



Australian Association for the Education of the Gifted and Talented, Ltd.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held at University of New South Wales, Sunday 23rd July 2017

Item	Minutes
1	<p>Meeting Opened at 4:15pm AEST (Clancy Theatre, The University of New South Wales)</p> <p>Welcome (Christine Ireland)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acknowledgement of country (Melinda Gindy) • Attendees: Elizabeth Singer (ACT GFSG Director), Kate Burton (Gifted WA), Kylie Bice (Gifted WA, Director), Carmel Meehan (VAGTC), Jodi Brown (NTAEGT Director), Gail Young (QAGTC Director), Lynne Maher (TAG Director), Virginia Kinnear (GTCASA Director), Lesley Henderson (GTCASA, Incoming President), Christine Ireland (VAGTC, President), Jae Jung (GFSG, Secretary), Melinda Gindy (GFSG Director, Vice President), Carol Branes (GFSG, QAGTC), Susan Knopfmacher (VAGTC), Wendy Stewart (GTCASA), Chris Grzesik, GTCASA). • Apologies: Anthony Stevens (QAGTC), Alison Cornish (TAG), Leonie Kronborg (VAGTC), Jane Jarvis (GTCASA).
2	<p>Minutes of Previous AGM Meeting (Christine Ireland)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes tabled 30 September 2016 • Kate Burton moved that an amendment be made in the previous AGM meeting minutes to make reference to her suggestion that the <i>Australasian Journal of Gifted Education</i> move to an online delivery, which was discussed prior to reaching a decision that the hard copy version be retained. • Lesley moved that the amended AGM meeting minutes be accepted. Gail seconded. The motion was carried with all in favour.
3	<p>President's Report (Christine Ireland)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tabled & attached
4	<p>Treasurer's Report (Lynne Maher)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lynne provided copies to those present of the financial report and review statement, and noted the following developments over the past year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The financial report relates to the year ended 30 June 2017 ○ A portion of AAEGT funds have been moved to term deposit accounts to earn higher interest income ○ Monthly meeting costs have been reduced through the use of online technologies ○ A need to reduce travel costs of AAEGT directors has been recognised with the development of a travel cost reimbursement policy ○ The greater cost of the production of the journal in comparison to the revenues received has led to an increase to journal subscription prices ○ Affiliation fees have been received from six of the eight state/territory affiliates of the AAEGT ○ Some compliance fines were paid relating to the late notification of changes to officeholders to the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC). Part of the delay was caused by failing to obtain from ASIC the Corporate Key, which is necessary for the notification of changes, in a timely manner. ○ THE AAEGT constitution notes that the financial statements of the AAEGT must be audited, although this is not a legal requirement. Amendments to the constitution are planned in the near future. In place of a formal audit, the financial statements of the AAEGT were reviewed by a CPA for the year ended 30 June 2017. ○ Lynne also provided a budget forecast for the following financial year. • Lynne moved that the Financial Report be accepted. Lesley seconded. The motion was carried with all in favour.
5	<p>Announcement of new Council for 2017-2019 (Jae Jung)</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lesley Henderson [President], Melinda Gindy [GFSG], Lynne Maher [TAG], Elizabeth Singer [ACTGFSG], Jodi Brown [NTAEGT], Kylie Bice [GWA], Gail Young [QAGTC], Jae Jung [Secretary, Journal Editor] with the position of VAGTC representative yet to be decided. • The office-bearers to be determined by Council at the next meeting. <p>Acknowledgement of retiring Council directors (Jae Jung)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michele Linossier was thanked for her role as VAGTC representative • Christine Ireland was thanked for her role as President of the AAEGT
6	<p>Change of auditor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lynne moved that the listed auditor (BDO) be changed and that Peter Franklin be appointed to review the financial statements of the AAEGT as auditor. Jodi seconded. The motion was carried with all in favour.
7	<p>Incoming President statement (Lesley Henderson)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lesley announced the following goals of her presidency: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The establishment of protocols to ensure good governance and transparent practices in the conduct of company business. ○ The review and revision of the AAEGT Constitution to ensure not only compliance with legislation but also clarity of process. ○ A strong focus on research at the national level. ○ The publication of AAEGT position papers informed by research evidence that will provide the platform from which we can advocate for gifted students.
8	<p>Matters on Notice: None</p> <p>Meeting closed at 4:55 pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next AGM: September 2018 (Adelaide, South Australia)

