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Minutes of Annual General Meeting held 21 October 2024,
2.30pm AEDT, via zoom**

1. Attendance

Lauren Booker (Chair), Rose Barrowcliffe, Joanne Evans, Mike Jones, Man-ting Hsu, Joanna Sassoon, Angela Schilling, Kirsten Wright (minutes).

2. Apologies

Georgia Harris, Jessie Webb, Jill Caldwell, Louise Curham, Nyree Morrison, Marelda Kelly, Kim Burrell, Annie Cameron.

3. Welcome and introductions

SIG Co-convenor Lauren Booker declared the meeting open and noted she had been in the position of Co-convenor with Angela Schilling. Lauren thanked everyone for coming to the AGM especially in such a busy week.

Lauren acknowledged all the lands and Countries everyone was joining from today, and paid respects to their Elders and community leaders. Lauren also acknowledged all First Nations people joining us today.

4. Previous minutes

Minutes of the last SIG AGM held 1 August 2023 were approved.

Moved: Kirsten Wright

Seconded: Mike Jones

5. Convenors' report

Co-convenor Angela Schilling presented the 2023-24 SIG convenors' report.

A full executive committee was installed at the 2023 SIG AGM, and has met on a regular basis throughout the year to discuss any matters which have come to hand.

Hinerangi Himiona (Ngāpuhi nui tonu) was invited by the SIG to give the 2024 Loris Williams Lecture at the ASA Conference in Christchurch, October 2024. Hinerangi accepted the call, and with the assistance of the conference programme committee, we look forward to hearing them speak on October 23, 2024.

The SIG also began working with the Indigenous Archives Collective (IAC) to program and organise a one-day Tandanya-Adelaide Declaration Symposium to be held at the Christchurch Conference, to mark 5 years of the Tandanya-Adelaide Declaration. A programming committee consisting of members from the SIG and IAC was formed in early 2024 to curate a program for the day with panels and lightning talks, and work with the ASA to co-ordinate the logistics for the day. We look forward to taking part in this event on October 25, 2024.

The SIG is continuing the work to research and document past Loris Williams Memorial Lecture speakers, with the aim to present the full list and access to lecture recordings on the ASA website. This list is now complete and after the conference we will work with ASA staff to put the list on the website. Thanks to Kirsten Thorpe and Kathryn Dan with their assistance in compiling and confirming lectures.

The SIG acknowledge the input and support from all its members during the past year, as we look to continue the advocacy and sense of community the SIG brings, into 2024-2025.

6. Tandanya Symposium planning

Lauren Booker reported on the Tandanya Symposium planning, which will occur Friday 25 October. It is looking to be a fantastic day with many interesting speakers. The call for submissions was oversubscribed, so there was a competitive process to select speakers for the day.

Many speakers are attending in person, with a few presenting on zoom. The local Ngāi Tahu Archives will be doing an opening panel, and it is hoped this can be a hybrid stream, and the link will be sent out soon.

Lauren thanked the programming committee, made up of SIG and Indigenous Archives Collective members, for all their work in making the Symposium happen. It is hoped that there will be a special issue of Archives & Manuscripts next year that will reflect the day, there will be more information about this once the Symposium is over.

Members of the program committee acknowledged how much work Lauren had done to bring the Symposium together. She has been the main organiser, liaison between the SIG and Indigenous Archives Collective; main contact point for speakers; liaison with the ASA and the venue. SIG members involved in the planning wanted to highlight and acknowledge her work in putting this all together.

7. Loris Williams Memorial Scholarship update

Kirsten Wright provided an update on the Loris Williams Memorial Scholarship, in response to a request from a SIG member. Those who attended last year's AGM might remember the discussion about the ASA hoping to update some of the

conditions of the Loris Williams Memorial Scholarship to open it to a wider range of applicants.

Eloise Armstrong, who holds the awards portfolio on ASA Council, was contacted for an update and she confirmed that some changes had been approved by Council. A response was sent asking for details of the changes; consultation process; and plan for re-opening the Scholarship. A response was not received before this meeting.

Action: That the 2024-5 SIG Executive follow up with ASA Council regarding the Scholarship and send an update to SIG members when this information is received.

Moved: Lauren Booker

Seconded: Rose Barrowcliffe

8. SIG meetup at ASA Conference

Angela Schilling confirmed there would again be an informal catchup of SIG members at the ASA Conference. The catchup will be held on Thursday 24 October. Details will be sent to members soon.

9. Other business

Lauren Booker noted the issues with this AGM around getting the zoom started and having access to the zoom link, and apologised to members who were inconvenienced and who wanted to attend the meeting but were not able to.

Mike Jones noted that the SIG Rules need to be updated as they currently reflect the old ASA membership structure.

Action: Incoming SIG Executive to amend the SIG Rules to reflect the ASA By-Laws and current membership structure.

Moved: Lauren Booker

Seconded: Angela Schilling.

10. Election of office bearers for 2024-25

All positions were declared vacant and Mike Jones was appointed Returning Officer to run the election. Mike thanked the outgoing committee for the past year.

The following members were elected:

Co-convenor: Lauren Booker, self-nominated, seconded by Angela Schilling

Convenor Rose Barrowcliffe, self-nominated, seconded by Kirsten Wright

Secretary: Kirsten Wright, self-nominated, seconded by Rose Barrowcliffe

Committee member: Angela Schilling, seconded by Lauren Booker

Committee member: Annie Cameron (in absentia noted by Angela, self-nominated, seconded by Kirsten Wright)

Committee member: Monica Galassi (in absentia, nominated by Lauren Booker, seconded by Kirsten Wright, to be confirmed with Monica following this meeting).

Lauren thanked the outgoing members of the committee and welcomed new members and noted that it will be great to work with everyone over the coming year. Lauren particularly noted the work of outgoing Co-convenor Angela Schilling and paid tribute to all her work during her years of convening.

11. Next meeting

It was agreed that an informal SIG catchup to reflect on the Tandanya Symposium will be organised before the end of the year. Details will be sent to members once the date is confirmed.

Meeting closed 3.09pm