



Old Boys' Union

# Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 7 March 2018, The Scots College

## 1. Welcome

Ian Bonnette welcomed Dr Ian PM Lambert and members of the college staff to the Annual General Meeting of the Old Boys' Union.

## 2. Apologies

Members who had sent apologies to the meeting were thanked for their consideration.

## 3. Certification

Ian Bonnette noted correct notice of the meeting had been given, a quorum had been achieved and he declared the meeting open at 6.40pm.

## 4. Acceptance of minutes from the 2017 Annual General Meeting

Andrew Bullock moved to accept the 2017 Annual General Meeting minutes as a true and accurate record while James Scott seconded the motion. With no objections and a voice vote of members present, the minutes were accepted.

## 5. Annual Report of the Old Boys' Union

### 5.1 President's Report

The President delivered the President's Review in physical form and briefly spoke to its contents. The full report was provided to all members and is available at [scotsoldboys.tsc.nsw.edu.au](http://scotsoldboys.tsc.nsw.edu.au). The President moved to accept the President's Report and Marshall White seconded this motion. With no objections and a voice vote of members present, the report was accepted.

### 5.2 Secretary's Report

The Secretary delivered the Secretary's Review in physical form and briefly spoke to its contents. The full report was provided to all members and is available at [scotsoldboys.tsc.nsw.edu.au](http://scotsoldboys.tsc.nsw.edu.au)

### 5.3 Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was presented verbally and in written form to the members of the Old Boys' Union present at the Annual General Meeting. The Treasurer noted 2017 had returned a small profit. He called for any questions but no questions were received. The full report was provided to all members and is available by writing to the Secretary at [scotsoldboys@tsc.nsw.edu.au](mailto:scotsoldboys@tsc.nsw.edu.au)

#### 5.4 Resolution to Accept Reports

Steve Patterson moved to accept the Secretary's Report and Treasurer's Report. John Riley seconded this motion. With no objections and a voice vote of members present, the reports were accepted.

## 6. Election

### 6.1 & 6.2 Determination for the Number of Vice Presidents and Appointment of Returning Officer

The number of Vice Presidents for the Old Boys' Union was determined to be three. As per the Constitution of The Old Boys' Union, the President stood aside and Dr Ian PM Lambert was elected Returning Officer. He noted nominations for office bearers had been provided by the Secretary and certified as meeting legislative obligations. He read the names of the nominees and noted the number of nominations did not exceed the number of positions available. John Ryrie moved that the nominees be elected and John Ryan seconded the motion. All nominees accepted their election and the motion was carried. Ian Bonnette was re-elected as President and the Committee members elected, listed in the order of their graduation, were:

Name (First)	Name (Last)	Graduation year	Position nominated to
Zachary	August	2016	Secretary
Ben	Jeavons-Fellows	2014	Ordinary Committee member
Nick	Robins	2011	Ordinary Committee member
Andrew	Muston	2010	Ordinary Committee member
Michael	Burrell	2006	Ordinary Committee member
Simon	Scarf	2005	Vice President
Morgan	Campbell	2004	Ordinary Committee member
Brent	Hill	1993	Ordinary Committee member
James	Scott	1990	Ordinary Committee member
David	Adkins	1988	Ordinary Committee member
Andrew	Patterson	1987	Ordinary Committee member
Andrew	Bullock	1987	Vice President
Mathew	Collett	1986	Ordinary Committee member
Steven	Patterson	1984	Ordinary Committee member
Geoff	Menzies	1983	Ordinary Committee member
John	Meggitt	1983	Ordinary Committee member
Brett	Hinch	1981	Ordinary Committee member

Steve	Gordon	1971	Ordinary Committee member
Ian	Bonnette	1968	President
Richard	Sands	1968	Treasurer
Marshall	White	1968	Vice President
John	White	1963	Ordinary Committee member
Warwick	Pilcher	1963	Ordinary Committee member

## 7. Message from the Principal

A member wrote and requested updates from the College Principal regarding Bannockburn and its use, the Principal kindly obliged and detailed works at Bannockburn. The Principal also detailed the Strategic Intent of the College and his plan to reinvent education.

The Principal addressed the comprehensive strategic plan which is very clearly defined in the document. He noted:

- A lot of work has been done at Bannockburn which will be a multi-learning campus developed largely as an outdoor education centre specifically for year 9 boys.
- A DA will be submitted for permission to run a number of days per year for educational use.
- A 100-bed dormitory has been approved.
- A revolution to reinvent education is required. Scots is happy to participate in this to promote Scots and education more broadly.
- Attention to be given to what sort of education needs to be provided for boys in today's society and developing a number of programs. Boys will need a different set of skills.
- Scots does a lot of unusual things and the Principal wants to expand it further to assist young people in the post-modern world.
- Scots College will partner with others overseas to improve education. Wants to link communities of knowledge and to provide the foundation and fuel to shape teachers' knowledge and practice and change the way education is done with the use of software and linkages to universities and other areas of knowledge.
- The Principal felt education needs its own revolution and The Scots College has a responsibility to share its expertise in order to inspire Scots' young people to learn and serve the kind of nation Australia wants to become.
- Plans to transform the library into a caring home for every boy in the college are being developed and a number of generous donations have already been received but more donations are needed.
- The Principal felt confident more funds can be raised and he hoped his plans will help other parents and other schools around Australia.

## **8. Vote of Thanks**

Ian Bonnette thanked the Principal and voiced his support of the Principal's proposal.

## **9. General Business**

John Ryrie thanked the Principal for his work and contribution to the school.

Peter Howarth congratulated the Principal on his extremely compelling presentation. Further, Peter Howarth noted the database needs updating. It is intended that a captain and secretary for every year will be appointed to assist in this task. It was felt that once the database is updated, something can be done about receiving bequests.

Nancy Inglis added that IT will set up at the entrance when everyone arrives so there will be an opportunity to update the database if necessary.

In response to a question about the education revolution and examples of other schools or some girls' schools outside Sydney or Melbourne talking the same language, the Principal replied that some schools are doing things around mental health but it is very focused in that space. You could keep putting a band aid on a wound but unless you realise why you are getting the wound, you keep putting band aids on. Innovation follows funding. The Scots College has tried not to follow a fad but to actually ask its community and use its position in the world to try to do something that is going to shape the future of education. The thinking behind this and the documentation behind it is quite amazing. Employ people in the research community who are super smart and have invested in it. Now starting to get the benefits which is good. You will hear snippets of things but you have to talk about revolution because it is about flipping what is being done. The Scots College has been fortunate in that it has had people out and scouting by the international boys' school coalition – which is the top 300 boys' schools around the world. Eton and Harrow are wanting to come and to be told what The Scots College is doing. He felt The Scots College has massive potential and it is not being utilised. The founding vision in 1893 of The Scots College was it has to be a scholarly community that shapes and directs this nation for the common good of the people. The Scots College is trying to honour that in the 21<sup>st</sup> century and has to think about how that is done. The Principal noted he is passionate about cricket and rugby but hoped when he is dead, people will talk about the culture and care of The Scots College.

The Principal noted there are a number of events around regional New South Wales and around the world and invited Union members to come to Shanghai and London to see the enthusiasm of the Old Boys there. There is also an Old Boys' Dinner in Singapore which everyone was invited to attend.

Ian Bonnette noted the close connection with the community and each other The Old Boys' Union enjoys and said he has been told The Old Boys' Union is why people are sending their children to The Scots College.

## **10. Closure**

There being no further business, the meeting was closed by the President at 8.19pm.