President's Report

The AAEGT reaffirms its aims to maintain its Australia-wide exchange of information about giftedness. Our aims have moved beyond our shores, as this year, the World Council achieved a highly successful National Conference. It was held at the University of New South Wales and the level of organisation was outstanding. Over 700 participants attended from many countries all around the world. Comments overheard were strongly supporting all aspects of the conference. The AAEGT played an important role in this conference. Melinda Gindy in particular is to be commended for her outstanding work with this. All members of the council were involved in one way or another. Similarly the AAEGT National Conference co-hosted by GFSG Inc. and UNSW (29 September to 1 October 2016) was an outstanding success. Website linkage was also examined in close detail. Suitable process guidelines were put in place.

The AAEGT has continued to provide expertise and advocacy within state and federal forums,, including ACARA, and the AAAE. Quality resources including books have been reprinted and provided at conferences. Many council members provided their expertise in the way of presentations.

Gifted Awareness Week continues to be an excellent way that each state and territory can showcase gifted education activities. This is growing in scope and scale and will be a highlight of the start of each year.

The AAEGT is moving toward improving its constitution and other official documents that we use. Elizabeth Singer has been an important guiding force in much of this. In addition the process of dissemination of the Journal has developed into a significantly more successful operation due to the efficiency of Jae Jung.

This month has also seen political processes in full swing, and the establishment of Lesley Henderson as the new president. Congratulations to Lesley and I hope your time as president is fulfilling and that you achieve what you are so capable of doing.

I would like also like to thank Jae and Lynne for being competently involved with these AAEGT processes from as far afield as New York and Fatiphur, in the Kangra Valley, in the very high and underserved parts of northern India. Amazingly well done both! This is so typical of the quiet, calm competence that we have seen from them consistently in their roles.

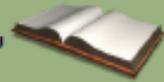
Elizabeth Singer also left an indelible mark on the way things are to be done in this Association in the future with her style at seeing how to make things correct. Jodi Brown is a force not to be underestimated from the Northern Territory. Her quick and capable handling of the AAEGT website was a timely example of putting your hand up and getting the job done. Kylie Bice has also been an outstanding member of the team. Her careful hard work to pull together and complete the linking capacities of the AAEGT to other groups will allow us to build international networks. Gail Young has represented Queensland with skill and confidence. Her ability to bring important and relevant items to the committee table has served us well. These last two years in particular has seen Gail take the lead for Queensland vigorously and productively. Lesley has continued to competently keep us close to the AAAE. She will make a highly competent leader of the AAEGT this year and into the future. Michele Linossier who recently resigned will be sorely missed for all her gently hard work and fine contributions to all that the AAEGT stood for. Finally, Melinda Gindy must be heartily commended for how much work she tirelessly puts in to the AAEGT. GAW, all the conferences and so much of what we have achieved has been in her hands

The very best of warm and good wishes,

Christine Ireland, President AAEGT

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Auditing for Community Groups

**Australian Association for The Education of The Gifted and Talented
For the year ended 30 June 2017
Summary of the Financial Report**

The operations of Australian Association for The Education of The Gifted and Talented for the financial year has resulted in a deficit of \$3018.

Income for the year totalled \$21854 and expenditure was \$24872.

At the beginning of the financial year the value of members equity in the Australian Association for The Education of The Gifted and Talented stood at \$39017 and after including the operating results for the current year ended 30 June 2017 of \$-3018, the equity stands at \$35999

I have examined the records of Australian Association for The Education of The Gifted and Talented for the period and have received sufficient information to form an opinion on financial records. I have only looked at the financial records and supporting documents. It is my opinion that the Income and Expenditure Statement and the Fund Summary are drawn up to present a true and fair view of the financial position of the organisation.

