

## MINUTES OF THE 2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF OCEANIA AQUATICS

Held at the Gold Coast Aquatic Centre, Southport, Gold Coast, AUS on 22 April 2024 commencing at 14:00 AEDT



Note: List of participants found in Annex A.

### • **OPENING**

- OA President Matt Dunn opened the meeting at 14:07 AEDT and welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their participation;
- He thanked Swimming Australia for their organisation and hosting of the Championships
- World Aquatics President Husain Al Mulsallam was welcomed and he spoke to the meeting of the work that World Aquatics was doing in Development, Pools for All, Swim for All and a new project focused on Sustainability.
- World Aquatics CEO Brent Nowicki spoke to the meeting requesting that Federations ensure that there are open lines of communication to respond promptly to World Aquatics correspondence when necessary.

The formal business of the Annual Meeting then commenced

#### Quorum

- Based on Attendance (appendix A) of 15 federations, it was confirmed that a quorum was present.

#### Apologies

- Apologies were received as listed in appendix A

#### Minutes of the 2023 Annual General Meeting

- There were no comments regarding the Minutes of the 2023 AGM as circulated.
- it was moved Liz Wells / Seconded James Panuve (TGA) that the minutes as amended be approved. CARRIED

#### President's Report

- Matt outlined his President's Report of OA Activities as previously circulated.

#### Financial Statements

- The Treasurer took delegates through the interim Financial Statements for the period 1 May 2023-21 April 2024.
- Final Financial Statements will be prepared once the financial year concludes on April 30 and these will be circulated once received and confirmed.
- Liz thanked the federations for their support of her over the 20 years she has been in the role of Treasurer

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- It was moved Steve Johns (NZL) / seconded Carly Pini (PNG) that the interim financial statements be received and approved. CARRIED

### Life Membership

- Matt advised the meeting of the recommendation from the Board to honour Liz's contribution to Oceania Aquatics with Life Membership. By acclamation this motion was CARRIED

### Constitution

- The proposed amendments to the constitution had been circulated previously. Changes are primarily
  - Change of name to Oceania Aquatics
  - Changes to align with World Aquatics requirements
  - Addition of Athlete Director to Board
- It was moved Romani Katoa (COK) / Chris Leon Sanga (SOL)

*“THAT the Constitution of OA (Currently registered as Oceania Swimming Association Incorporated) be amended in accordance with the marked amendments set out in the document tabled to the meeting and marked Document A, where text which is underlined is text to be inserted into the Constitution by amendment pursuant to the special resolution, and text which is struck through is to be deleted from the Constitution by amendment pursuant to the special resolution. “* CARRIED

### Strategic Plan

- Matt spoke to the Strategic Plan for 2024-2032 which has been adopted and the key themes of support, development, and growth as the framework for the workplan guiding Oceania Aquatics activities into the future.

### 2026 Oceania Championships

- The meeting sought indications from Federations to host the event and both NZL and FIJ indicated an interest to host the Championships. The Board will work with both federations to determine a host and the best dates for the next edition.

### Election of Officers 2024-2028

- Nominations were received as per the requirements of the constitution and notice of meeting as set out below:

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OCEANIA AQUATICS	NOMINEE	ELECTION REQUIRED
President	Matt Dunn	No
Treasurer	Suzie Schuster	No
Secretary	John West	No
<b>First Ordinary Director</b>	Edwin Ching James Panuve Ryan Pini	YES
<b>Second Ordinary Director</b>	Edwin Ching John Hirsh James Panuve Ryan Pini	YES
WORLD AQUATICS	NOMINEE	ELECTION REQUIRED
Oceania Vice President	Matt Dunn	No
Oceania Representative	Judy Otto	No
Oceania World-at-Large Representative	Romani Katoa Ryan Pini	YES

Ballot papers were distributed to all federations to vote for the positions indicated. Votes were received either electronically or directly in the meeting and passed to the scrutineers for tabulation. Based on the results of the elections the Oceania Aquatics Executive was confirmed:

President	Matt Dunn
Treasurer	Suzie Schuster
Secretary	John West
First Ordinary Director	James Panuve
Second Ordinary Director	John Hirsh

The meeting confirmed the following nominations to the next World Aquatics Bureau:

Oceania Vice President	Matt Dunn
Oceania Representative	Judy Otto
Oceania World-at-Large Representative	Romani Katoa

### Other Business

- Workshops – Haydn updated the meeting on the development Workshops and the plan for these. Details for each one to be distributed shortly
- There was some discussion regarding changes recently made by World Aquatics regarding universality criteria for the forthcoming Olympic games and the implications it would have for

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some federations and their NOC's. there was some concern that the change had been made too close to the start of the Games after long lists had already been submitted.

