The Australian National University
Computer Science Students' Association

ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING
21 March 2013

MINUTES

Attendance
Committee Members
Jarrah Peter Bloomfield (u4838292) (Information Technology Officer)
Teresa Bradbury (u4667503) (Treasurer)
Benjamin Creelman (u4529362) (Advocacy Officer)
Mayank Daswani (u4332944) (Industry Liaison Officer)
Andrew James Donnellan (u4837946) (Secretary)
Chanakya Goli (u5019258) (Social Officer)
Robert Benjamin Offner (u4849459) (President)
Michael Buck Shlegeris (u5192430) (Education & Common Room Officer)

Other Members
Vince Cheng (u4851376)
Nicholas Jack Donaldson (u5350448)
Daniel Arthur Filan (u5161512)
Jonathan Erik Franzi (u5019815)
Jimmy Xiang Fu (u5373345)
Lewin John Hodgman (u5014915)
Lachlan Stuart Horne (u4958866)
Sebastian Lau (u5375249)
Benaya Lie (u5176666)
Caitlin Anne Macleod (u5351248)
Benjamin Pfalzgraf Martin (u5214945)
Jonathan Sebastian Mettes (u5334216)
Matthew Paul Oberin (u5373663)
Grigori Ougrinovski (u5162336)
Patrick Alastair Fergus Paton (u5370426)
David John Quarel (u5354853)
Dulitha Ranatunga (u4846869)
Peter Charles Schmidli (u4842480)
Kandarp Shrivastava (u5378070)
James Robert Thomson (u4308348)
Kim Albert To (u5371962)
Stephen Hugh Waring (u5182264)
Joshua Kemble Worth (u5012808)
Jan Thorben Zimmer (u5181920)

Grigori Ougrinovski (u5162336)

Apologies: Iris Abarquez (Gaming Officer), Fiona McCarthy (Vice-President)

Location: Room N101, CSIT Building 108, The Australian National University

OPENED: 17:44

1. Meeting Opens and Apologies
Apologies were noted.

2. Minutes from the Previous Meeting

MOTION: That the minutes of the 2012 Annual General Meeting be accepted.
Moved: Robert Offner
Seconded: Andrew Donnellan
Motion carried unanimously.

3. Reports and Matters Arising

3.1 Presidential Report

All is well. 132 members at present. Aside from Joshua Chubb stepping down, nothing particularly interesting has happened.

MOTION: That the President’s report be accepted.
Moved: Andrew Donnellan
Seconded: Michael Shlegeris
Motion carried unanimously.

4. Elections

4.1 Appointment of Returning Officer

Daniel Filan was nominated to be Returning Officer. There being no further nominations, Daniel Filan was appointed Returning Officer.

4.2 Casual Vacancy – General Representative

The Secretary explained voting procedure (optional preferential voting).

9 nominations were received from:
• Benaya Lie
• Stephen Waring
• Joshua Worth
• Vince Cheng
• Benjamin Martin
• Jan Zimmer
• John Zhang
• Patrick Paton
• Jimmy Fu

Nominees were allowed to speak briefly and given the opportunity to take questions.

Voting was conducted with results to be announced later.

5. Items for Resolution

5.1 Constitutional Amendment – Honorary Life Membership

MOTION: That the Constitution be amended in accordance with the proposed constitutional amendment “Honorary Life Membership”
Moved: Andrew Donnellan
Seconded: Michael Shlegeris

Andrew Donnellan spoke in favour and explained the provisions of the amendment. Honorary
Life Membership allows recognition of outstanding members. Honorary Life Members will have same rights as either a full or associate member depending on which class they would otherwise be entitled to hold.

**Motion carried with two-thirds majority.**

5.2 Constitutional Amendment – Committee Titles

**MOTION:** That the Constitution be amended in accordance with the proposed constitutional amendment “Committee Titles”  
Moved: Dulitha Ranatunga  
Seconded: Jimmy Fu

Dulitha Ranatunga spoke in favour, explaining the story of the nickname and the reasons he would like it included in the Constitution.

Ben Creelman spoke against. Amendment is frivolous and pointless, and just promoting an old injoke.

Andrew Donnellan spoke against. Whilst appreciating the honour, the amendment is potentially offensive and promoting injokes.

Lewin Hodgman spoke against. Amendment is not appropriate, isolating and promoting little injokes.

Michael Shlegeris spoke against. Andrew is against it, so it’s probably not appropriate.

