



**Thalassaemia and  
Sickle Cell Australia**  
*Unifying Support with Genetics*

## **Thalassaemia and Sickle Cell Australia Inc. (TASCA) Annual General Meeting**

### **Minutes for 2017-2018 Financial Year**

**Date:** Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> October 2018

**Venue:** Bargoonga Nganjin Community Room, North Fitzroy Library, 182 St Georges Road, Fitzroy  
North VIC 3068

**Meeting Opened:** 6.35pm

#### **Apologies:**

Carolyn Greely  
Professor Joy Ho  
Libby Reid  
Dr Jim Vadolas

#### **Attendance:**

<b>Members</b>	<b>Non Members</b>
James Bartlett Dr Helen Georgiou Theodore Kastoras Anastasia Katakouzinou Jason Morey Joanne Mucciacciaro Louisa Mucciacciaro Di Pantazis Eugenia Pantazis Steve Pantazis Alex Plevritis Steve Staikos Jo Stylianopoulos Mary Tassigiannakis Peter Verveniotes Robbin Vissakodeti Sally Watkins (left early) Professor John Webb	Dr Kylie Mason (Guest Speaker)  Chris Kakouros (from the Double Eagle Golf Club) Con Yiannakos (from the Double Eagle Golf Club)  Neil Waters (from the Haemoglobinopathy Registry)  Seika Chen (Masters of Genetic Counselling Student) Dr Claudine Tsao (Masters of Genetic Counselling Student)  Crystal Kabaha Belinda Maniscalco  Kumudika Atukorala (TASCA Health Promotions Officer) Thian Ng (TASCA Administration Officer)

**Proxies:**

Proxy	For
Anastasia Katakouzinou	Haroula Angeli Lois Dunston Anne-Marie Fish Stamatia Fotakis Con Lolis James Lakasas Malama Lakasas Nicholas Lakasas Thomas Lakasas Vasilios Manavas Malama Marinkais Mary Mitakakis Pashalis Mitakakis Peter Panaya Georgia Papadopoulos Jim Papadopoulos Nick Papadopoulos Joe Ravidia Stephen van Nooten Meropi van Nooten Sally Watkins (left early)
Dr Helen Georgiou	Lou Alborea Greg Brown Frances Campbell Lucy Georgiou * Lemonia Giortzi Jean Hendy Claire Kamienowski * Sam Koukaravas Sophie Koukaravas Tony Mucciacciaro Helen O'Malley Soula Paikopoulos Libby Reid Emmanuel Tacticos George Tacticos Maria Tacticos Le Vuong Merrilyn Whitecross Cinzia Zampatti
Steve Pantazis	Vasiliki Didaskalou Dr Jim Vadolas
Peter Verveniotes	Yianni Androulakis Pat Bollard Connie Duke Gemma Fabris Christina Germanos Brett Moloney Gina Nikodemou Teresa Ricupito Kon Verveniotes

	Sophie Wong
Robbin Vissakodeti	Agnes Nsofwa Mukuka Nsofwa Musanda Nsofwa Preston Nsofwa

### Notes:

\* Lemonia Giortzi and Sam Koukaravas could not be fully verified as members on the night of the AGM but were fully verified after the AGM. See also notes ^, # and ±.

### **Opening Welcome:**

Anastasia Katakouzinou, President of TASCA, welcomed everyone and thanked Seika Chen and Dr Claudine Tsao for their work whilst with TASCA.

The Double Eagle Golf Club presented TASCA with a cheque of \$2000, which they had raised, and were thanked.

### **Guest Speaker:**

Dr Kylie Mason, Clinical Haematologist at the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre and the Royal Melbourne Hospital, presented on iron chelation therapy including some information on Jadenu. She also provided some background information regarding services at Royal Melbourne Hospital.

### **2017 AGM Minutes:**

Moved by: Steve Pantazis (1<sup>st</sup>) and Alex Plevritis (2<sup>nd</sup>)

### **Annual Report:**

#### President's Report

Anastasia Katakouzinou, President of TASCA, presented her report. A copy of the presentation is included in the Annual Report.

#### Staff Report:

Kumudika Atukorala, Health Promotions Officer, introduced herself and gave an overview of the work she has undertaken.

#### Financial Report:

Anastasia Katakouzinou, President of TASCA, presented this report as the Treasurer was not present. A copy of the Financial Statements is included in the Annual Report.

The Financial Statements were accepted by: Eugenia Pantazis (1<sup>st</sup>) and Theodore Kastoras (2<sup>nd</sup>)

### **Resolution for the Overall Committee Size:**

- Resolution for a total of 8 Committee Members was lost
- Resolution for a total of 9 Committee Members was carried

## **Election of the 2019 Committee:**

Anastasia Katakouzinou, President of TASCA, declared all positions vacant.

Facilitator: Thian Ng, Administration Officer

Returning Officers: Steve Staikos and Professor John Webb

All elections were conducted by secret ballot.

### Election of the President:

- Dr Helen Georgiou spoke to her nomination for 1 minute
- Anastasia Katakouzinou spoke to her nomination for 1 minute
- Dr Helen Georgiou was declared elected as President with 36 votes<sup>^</sup> of 71

### Election of the Vice-President:

- Peter Verveniotes spoke to his nomination for 1 minute
- Robbin Vissakodeti spoke to his nomination for 1 minute
- Peter Verveniotes was declared elected as Vice-President with 37 votes<sup>#</sup> of 71

### Election of the Secretary:

- Louisa Mucciacciaro spoke to her nomination for 1 minute
- Louisa Mucciacciaro was declared elected as Secretary with 39 votes<sup>±</sup> of 71

### Treasurer:

- Joanne Mucciacciaro was declared elected as Treasurer as she was the sole nomination for the position

### Election of the General Committee Members:

- Robbin Vissakodeti sought nomination for the position of a General Committee Member
- James Bartlett spoke to his nomination for 1 minute
- Robbin Vissakodeti, Theodore Kastoras, Eugenia Pantazis, Alex Plevritis and James Bartlett were declared elected as General Committee Members

### Notes:

<sup>^</sup> As per note \*, Lemonia Giortzi and Sam Koukaravas did not vote on the night but their proxy Dr Helen Georgiou indicated that their votes are to count towards the election of Dr Helen Georgiou bringing the total votes to 38 in favour of Dr Helen Georgiou.

<sup>#</sup> As per note \*, Lemonia Giortzi and Sam Koukaravas did not vote on the night but their proxy Dr Helen Georgiou indicated that their votes are to count towards the election of Peter Verveniotes bringing the total votes to 39 in favour of Peter Verveniotes.

<sup>±</sup> As per note \*, Lemonia Giortzi and Sam Koukaravas did not vote on the night but their proxy Dr Helen Georgiou indicated that their votes are to count towards the election of Louisa Mucciacciaro bringing the total votes to 41 in favour of Louisa Mucciacciaro.