

2011 General Meeting of the Australian Systematic Botany Society, Inc.

AGENDA

12.00-13.00, Tuesday, 15 March 2011, Caley Seminar Room, National Herbarium of New South Wales, Royal Botanic Garden, Mrs Macquaries Road, Sydney, N.S.W., Australia

The meeting opened at 12.05pm.

Present: Peter Weston (President), Gillian Brown (Secretary), Tanya Scharaschkin (Councillor), Pina Milne (Councillor) and 20 members.

1. Apologies

John Thompson, Tim Entwistle, Murray Henwood, and Jenny Hart.

2. Vote on special resolutions to change the Society's rules

The two special resolutions proposed were:

1. That the name of the association be changed from
"The Australian Systematic Botany Society Incorporated"
to
"The Australasian Systematic Botany Society Incorporated"
2. That Rule 30(5)(b) be changed from
"it is approved by the vote of at least 75% of those members of the Society who are entitled to vote"
to
"it is approved by the vote of at least 75% of those members of the Society who, being entitled to vote, vote in person or by proxy at the meeting"

We needed 75% of all financial members to vote on these resolutions. It was noted by the Secretary that 150 postal votes were received from the 174 financial members (i.e. financial as at 15th March 2011). Therefore 86% of the financial members voted prior to the general meeting. The two special resolutions were put to floor for the vote of those members that had not voted by postal ballot. Two financial members voted in person.

The votes were counted at the meeting by two council members: Tanya Scharaschkin (Councillor) and Pina Milne (Councillor). The votes for the resolutions were as follows:

1. That the name of the association be changed from
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to
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Yes – 151

No - 1

2. That Rule 30(5)(b) be changed from
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to

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Yes – 149

No – 2

Abstain – 1

Both resolutions were passed. The announcement was met with applause by all members present.

3. Any other business

ASBS involvement in IBC update

1. ASBS is formerly sponsoring two symposia at the IBC:

- *Sym104: Patterns And Processes In The Evolution And Biogeography Of The Australasian Flora* (Organisers: Dr Maria Gandolfo and Dr Mike Bayly)
- *Sym083: A Perspective On Species Radiation – The New Zealand Story* (Organiser: Dr Ilse Breitwieser - Allan Herbarium, Landcare Research)

As part of our sponsorship agreement with the IBC we must provide \$6,000 travel assistance to ASBS student members. Applications for students presenting a poster or oral presentation are now open and need to be with the Secretary by the 31st of May 2011. Further details and application forms can be found at:

<http://www.anbg.gov.au/asbs/student.html>

2. The plenary lecture by Professor Mike Crisp on the “Evolution of the Australian flora” will be badged as the Nancy Burbidge Lecture.
3. The ASBS AGM will be held at 1.30 pm on the free afternoon of Wednesday 27th July 2011 (Venue: The Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre, Melbourne, Victoria)
4. The ASBS council meeting will be held on Sunday the 24th July 2011.
5. The ASBS dinner will be held at University House (The University of Melbourne) on Friday the 29th of July at 7pm. It will be a three course meal with drinks included (wine/beer/soft drink for 2 hours). Cost will be \$75 per person. Registration can be made through the IBC website (<http://www.ibc2011.com/Social.htm>).

The meeting closed at 12.15pm.