A check of invoices was carried out to satisfy the validity of payments. This was done on the basis of a sample of transactions.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Peter Franklin', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Peter Franklin Auditor
7 July 2017



AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE EDUCATION OF THE GIFTED AND TALENTED
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT
For the year ended 30 June 2017

		<u>2017</u>
Income		
Book Sales		419.00
Interest		129.65
Conference		5759.00
Copyright Fees		4423.41
Journal Subs		7560.00
State Affiliation fees		3330.00
Teleconferences & Other Meeting Costs		233.42
Total Income		<u>21854.48</u>
Expenditure		
Affiliations & Memberships		1037.72
Compliance Costs		2085.90
Conference Costs for Directors (including Travel & Accor		8464.01
Gifted Awareness Week		64.95
Internet		423.40
Journal Printing		8594.80
Networking & Representation		165.00
Promotional Resources		401.50
Teleconferences & Other Meeting Costs		3634.90
Total Expenditure		<u>24872.18</u>
Net Surplus/Deficit for year		<u>-3017.70</u>

STATEMENT OF FUNDS
As at 30 June 2017

		<u>2017</u>
Group Funds		
Fund Balances Brought Forward at 1 July		39017.25
Net Surplus/Deficit for year		-3017.70
		<u>35999.55</u>
Represented by		
NAB Account		5869.90
NAB Term Deposit account		10000.00
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		<u>35999.55</u>

AUDIT STATEMENT

AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE EDUCATION OF THE GIFTED AND TALENTED

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It is my opinion that the Income and Expenditure Statement and the Statement of Funds are drawn up to present a true and fair view of the financial position of the organisation according to the information and explanations received. The rules relating to administration of the funds have been observed.



Peter Franklin Auditor
7 July 2017

Budget 2017-2018

INCOME

Book Sales	\$600.00
Conference	\$0.00
Copyright Fees	\$4,500.00
Interest Income	\$700.00
Journal Subscriptions	\$11,500.00
State Affiliation fees	\$6,000.00
	\$23,300.00

EXPENDITURE

Affiliations & Memberships	\$1,100.00
Book Printing	\$1,900.00
Compliance Costs	\$300.00
Conference Costs for Directors (including Travel & Accommodation)	\$3,400.00
Gifted Awareness Week	\$200.00
Insurance	\$1,000.00
Internet	\$3,000.00
Journal Printing	\$9,000.00
Networking & Representation	\$200.00
Promotional Resources	\$400.00
Meeting Costs (including Travel & Accommodation)	\$2,800.00
	\$23,300.00

Balance \$0.00

Incoming President's Statement

Leading the AAEGT from 2017: Lesley Henderson

The AAEGT was formed 35 years ago with a strong vision of advocacy for gifted children and promotion of research and evidence-led practice in gifted education. As the incoming national president, I bring to this position my experience as the South Australian Director since 2011, and my extensive knowledge about gifted education and professional learning through my work as a lecturer in gifted education and educational psychology at Flinders University since 2005. I work full-time as a lecturer in the College of Education, Psychology and Social Work, where I coordinate the postgraduate courses in gifted education and the initial teacher education topics in educational psychology at the master's level. I am also a parent of gifted children who are now adults, but it is through my search for information about giftedness to support my children that I completed my Master of Gifted Education. So my knowledge and experiences of giftedness and gifted education as a parent, student and lecturer over the past 22 years inform and inspire my work.

There are four key aspects of this work that will be my focus in the next two years:

1. The establishment of protocols to ensure good governance and transparent practices in the conduct of company business.
2. The review and revision of the AAEGT Constitution to ensure not only compliance with legislation but also clarity of process.
3. A strong focus on research at the national level.
4. The publication of AAEGT position papers informed by research evidence that will provide the platform from which we can advocate for gifted students.

This is in addition to supporting the important work of the *Australasian Journal of Gifted Education* edited by Jae Jung, and the national *Giftedness Awareness Week* promotion, inspired by the work of Melinda Gindy. I would also like to acknowledge the work of the treasurer, Lynne Maher, who ensures that the finances of the AAEGT are kept in good order, and the website manager, Jodie Brown, who ensures that we have an online presence that has impact and currency.

The work of the AAEGT is not reliant on a single person, but a group of committed Directors, who are (in the main) representatives of their states and territories, but who work in a range of ways at the national level. I look forward to leading the Australian Association in the important work to be done in support of gifted children and the adults who care for them and advocate for their educational entitlement.

Lesley Henderson
23.7.2017