- **ADJOURNMENT**

- There being no further business, Matt wished thanked the World Aquatics President & CEO for their visit to the championships and thanked the Federations for their participation and attendance. The meeting was adjourned at 16:26 AEDT.

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## Annex A: Participants

Name	Federation	Position
<b>OSA BOARD AND STAFF</b>		
DUNN, Matt	OSA; World Aquatics	OA President; AQUA 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice-President
KATOA, Romani	Cook Islands	OA Vice-President; AQUA Bureau
WELLS, Liz	Papua New Guinea	OA Treasurer
BELSHAW, Haydn	Australia	OA Development Officer (staff)
PANUVE, James	Tonga	OA Board
OTTO, Judy	Palau	Palau President; AQUA Bureau (Online), OA VP
<b>WORLD AQUATICS TECHNICAL COMMITTEES – OCEANIA</b>		
WEST, John	New Zealand	World Aquatics Open Water Technical Committee
CHEER, Trisa	Fiji	World Aquatics Swimming Technical Committee
HUCKINS, Lesley	New Zealand	World Aquatics Swimming Technical Committee
<b>AMERICAN SAMOA</b>		
RADEWAGEN, Erika	American Samoa	President (online)
<b>AUSTRALIA</b>		
COLLINS, Hadyn	Australia	(Online)
<b>COOK ISLANDS</b>		
KATOA, ROMANI	Cook Islands	OSA Vice-President; AQUA Bureau
<b>FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA</b>		
BURTON-ADAMS, Mae	FSM	President
EPERIAM, Mary-Ann	FSM	Secretary General
<b>FIJI</b>		
CHEER, Trisa	Fiji	Exec member
ERASITO, Lucy	Fiji	NF representative
<b>GUAM</b>		
JUGO, Rita	Guam	NF representative
SAN AUGUSTINE, Don	Guam	NF representative
<b>MARSHALL ISLANDS</b>		
La COST, Amy	Marshall Islands	(Online)
<b>NEW ZEALAND</b>		
HOOPER, Shirley	New Zealand	President, Aquatics NZ (online)
JOHNS, Steve	New Zealand	CEO, Swimming NZ
FARMER, Dianne	New Zealand	Observer
<b>NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS</b>		
THOMPSON, Colin	Northern Mariana Islands	President
SIKKEL, Richard	Northern Mariana Islands	NF representative
<b>PALAU</b>		
JONAS, Jimmy	Palau	NF representative
OTTO, Judy	Palau	President, Palau Aquatics, AQUA Bureau (online)
<b>PAPUA NEW GUINEA</b>		
PINI, Carly	PNG	NF representative
VAVA, Jean	PNG	NF representative

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<b>SAMOA</b>		
SCHUSTER, Suzie	Samoa	NF representative
SCHUSTER, Brandon	Samoa	NF representative
<b>SOLOMON ISLANDS</b>		
SANGA, Chris Leon	Solomon Islands	President
<b>TONGA</b>		
PANUVE, James	Tonga	OA Board / NF representative
AFU, Suliana	Tonga Swimming	President (Online)
<b>VANUATU</b>		
HOWARD, Ben	Vanuatu	NF representative
<b>APOLOGIES</b>		
THOMPSON, Pitila	Fiji	OA Secretary
PINI, Serena	Papua New Guinea	
PUNAVALLU, Kerrie	Samoa	OA Board
CLARKE, Ron	New Zealand	Immediate Past Secretary, OSA
GERRARD, David	New Zealand	World Aquatics Sports Medical Committee