**AS4SAN Annual General Meeting Minutes**

*Friday 10 June 2022 @ 1pm*

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**Attendance:** There were enough attendees presents both in-person and online via zoom to meet quorum according to the society bylaws.

1. Welcome to AGM (Sarah Whittle, President)

Sarah welcomed everyone to the AGM. She explained that the AGM was being held both in-person and via zoom, and recorded via Zoom. She then explained the outline and structure of the Annual General Meeting.

1. Confirmation of minutes from the 2019 Annual General Meeting (Sarah Whittle)

The 2021 AGM minutes were confirmed by Michelle Kelly and Fiona Kumfor

1. Current Committee Members (Sarah Whittle)

* Executive Committee: Sarah Whittle (President), Fiona Kumfor (Vice President), Pascal Molenberghs (Treasurer), Travis Wearne (Secretary)
* General Members: Ute Kreplin, Nandita Vijayakumar, Jessica Hazelton, Juan Dominguez, Sherry Chen, Michelle Kelly, Stephanie Wong

1. Overview of achievements in the last 12 months (Sarah Whittle)

Sarah gave an overview of the achievement of the AS4SAN society in the past 12 months, highlighting the following areas:

* Survey of Members

Sarah advised that there was a good response to the online survey, and there was an equal representation of students and those who considered themselves to be early-, mid- and senior- researchers. She advised that members were eager for (1) small grants and lab visit grants (2) webinars and (3) a mentoring program. Sarah advised that the society had traditionally provided funding to members to attend another lab to providing training and support, although the uptake of this initiative was always low. In terms of activities during the AS4SAN conference, the members wanted (1) travels awards (2) presentations awards and (3) targeted networking events.

* Social Media

Sarah advised that the society had 585 followers on Twitter, which was up by 38% on the previous year; Facebook had 670 followers (and more than 8K reaches over the laster year) and there were 30 followers on Weibo. The YouTube channel (i.e., ‘A Society for Brains’) had received 2370 views and had 64 subscribers. We also launched a competition in 2021 whereby the Winner for the Scientific Prize was David Foxe and the winner of the Community Prize was Divyangana Rakesh. However, we did not receive any submissions for the scheme in 2022.

* Travel Awards

Sarah advised that 10 travel awards had been awarded in 2022.

Treasurer’s Report (Pascal Molenberghs, Treasurer)

* Income: Surplus carried forward +$27709.55

Income from 2021 Conference +$7794.09

Membership +$100

Income 2022 Conference (until 30 April) +$1431.58

* Expenses: Prizes -$400
* **Surplus for the Period (Assets): +$36635.22**
* Liabilities: Cash in Bank +$**36635.22**
* **Owner’s Equity: +$36635.22**

1. Confirmation of separating the society membership and conference registrations fees

Sarah proposed that the society wanted to separate the registration and membership fees. It was proposed to change the membership fee to $50 for staff, and $25 for students. Member benefits would gain access to recordings of conference presentations, apply for awards, and get reduced registrations fees for conference. Sarah advised this was in line with other international and national societies. The membership present at the AGM voted on this proposition and it was passed. Action: to separate the membership and conference registration fees moving forward.

1. Projects for 2022 -2023

Sarah advised that the projects moving forward for 2022-2023 would be to continue to provide support for ECRS, develop and refine the mentorship program, webinars and further our engagement within the Asia region. She also asked the membership to raise any ideas regarding projects or

**Meeting Closed: 13:16pm**