Jimmy Thomson – Q: can the motion be amended? A: no, as constitutional amendments must be circulated for consideration before the meeting.

Andrew Donnellan assumed the chair. Robert Offner spoke against – the amendment is a joke. Robert Offner assumed the chair.

**Motion not carried.**

5.3 Conferral of Life Membership

**Khoi-Nguyen Tran**

**MOTION:** That the Association confers honorary life membership on Khoi-Nguyen Tran, in recognition of his outstanding service as President  
Moved: Andrew Donnellan  
Seconded: Michael Shlegeris

Andrew Donnellan spoke in favour. Nguyen served as President for 2-3 years, during which CSSA grew tremendously. Membership numbers grew, more events were held – including the first Epic Games Night – and Nguyen was largely responsible for this. Nguyen also helped finance the CSSA with his own money which was very important. Nguyen is deserving of being the inaugural honorary life member.

Dulitha Ranatunga spoke in favour. During Nguyen’s first year, the CSSA went from holding 3 events in a year to 20 events. Nguyen was responsible for the huge growth in CSSA membership.
Motion carried unanimously.

**Dulitha Ranatunga**

**MOTION:** That the Association confers honorary life membership on Dulitha Ranatunga, in recognition of his outstanding service as Vice-President  
Moved: Andrew Donnellan  
Seconded: Michael Shlegeris

Andrew Donnellan spoke in favour. Dulitha did a great job as Vice-President and put in a lot of effort, especially in organising the first ever Epic Games Night which has gone on to be the CSSA’s most well-known event.

Motion carried.  
Against: Robert Offner  
Abstention: Dulitha Ranatunga

**James Fellows**

**MOTION:** That the Association confers honorary life membership on James Fellows, in recognition of his outstanding service as a committee member  
Moved: Dulitha Ranatunga  
Seconded: Andrew Donnellan

Dulitha Ranatunga spoke in favour. James has been one of our longest serving people. Incredibly valuable at EGN, BBQs, and other events. His advice is valuable and worth considering.

Andrew Donnellan spoke in favour. James has helped the CSSA a lot over many years.

Motion carried unanimously.

6. Items for Discussion

6.1 Casual Vacancy – General Representative

The winner of the election for the vacant committee position is **Jan Zimmer**.

Other nominees were thanked for their enthusiasm, and Daniel Filan was thanked for serving as Returning Officer.

7. Notices of Motion

No notices of motion.

8. Other Business

8.1 Question Time

Q: Can Andrew Donnellan have an alternative nickname?  
A: No
Q: Does Jan Zimmer get his own hat? A: No, he's not on the exec

Q: What positions will be vacant at the AGM? A: All positions

Q: When will the AGM be? A: Not fixed, but probably Aug-Sep – depends what committee decides

9. Close

There being no further business, the President declared the meeting closed.

CLOSED: 18:27

Robert Offner
President

Andrew Donnellan
Secretary
Proposed Constitutional Amendment – Honorary Life Membership

Section 2.1 (Definitions)

Insert after the definition of “general meeting”:

“honorary life member means a member admitted under Section 5.2a;”

Delete the definition of “member”, substitute:

“member means any full, associate or honorary life member of the Association;”

Delete the definition of “full member”, substitute:

“full member means a member admitted under Section 5.1, or an honorary life member who would be eligible for full membership under Section 5.1;”

Delete the definition of “associate member”, substitute:

“associate member means a member admitted under Section 5.2, or an honorary life member who would not be eligible for full membership under Section 5.1;”

After Section 5.1 (Full membership)

Insert:

“5.2a Honorary life membership

(1) Honorary life membership may be conferred upon a person by a resolution carried by a two-thirds majority of full members present and voting at a general meeting.

(2) Honorary life membership shall be conferred in recognition of outstanding service
to the Association. Honorary life members shall be considered trusted advisors to the Association, and the Committee may seek the advice of honorary life members as required.

(3) Honorary life members shall not be charged a membership fee."

Section 5.5 (Duration of membership)

After “committee member”, insert “or honorary life member”.

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After Section 6.16 (Committee actions subject to general meetings and regulations)

6.17 Special Committee Positions

Any committee positions filled by Andrew Donnellan will officially be renamed to 'Paperwork Bitch'.

If it is inappropriate to be referred to as ‘Paperwork Bitch’ in order to maintain the professional integrity of the society, the term may be excluded from official correspondence. Otherwise, any member of the Association may without penalty refer to the position holder as 'Paperwork Bitch'.