

## SAFE MOTHERHOOD FOR ALL AUSTRALIA INC

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

**Date:** 14 December 2016  
**Present:** Ellen O’Keeffe, Mary Kirk, Robin Scott-Charlton.  
**By Telephone:** Alison Cummins, Ian Howie, and Anne Sneddon.  
**Apologies:** Emma Baldock,

**Welcome:** Ellen welcomed the participants to the 2016 Annual General Meeting. The meeting opened at 4pm.

**Minutes of the 2015 Annual General meeting:** The minutes from the 2015 Annual General Meeting held on 4 December 2015, were tabled for approval.

**Motion:** That the minutes from the Annual General Meeting held on 4 December 2015 be approved as an accurate record of the meeting.

**Proposed:** Mary Kirk

**Seconded:** Robin Scott-Charlton

*Motion carried*

**President’s Report** for the year ended 30 June 2016.

In 2015-16, SMFA promoted safe motherhood and respectful maternity care through:

- Meeting with Canberra Hospital staff, professional forums and providing postcards for distribution at the hospital.
- A presentation at the Prince of Wales Hospital in Sydney.
- Vanessa Owen working hard to get the Respectful Maternity Charter into the health system in South Australia.
- Mary and Ellen attending the Women Deliver Conference in Copenhagen.
- Alison has worked hard in NSW with the Midwives Committee.
- Natasha Stott Despoja indicating her continued support, including an introduction for Ellen and Mary to Princess Mary in Copenhagen who was also very supportive of the concept of respectful maternity care.

#### **Treasurers Report**

A financial statement for the period 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016 was presented.

The balance of funds available as at 30 June 2016 was \$969.32.

SMFA is now registered for GST.

**Appointment of Auditors:** as an Incorporated Association with no substantive funds there is no requirement for an auditor. If this status changes, a subsequent Board meeting will appoint an auditor.

**Motion:** That the reports be approved as an accurate record of the meeting.

**Proposed:** Ian Howie

**Seconded:** Mary Kirk

*Motion carried*

The Treasurer was thanked for his work during the year.

**Board Election:** Mary Kirk took over the chairing of the AGM.

There are currently 7 board member positions. There are 3 ongoing members:

- Robin Scott-Charlton
- Emma Baldock

- Declan O'Keeffe

This leaves at least 4 positions vacant on the board  
Nominations for the board have been received from:

- Anne Sneddon
- Ellen O'Keeffe
- Toni Hackett
- Julia Willoughby
- Bec Jenkinson

**Motion:** all nominations be accepted for board membership.

**Moved:** Mary Kirk

**Seconded:** Robin Scott-Charlton

*Motion carried*

**Meeting closed: 4:30pm**