



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2021-2022

Sunday 30th October 2022, 1.00 – 4.40 pm
By Zoom

Minutes

Attendees: Clare Etherton, Cecilia King, Michelle Heyder, Angela Leung, Theresa Jackson, Anjali Sengupta, Barbara Eberhart, Sandra Perrin, Christine de Brenni, Lilith Freja Zieltjes, Mackenzie Henderson-Wraight, Sally Denning, Lillian Thio, Kristine Walsh, Ann Way, Phillippa Sherry, Anna Crooks, Amy Pyers, Vanessa Williams, Bex Williamson, Maud Gubbels, Eri Mullooly-Hill Konishi, Juliette Kirkwood, Mioi Forster-Nakayama., Eileen McDonald, Sandra Lauffenburger, Connor Kelly, Robyn Price, Judith Adcock, Sharon Todd-Miller, Chunyan Liu 刘春艳, Jane Guthrie, Angela Kastanis, Cath Rummery, Francoise Bale, Dominique Williamson, Sarah P.dos Santos, Michelle Heyder, Anne Hurst, Amanda Bryan, Alberto Dimarucut, Hilda Mali, Becca Weber, Yonit Nahmias, Pala Fisher, Kama Morison, Alice Owen, Sarah Tuckett, Monica Espinoza,

Apologies: Virginia Woods, Bouthaina Mayall, Mary Rose Nicol,

1:00pm: Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country-
Robyn Price for Australia, Anne Hurst for New Zealand

1:10pm Opening Movement led by Doreen Lehmann, Vanessa Williams, Kristine Walsh

1:30pm Minutes AGM 2021-2022 and business arising – Interim Secretary, Sandra Kay Lauffenburger

- Minutes were opened for questions.

No questions posed.

Motion – Moved that the minutes form 2020-2021 minutes be accepted

Moved: Juliette Kirkwood **Seconded:** Jane Guthrie

Carried: passed unanimously

Presentation of Annual Reports

1:35 pm President's Report – Connor Kelly, President

Connor reminded the attendees of the DTAA values and moved them for us, asking us to consider how we move our values daily.

A review of key documents and important work done by the Board and its committees was made.

A call to each of us was put forth asking us to consider where and how we can contribute to DTAA and the visibility, viability and visions of Dance Movement Therapy.

1:47pm Finance report - Treasurer, Robyn Price.

Robyn offered the membership a view and understanding of DTAA's Budget, discussing the importance of having a budget. She offered the following information:

Total Assets as of 30/6/22: \$85,077.47

Profit & Loss

Income: \$50,784.23

Cost of Sales: -\$4,383.24

Profit: \$46,400.99

To run the Association: -\$37,497.49

Results: \$8,913.83 (Profit)

Milestones and Achievements in this financial year:

- Proactive financial management left us in profit
- Savings untouched.
- Board training - How to read a financial report, recorded for future use.
- Fees Update – Phase 2 completed
Simplified the Fee Structure
- Providing financial support to committees
- Guidance to the Administrator on finance-related matters
- Introducing the Assistant Treasurer, Cath Rummery

Looking ahead –

- Bring Assistant Treasurer into active participation in all DTAA Financial affairs
- Continue responsible monitoring and management of the DTAA's finances
- Remuneration for volunteer services guidelines
- Establish a working budget
- Document all Finance Committee procedures

Robyn opened the floor for Questions - there were none.

Gratitude was expressed to Robyn from the floor.

Motion – Moved that the 2021-2022 financial report be accepted

Moved: Sandra Kay Lauffenburger **Seconded:** Eileen McDonald

Carried: passed

2.05pm Movement Interlude –

Facilitated by Christie Trowers, Lilith Zieltjes, Maud Gubbels

2:25pm Workplace Development Committee Update – Mioi Forster-Nakayama

Mioi began by outlining the achievements of the WDC this financial year, which include:

- Conducted two live seminars about the PACFA-DTAA relationships
- Created a Student Handbook “Moving Forward Together”
- Preparing Private Practice Policy Guidelines
- NDIS application follow up and creating a template for writing to your Australian MP

She then offered further information on each.

1. DTAA – PACFA Relationship seminars were offered to inform the practicing Australian members of the issues and benefits with DTAA remaining a Member Association of PACFA
 - a. 60 Participants attended both seminars
 - b. Two Presenters registered with PACFA and DTAA discussing the benefits of and issues with remaining an MA of PACFA
 - c. Provisional and Professional Members voted online on DTAA the MA question
 - d. The results of the vote were that 70 members voted and of those members 43 voted to LEAVE PACFA and 21 voted to REMAIN a Member Association

Thus the membership decided by a majority of 67% of the vote to leave Member Association status with PACFA.

Questions from the floor included what would happen next and when.

