed everyone to the final Committee of the year. She thanked the Committee for their attendance which has overall been terrific this year, so well done to all members.</p> <p>Bella mainly deferred to her report, highlighting the following points:</p> <p><b>Special General Meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Last Semester, the AULSS held their SGM.</li> <li>• submitted the constitution and documents on the Wednesday following the meeting.</li> <li>• Due to COVID looking at 8-10 weeks if not longer for it to be approved. But we can act on Constitution as soon as passed at SGM. If they have any suggestions, we can just edit them and doesn't require another SGM.</li> <li>• Bella to keep everyone informed about the Constitution being accepted. Thanks for non-Committee members to attend, and hopefully they continue to.</li> </ul> <p><b>Annual General Meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bella recently sent an email and published on all forums calling for AGM.</li> <li>• We have to meet quorum for this so attendance is essential. Meeting is a reflection on the year we have had as a committee and opportunity to make recommendations. encourage Directors to handover to reps to contribute to create an open discussion.</li> <li>• Exec have been writing our reports, its long. Thanks Annie for getting everything uploaded on time and for Thu.</li> </ul> <p><b>AULSS Seminar</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More committee members than non but received great feedback and all the ones that attended applied and we did get our next Treasurer. Thanks to Exec for keeping it short.</li> </ul> <p><b>Merchandise Sale</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thanks to volunteers for helping last week. No orders on back-order. Thanks to Patricia and Lucas for signing up for Rugby sale. No cash.</li> </ul>
<b>Moved</b>	Isabella



<b>Carried</b>	Jessica
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**Item: Activities Update**

<b>Presented by</b>	Catherine Chour
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<b>Discussion</b>	<p>Catherine keeping report short and deferring mainly to her written report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Activities Portfolio is extremely busy at the moment coming to the end of the year.</li> <li>• We recently held Suits, Scrubs and Spanners. Thank you for everyone who came to this.</li> <li>• We also have our Stress Less Event in week 12 and our closing party on the closing day of our exams.</li> </ul> <p><b>Law Dinner</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We had 170 students in attendance, and it was held in the Intercontinental Hotel.</li> <li>• Sponsored by the Law Society of SA and keynote was by Justin, the President.</li> <li>• Everything went really well, and LED balloons were a great idea, and we don't have a huge budget so went quite well considering.</li> <li>• Food was great and had mimosas as always. No damages incurred.</li> </ul> <p><b>Suits, Scrubs and Spanners</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shiv is not here tonight but round of applause to her for suits scrubs and spanners.</li> <li>• <i>Committee all clapped.</i></li> <li>• This event was organised with the Med and Engineering society. This was the first time that the Engineering society joined us.</li> <li>• It was cool to see some helmets and vest around.</li> <li>• Lots of meeting took place over a period of months. Again, it was really cool to collab with other student societies and we thought the event went really well.</li> </ul> <p><b>Closing Party</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Closing Party is on 19 November.</li> <li>• This event is Natalie's little baby that she has been working on.</li> <li>• We are introducing a new venue this year – the Maid.</li> <li>• This is really cool that we are trying a new venue. We can sell 200 tickets.</li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We are also thinking of holding a pre-drinks for final years.</li> <li>• Keep your eyes out on our social media for further details.</li> <li>• Any questions?</li> <li>• <i>Chelsea: can I just comment on pres, if anyone remembers we usually do a tab after final year exam with a tab for \$500. This year the evidence exam is on a Tuesday or a Wednesday but instead of doing the goody tab on the 15<sup>th</sup> we will do it at the Maid as Tuesday is an awkward day to hold drinks.</i></li> <li>• No further questions.</li> </ul>
<b>Moved</b>	Natalie
<b>Carried</b>	Chelsea

### Item: Communications Update

<b>Presented by</b>	Annie Zhang
<b>Discussion</b>	<p><b>Congratulations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annie congratulated everyone who has been elected unopposed and wished best of luck to everyone who is going up for the competition.</li> <li>• Special shout out to Henry for taking my place and Ruby for communications rep. Congratulations to the Hilarian team for their return.</li> </ul> <p><b>Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annie deferred to her report, highlighting the following:</li> <li>• Annie has been designing the guide with Chelsea</li> <li>• A few sponsored posts are coming out soon</li> <li>• One was today with College of Law.</li> <li>• If anyone is keen for GDLP opportunities, then get a coffee with them tomorrow. Link via the Facebook post that went out today</li> </ul> <p><b>Hilarian Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Today we sent Bowden the final draft for issue 4 which is exciting and the expected draft is on Friday.</li> <li>• Aside from that, Hilarian is done for the year so congrats to them for all their work.</li> </ul>
<b>Moved</b>	Ikwhan
<b>Carried</b>	Yurui

### Item: Competitions Update

<b>Presented by</b>	Celena Le
<b>Discussion</b>	<p><b>Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Celena started by congratulating all of her comps rep for going into new roles.</li> <li>• We have finally finished our Competition Season.</li> <li>• <i>The committee clapped for Celena and their team</i></li> <li>• Celena will speak more in depth about it at the AGM about an overview of the year.</li> <li>• Celena highlighted that this year they did the most comps in the history of the comps.</li> <li>• There was a low attendance at the Criminal Law Moot which was expected as it is a bit more niche.</li> <li>• Congratulations and thank you to a lot of Committee members who ended up taking home wins.</li> <li>• Celena was very happy that the AULSS took home the Triversity Competition against Flinders and university SA.</li> <li>• We won every preliminary round and the grand final.</li> <li>• Thanks to Patricia for sorting out the Competition with Commercial and Legal. I encourage portfolios to run this in future years.</li> <li>• We also sent a team over to Melbourne to compete in Sir Harry Gibbs Constitutional Law Moot. Big congratulations to Jessica for making it to Semi-Finals.</li> <li>• We did intend to hold a dinner and give the handbook a revamp, however, it would have been a lot of work. Given the crazy year we have had I wasn't ready to ask you guys to do that so have made decision that the comps portfolio will take a sleep for the rest of the semester.</li> </ul>
<b>Moved</b>	Emma
<b>Carried</b>	Isabella

