



Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2025

19:00 Thursday January 21, 2025

Virtual Meeting on Zoom

Agenda

NB: Quorum required is 20 full/honorary members. Retired members who were formerly full members are also eligible to vote

1. Apologies for absence

2. Minutes of the last 2024 AGM held November 2, 2023, for approval

Paper: Minutes of the 2024 AGM

3. Matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda

4. Chair's report

Paper: MJA Chair's AGM report

5. Honorary treasurer's report: MJA Financial Accounts Year End 31 January 2025

Paper: Treasurer's report/Financial accounts

6. Election of executive committee

Nominations for membership of the Executive Committee by Full Members must be received by the Administrator by Tuesday December 24, 2024 – at least four weeks prior to the AGM. NB: The Chair shall have the power to nominate retiring members of the Executive Committee if it appears that insufficient nominations have been received. In that case, a ballot shall not be necessary.

NB: Officers of the MJA are appointed by the EC (not the AGM) after the AGM has approved the election of all EC members.

7. Changes to the Constitution

Proposed changes to the Constitution must have the endorsement of 14 Full members of the Association and be notified to the Executive Committee by Tuesday December 24, 2024 - at least four weeks before the AGM. NB: The Constitution of the Association may be amended, altered or repealed only by a two-thirds majority of those Full Members who are present at an AGM.

8. Motions for Debate

Motions for debate at the Annual General Meeting must be notified to the Administrator by Tuesday December 24, 2024 - at least four weeks prior to the AGM.

9. Appointment of honorary auditor(s)

Extract from the constitution: An auditor shall be appointed annually by the Association at the Annual General Meeting, who shall examine the Association's accounts, and indicate in writing their approval or otherwise. The existing auditors Olivia Timbs and Jenny Bryan, have agreed to stay on.

10. Honorary Membership

The AGM is asked to approve the offer of honorary membership to Sallie Robins, former MJA Administrator.

Proposed: Jane Symons, Vice-Chair MJA

Seconded: Shaun Lintern, Chair, MJA

Extract from constitution: Honorary Membership shall be offered only by majority vote at an Annual General Meeting to people whose services to the Association (or whose distinction in the fields of journalism or healthcare) the Association wishes to acknowledge. Honorary members shall have full voting rights, but pay no annual subscription.

11. Any other business

The next AGM will be held within 15 months of this AGM as required by the Constitution