Sandra Lauffenburger (member of WDC and PACFA Liaison) offered the following information:

- a. Now that the membership has been informed of the vote, DTAA will contact PACFA regarding this outcome
- b. DTAA will provide PACFA a copy of this portion of our Minutes
- c. In previous discussions with the CEO Johann de Wever and Membership Officer of PACFA, Sandra was informed the following, and hopes that it will be confirmed in subsequent discussions with PACFA after this AGM.
 1. All current PACFA members will be invited to switch their membership from DTAA/MA to Individual membership in PACFA
 2. This invitation will be by email and must be replied to within 90 days.
 3. If it is not replied to, PACFA membership will lapse.
 4. If it is replied to in the affirmative, the PACFA member will be invoiced directly by PACFA for their membership fees.
 5. All future applicants, (and this has been true for the past 4 to 5 years) will need to apply directly to PACFA for membership in that organization.
- d. This information will be supplied to affected members by DTAA.

2. Creation and release of Student Handbook

A Handbook was created for students training in DMT in Australasia which offers important information on the profession as well as the organisation of DTAA. It explains such things as supervision requirements, membership criteria, etc. And it provides links to the information contained in DTAA's Training Organisation's Guideline

The WDC invitee all trainees and student members to participate in the seminar on the 13 November 2022, starting at 5pm (AEDT).

3. Mioi provided information on the soon to be released Private Practice Guidelines which offers information for practitioners to consider before entering private practice in order to ensure safe and ethical practice. It will contain forms which may be useful for private practice, such as client contract, assessment samples etc.

Mioi pointed out that DTAA is not stopping members from going into private practice, but wanting to assist them in thinking through the issues involved before they do.

4. NDIS Application

Mioi updated the membership on the status of DTAA's application to NDIS for Recognition as a Profession providing therapeutic services which was made in early October 2021, giving the following information:

- a. The WDC has reapplied to new NDIS minister, Bill Shorten (after the recent federal election).
- b. The WDC has begun an initiative asking all Australian members to contact their local MP to follow up on this application to NDIS requesting "RECOGNITION OF DMT AS A PROFESSION PROVIDING THERAPEUTIC SERVICES"
- c. The WDC created a template for a letter to your local MP which is available on the DTAA Website

Mioi opened up the floor for questions. The questions asked were concerning the DTAA-PACFA relationship and were answered as per above. For other topics there were none, however many congratulations were recorded in the Chat.

2:40pm Publications and Communications Task Force Update – Ann Way

Ann thanked her committee members: Clare Etherton, Hsiu Ya/Wendy Yu, Maud Gubbels, Sarah dos Santos, Verity Danbold, and Kimberly Ryan. She explained the activities of this group in 2021-2022, which included two public talks by Zoom: Anaia Treefoot, Connor Kelly, Juliette Kirkwood, Jan McConnell, Jung-Hsu Jacquelyn Wan, Verity Danbold, and Ella Dumaresq.

- Panel Talk 1:16 March 2022, Title: A Conversation on the Australasia perspective on Dance Movement Therapy (DMT)
- Panel Talk 2: 6 July 2022, Title: Sharing Perspective-DMT experiencing on Online Presence

Ann thanked the guest speakers who gave their time to this project,

Activities also included setting up Facebook and Instagram accounts where recordings of events can be viewed on YouTube and/or Spotify.

Ann opened the floor for questions. There were none, however many congratulations were recorded in the Chat.

3.00pm DTAA AGM business - meeting closed.

3.00pm Tea Break

3.20pm Regathering Movement facilitated by Anjali Sangupta

3:35pm DTAA Service Awards *presented by President E. Connor Kelly*

DTAA Committee Service Award – for the achievements made with regards to workplace issues such as NDIS, Student Handbook, Private Practice Guidelines, and DTAA’s relationship to PACFA.

Recipient: Workplace Development Committee

Mioi Forster-Nakayama, Convener with Sandra Kay Lauffenburger, Maria Sangiorgi, and Doreen Lehmann.

DTAA Individual Service Award – for leading the future of communications and publications

Recipient: Ann Way

3:40pm Recognition of New practicing members 2022 – presented by Sandra Lauffenburger, Convener of the Professional Membership Committee. The following new members were welcomed.

Associate Members

Julie Crocker
Alexandra Schefner
Thila Raja

Provisional Professional Membership:

Christine de Brenni	Zoyka Franclanci Aguayo
Christie Trowers	Anna Scheuringer
Mackenzie Henderson Wraight	Helena Hatziathanassiou
Anna Kneen	Jordine Cornish
Ann Catherine Cole	Jennifer Bloomfield
Aiko Usinzuka	
Amy Pyers	

Professional Membership:

Vanessa McArthur Williams

Eri Mullooly-Hill Konishi
Lilith Freja Johanna Stefje Zieltjes
Rebekah Williamson

Clinical Supervisors

Anaia Treefoot
Natalie Poole
Brigitte Puls
Mioi Forster-Nakayama

4:10pm HEMF Award presentation presented by HEMF President, Mandy Agnew. Mandy offered the membership information about the current direction of HEMF before awarding the 2022 HEMF Award.

Recipient for 2022: Dr. Sue Mullane

4.30: Closing movements facilitated by Connor Kelly, Tracey Nicholson, and Robyn Price

4:40pm Meeting closed