



## STAMP Annual General Meeting Minutes, 23/2/2006

Meeting opened at 3.19pm.

*Present:*

Loretta Bartolini (Chair), Zaeem Burq, Chris Fricke, Chris Goddard, Thomas Hand-scomb, Kim Levy, Ruth Luscombe, Maya Muthuswamy, Maya Ramakrishnan, Jennifer Slater, Amy Sullivan, Abbey Trewenack, Dimetre Triadis, Diana Zannino, Paul Fijn (Minutes).

1. *Attendance*

Apologies were received from Andrew Downes, Emily Duane, Caz Nickson, Alison Thomson and Stuart Walsh.

2. *Adoption of Agenda*

**MOTION:** *That the agenda be adopted in its current form.*

**Moved:** Jennifer Slater **Seconded:** Maya Muthuswamy

Carried without dissent.

3. *Welcome*

Loretta Bartolini welcomed new and returning members to the AGM, on behalf of the committee.

4. *Constitution*

The chair called on the secretary to discuss the constitution. The constitution was circulated in its current form. There were no amendments proposed.

**MOTION:** *That the constitution of STAMP, the Statistics and Mathematics Post-graduate Group, be ratified.*

**Moved:** Paul Fijn **Seconded:** Abbey Trewenack

Carried without dissent.

5. *Reports*

Loretta Bartolini reported on STAMP activities in the past year. The influx of new and enthusiastic members has resulted in increased attendance at STAMP activities, most notably the fortnightly morning tea. The Careers Evening, Honours Student Mentor Program, Confirmation Workshop and STAMP Pool have all been successful endeavours in 2005. The full report is attached.

**MOTION:** *That the President's report be accepted.*



**Moved:** Amy Sullivan    **Seconded:** Maya Muthuswamy  
Carried without dissent.

Paul Fijn reported that STAMP membership has experienced a high turnover from completions and new students embarking on their postgraduate adventures. This has resulted in a slight drop in membership to fifty-two members; this does not affect our UMPA funding levels for this year. The full report is attached.

**MOTION:** *That the Secretary's report be accepted.*

**Moved:** Maya Muthuswamy    **Seconded:** Kim Levy  
Carried without dissent.

Maya Ramakrishnan reported on the state of STAMP finances. Over the past year, several large events resulted in a high turnover (in excess of two thousand dollars); the Careers Evening making an overall profit for STAMP of \$76.90. Another large expenditure was the UMPA ball, which was subsidised by STAMP. The full report is attached.

**MOTION:** *That the Treasurer's report be accepted.*

**Moved:** Maya Muthuswamy    **Seconded:** Dimetre Triadis  
Carried without dissent.

6. *Affiliation to UMPA (the University of Melbourne Postgraduate Association)*

Loretta Bartolini and Paul Fijn declared that they were members of UMPA Council, and additionally that Paul Fijn is a paid Office Bearer in UMPA. Loretta Bartolini discussed the importance of UMPA to STAMP in terms of resources (financial and otherwise) and the desirability of being affiliated.

**MOTION:** *That STAMP (Statistics and Mathematics Postgraduates Group) re-affiliate with UMPA as a postgraduate group.*

**Moved:** Loretta Bartolini    **Seconded:** Chris Goddard  
Carried without dissent.

7. *Elections*

**MOTION:** *That Diana Zannino be confirmed as the Returning Officer for the STAMP committee elections.*

**Moved:** Paul Fijn    **Seconded:** Maya Ramakrishnan  
Carried without dissent.

The Returning Officer (Diana Zannino) explained the voting procedure:

- Contested positions to be decided by a vote;
- voting will be by a show of hands, with a simple majority deciding;
- each office-bearer position is to be filled by a single candidate; and



- there is no limit to the number of general committee positions, so a vote will take place only if concerns are raised with regards to one (or more) of the candidates.

The Returning Officer called for nominations to the following positions:

- President

**NOMINATED:** *Loretta Bartolini*

**By:** Paul Fijn **Seconded:** Maya Muthuswamy

- Vice President

**NOMINATED:** *Abbey Trewenack*

**By:** Maya Muthuswamy **Seconded:** Amy Sullivan

- Treasurer

**NOMINATED:** *Andrew Downes*

**By:** Loretta Bartolini **Seconded:** Paul Fijn

Andrew had previously indicated she would accept a nomination for the position of Treasurer, if one was forthcoming.

- Secretary

**NOMINATED:** *Paul Fijn*

**By:** Amy Sullivan **Seconded:** Jennifer Slater

- General Committee

**NOMINATED:** *Emily Duane*

**By:** Loretta Bartolini **Seconded:** Kim Levy

Emily had previously indicated she would accept a nomination for the position of General Committee Member, if one was forthcoming.

**NOMINATED:** *Dimetre Triadis*

**By:** Loretta Bartolini **Seconded:** Maya Muthuswamy

**NOMINATED:** *Alison Thomson*

**By:** Maya Muthuswamy **Seconded:** Paul Fijn

Alison had previously indicated she would accept a nomination for the position of General Committee Member, if one was forthcoming.

**NOMINATED:** *Jennifer Slater*

**By:** Kim Levy **Seconded:** Maya Ramakrishnan

No more nominations were received. As there were no contested positions, and no concerns were raised with regards to any candidate, a vote was deemed unnecessary. The Returning Officer declared the result of the elections, with the new committee



being comprised of:

<i>President:</i>	Loretta Bartolini
<i>Vice President:</i>	Abbey Trewenack
<i>Treasurer:</i>	Andrew Downes
<i>Secretary:</i>	Paul Fijn
<i>General Committee:</i>	Emily Duane
	Jennifer Slater
	Alison Thomson
	Dimetre Triadis

#### 8. *Other Business*

- Maya Ramakrishnan requested information with regards to future funding under the VSU legislation passed in December 2005 by the Federal Government. Loretta explained that nothing had yet been decided, but at the moment it seemed likely that some form of funding from UMPA was likely, given the success of postgraduate groups and the good image they provide for UMPA. Given that UMPA will be seeking postgraduates to join UMPA voluntarily, a strong sense of community and direct contact to all students remains a priority. Additionally, STAMP receives some assistance from the Department of Mathematics and Statistics and this will most likely continue, at least at current levels. STAMP Committee members will be kept informed of developments, which can then be disseminated amongst the general student population.
- Loretta Bartolini welcomed the initiative of other members to organise a Games Night, with funding arrangements to be organised by the STAMP Committee.
- Loretta Bartolini suggested that a database of computer skills (such as which programs various personnel can use, explain and troubleshoot) would be helpful, particularly for newer students or those needing different types of programs (such as image, website development, technical) which they may not have required in the past. General agreement that this would be a worthwhile endeavour was gleaned by a straw poll.

Meeting closed at 3.39pm.