**Item: Education Update**

<b>Presented by</b>	Bryan Lau
<b>Discussion</b>	<p>Bryan deferred to his report.</p> <p>Bryan congratulated those of the Committee who went uncontested</p> <p>Special shout out to tony who is next year's Education Portfolio Director</p> <p>Regarding the GDLP event, the team got some amazing feedback from provider's and have asked that the AULSS host this event again.</p>
<b>Moved</b>	Felix

<b>Carried</b>	Henry
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**Item: Careers Update**

<b>Presented by</b>	Anthony Luppino
<b>Discussion</b>	<p>Anthony deferred to his report and will wait for the AGM to give a full overview of the events that have been held since the last Committee Meeting.</p> <p>This week, however, we have a seminar in the Moot Court. We still expect attendance so please show up. We have 17 registrations thus far so would be good to have the Committees support.</p> <p>Final event of the year: New Law Seminar. This will be held over zoom.</p> <p>Big thanks to Thu for the job board update for being uploaded today.</p> <p>Lastly, a big congrats to Sofia, who will be next year’s Careers Director. She will do a great job.</p>
<b>Moved</b>	Bryan
<b>Carried</b>	Chelsea

**Item: Treasurer Update**

<b>Presented by</b>	Kane McKaskill
<b>Discussion</b>	<p>Kane will keep his report short and defer mainly to his written report.</p> <p>Firstly, thanks to the entire for Committee for a great year. I wish all the next years Committee all the best. Good luck especially to Minnah Butt who will be the incoming Treasurer for next year.</p> <p>Kane briefly noted that all invoices and reconciliations are finalised for our Q3 business. These will be lodged by the accountant.</p> <p><b>Non-for Profit</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kane has been discussing how to get NFP status.</li> <li>• This is still in discussion. I am hoping to organise a call with the relevant people this week.</li> <li>• Our reporting obligations are minimal, which would not add anything onto the Society. Hopefully we will have this done by end of year.</li> </ul>

	Lastly, sponsorship attendance. As Anthony already highlighted, we have two sponsored events coming up. Please attend. As usual, these events are encouraged noting that it is not mandatory.
<b>Moved</b>	Chelsea
<b>Carried</b>	Georgia

<b>Item: Social Justice Update</b>	
<b>Presented by</b>	Zachary Carter
<b>Discussion</b>	<p>Zac provided a brief recap of events, deferring mainly to his report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Free period products:</b> Last term, the SJ portfolio held their Spring Time Fundraiser to raise money for free period products for law students. \$600 in total was raised. As of tonight, Law students will be able to access free period products from the ground floor and the all gender inclusive bathroom on this floor.</li> <li>• <b>My Marathon:</b> organised by heart foundation to raise funds for life saving research for heart disease. This operates differently than most other marathon initiatives. Rather than having to do it in 1 go they can do it over the 30 days. This is a really fun way to make money – if anyone joins SJ portfolio – we could do something more law related as well.</li> <li>• <b>Volunteer seminar:</b> This Thursday, SJ is holding a volunteers seminar. Speakers include: Women’s Legal Services and Amnesty International. This is more for students who want to get a food in the door and who have a key interest in volunteering.</li> <li>• <b>Final event:</b> the Portfolio will be welcoming Woman’s Legal Services South Australia (WLSSA) for a seminar and Q&amp;A. They are an organisation and firm that provide services for women in need. From representation, to answering a phone call, to providing women advice of DV or sexual harassment – they are really just providing info and services when required. They do a lot of different things and will give a presentation into their firm. It will give students an insight into access justice, whether that’s speaking up or knowing where to go – a big wholistic seminar.</li> <li>• <b>Article:</b> We are posting another article next Friday written by Magenta and like her organised panel it will be on sexual harassment seminar.</li> <li>• <i>Grace: Zac thank you so much for bringing in things for the fundraiser and cookies. And thank you for organising My Marathon. And thanks for organising volunteer fair.</i></li> </ul>
<b>Moved</b>	Lin

<b>Carried</b>	Magenta
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## Other Businesses

<b>Item: Other Businesses</b>	
<b>Presented by</b>	Chelsea Chieng
<b>Discussion</b>	Are there any other items that the Committee would like to raise before the completion of this meeting?  <i>The Committee did not wish to raise any other items.</i>
<b>Moved</b>	Bella
<b>Carried</b>	Annie

## Agenda Items – Reminder of Annual General Meeting on 24 October 2022

<b>Item: As above</b>	
<b>Presented by</b>	Bella Mickan
<b>Discussion</b>	Bella reminded the Committee that the next Committee Meeting is being held on 24 October 2022. If students had any suggestions for affordable food for Committee Meetings, they are encouraged to reach out to Bella.
<b>Moved</b>	Annie
<b>Carried</b>	Chelsea

**Meeting Closed: 7:15 pm ACST**

Signed by the member who presided at this meeting pursuant to s 51(1)(b)(ii) of the *Associations Incorporation Act 1985 (SA)*:

Name: Chelsea Chieng

Position: President

Signature: 

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Date: 03/12/2022