

# SCAtharsis AGM      Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2003

**Meeting opened:** 6.50pm

**Present:** Bruno, Alyson, Julian, Irene, Jodi, Gary, Katherine, Christy, Angelo, Rose

## **Agenda:**

- 1. Treasurer's report**
- 2. Secretary's report**
- 3. Acting President's report**
- 4. Election of office bearers**
- 5. Confirmation of name change**
- 6. Status of SCA postgrad Alumni**

### **1. Treasurer's report:**

- Katherine announced that SCAtharsis has now spent the remainder of its budgeted funding for 2003, on a successful event, the SCAtharsis end-of-year party.

- Having successfully managed our funds and created an active postgrad community at the SCA, we are now able to follow through with the calendar of events for the coming two semesters in 2004, for which new funding applications can now be submitted in line with UMPA funding rounds.

Motion to accept Treasurer's report: moved: Jodi; seconded: Alyson. Motion carried.

### **2. Secretary's report:**

- Rose remarked that while the Secretary's life is one of endless toil, often in isolation, she has nevertheless enjoyed facilitating the group's communication and working with others to bring things into being.

Motion to accept Secretary's report: moved: Bruno; seconded: Alyson. Motion carried.

### **3. Acting President's report:**

- As Acting President, Katherine commented on some of the successes and difficulties that a new group faces, and summarised her report by reminding us that the past year has been somewhat of a learning experience for most Office Bearers, and that this in itself is a positive outcome.

Motion to accept Acting President's report: moved: Jodi; seconded: Alyson. Motion carried.

### **4. Election of Office Bearers:**

The following positions were opened for nomination: President; Vice-President (formerly Acting President); Treasurer; Secretary; Technical Officer

### **5. Status of SCA postgrad Alumni**

Prior to nomination and election, there was some relevant discussion on OB positions; particularly concerning those who have completed studies but are in limbo with regard to their postgraduate status (e.g., submitted thesis

but awaiting examination, possible reworking of thesis; Masters thesis submitted, not yet examined, but considering PhD candidature at SCA; etc.):

- Katherine raised the point that Office Bearers need to be enrolled postgraduate students. Katherine emphasised that this is UMPA's own ruling and should therefore be acted upon re. nomination and election;
- Gary suggested that SCAtharsis create an Alumni position whereby those who are in limbo with regard to their postgraduate status be made Associate Members;
- Irene commented that on completing HRD/postgraduate study one feels suddenly disconnected from what was previously an integral and vital part of one's life;
- Jodi moved that SCA HRD graduates and alumni be allowed full membership of SCAtharsis, as well as voting rights, but not be permitted to take on Office Bearer positions:

Motion to accept that graduates and alumni be allowed full membership of SCAtharsis, and voting rights, but not Office Bearer positions: moved: Jodi; seconded: Rose. Motion carried.

## **6. Election of Office Bearers:**

**The results of nominations, resignations, and voting are as follows:**

<b>President</b>	-	<b>Julian Savage</b>
<b>Vice President</b>	-	<b>Alyson Campbell</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	-	<b>Rose Woodcock (re-elected)</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	-	<b>Gary Willis (upon Katherine's resignation)</b>
<b>Technical Officer</b>	-	<b>(please refer to discussion below)</b>

- Jodi moved that we change the name of Technical Officer to Chief Information Officer (CIO):
- Julian moved that CIO is too "chieffy": motion not passed
- Jodi moved again that we adopt Officer to Chief Information Officer (CIO): moved: Jodi; seconded: Angelo

**Chief Information Officer (CIO) - Christy Dena**

- Katherine moved that all members present at the AGM be granted Committee status: carried unanimously;
- Jodi moved that we publish the papers from the last two seminars (May 8<sup>th</sup> & December 11<sup>th</sup> 2003) on the SCA website; that these initially be unrefereed in order to facilitate the publication process: motion carried unanimously;

## **7. Confirmation of name change**

- Julian moved that we do not change the name of SCAtharsis: motion carried unanimously;

## **8. Other Business:**

- Bruno suggested that a Grants Development Officer position be created: after discussion it was decided that this discussion/motion be carried over to another meeting;

- Bruno also suggested that there be a publication (refereed) of papers presented at the Postgrad Seminar last Thursday;
- Denise Varney (SCA postgrad co-ordinator) suggested that we select the best papers over a period of three years or so and then publish them;

**Meeting closed: 7.30pm**