

AUSTRALIAN FACETORS' GUILD LIMITED
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

Location: Gateway Lifestyle Resort, 69 Light St., Casino, New South Wales.

Time: 4.00pm Friday, 6th September 2019

1. **Apologies:** Garry Blount, John Vincent, Robert Hodgkins, Rebecca Edwards, Lesley-Anne Carle, Neville Kleidon, Beverly and Dave Radke, Ben Tillack, John Krench, Thomas Taylor, Neville Silva, Darryl Flanogon, Terry Spinks, Geoff Patava, Colin Wright, Sian and Jim Ruhe, Ray Maunder, Lex and Heather Winkleman, Neil McCallum, and Paul Carey
2. **Meeting Attendance:** 65 active members attended the meeting and signed the attendance register.
3. **Proxy Votes:** Noel x 10 votes, Paul Sabolta x 5 votes, Pam Kinsela x 6
4. **Confirmation of the Minutes of the AGM, Casino 31st August 2018:**
Distributed to Directors and other interested members, published on the AFG Web site, and printed in AFG 223. Moved Keiran Simpson, seconded, Ed Allison. Motion Carried.
5. **President's Report:** Presented by Paul Sabolta. See Reports section at the end of these minutes.
6. **Annual Balance Sheet, Financial Statement & Verifying Accountant's Report:**
These were printed in FT 228. Accepted on the Motion of the Treasurer, Neville Smith, Seconded Ed Allison. Motion Carried Copy filed in Minutes Book.
7. **Treasurer's Report:**
The Financial position as shown in FT 228 as at 31st May 2019, is correct and audited. This to be accepted, moved Neville Smith seconded Ed Allison. Motion Carried.
8. **Director's Report & Director's Statement to Members:** The Directors have determined that the Company is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial statement is a verifying report only. In the opinion of the Directors; the Income and Expenditure Statement, the Statement of the Financial Position:
 - a. Presents fairly, the financial position of the Australian Facetors Guild Limited as at 31 May 2019, and its performance for the year ended on that date.
 - b. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.
Moved Neville Smith that the above report be accepted, seconded Reg Hall. Motion Carried.
9. **Verifying Accountant:** BNW Accountants will carry out this work as well as continuing to be the Registered Office for the Guild. Moved Neville Smith, seconded Les Sinclair that BNW continue as the AFG accountants and the Registered Office. Motion Carried.
10. **Reports from Officers and Committees:**
 - (a) Membership Report: Bob Boddington
 - (b) Judging & Rules: Paul Sabolta
 - (c) Web Site Report: Ed Allison
 - (d) Supplies Officer: Pam Kinsela
 - (e) Education Report: John Broadfoot
 - (f) Facet Talk Report: John Broadfoot
 - (g) GemCad Report: Henk Prins
 - (h) 2019 Annual Competition: Carol van der Pennen

The 2020 Annual Competition will be conducted by the Loganholme Group, Queensland. The 2020 International Competition will be conducted by Paul Sabolta. See the Reports Section at the end of these Minutes.
11. **Election of Office Bearers and Directors:**
 - (a) President: Paul Sabolta: nominated: K. Simpson seconded J. Broadfoot Elected unopposed
 - (b) Qld. Director: Dave Radke: nominated: N. Warrell seconded R. Boddington Elected unopposed
 - (c) N.S.W. Director: Bruce Copper: nominated: T. Comber seconded C. Comber Elected unopposed
 - (d) Victorian Director: Reg Hall: nominated: E. Allison seconded L. Allison Elected unopposed
 - (e) Tasmanian Director: TBA.: nominated: TBA seconded TBA AFG Board to consider
 - (f) SA director: nominated: J. Broadfoot seconded K. Simpson Elected unopposed
 - (g) WA Director: Lisa Han nominated: R. Dunn seconded N. Walkley Elected unopposed

(h) Secretary: This position is an appointment by the Board. Keiran Simpson was appointed to continue as Secretary.

There was only one nomination for each position other than the Director of Tasmania, which remained vacant and would be discussed at the next Board meeting.

12. Appointment of Officers: The following were reappointed, and a new Supplies Officer appointed:

- 1. Membership Secretary: Robert Boddington.
- 2. Judging & Rules: Paul Sabolta (voting) and Dave Radke (non-voting)
- 3. Website Officer: Ed Allison.
- 4. Supplies Officer: Dawn Chapman
- 5. Education Officer: John Broadfoot.
- 6. Facet Talk Editor: John Broadfoot
- 7. GemCad Officer: Henk Prins

9. Special Business: Appointment of Horst Ricker as a Life Member of the Australian Facetors' Guild Ltd.

Moved by John Broadfoot and Seconded by Jenny Elliott that Horst Ricker be appointed as a Life Member of the Australian Facetors Guild Limited. The citation appeared in Facet Talk 228 both on the website and in hard copy.

Resolution. The AFG Board commends the appointment of Horst Ricker as Life Member as per the citation in Facet Talk 227 and 228. John Broadfoot spoke on Horst Ricker's contribution to Faceting over many years, especially in the area of repair and development of laps. The President presented the certificate of Life Membership to Horst. The meeting greeted the presentation with acclamation.

10. General Business: There was no General Business.

11. Presentation of 20 Year Club badges, certificates to retiring Office Bearers and any other presentations.

The President presented the 2019 20 year badges to Raimonde and John Maine, Noel and Ann Warrell, Patricia O'Keefe, and Frank Sparks. He also directed the Secretary to send out badges to any of the 2018 20 year badge recipients, who had not received their badges. The Secretary was directed to post out the badges to any members who were not present. These were Peter Blackburn, Fay Cook, Catriona Chalk, Tony Spencer, Lyn Tonkin and Lyrian Hughes. Certificates were presented to retiring Office Bearers; Ed Allison and Noel Warrell. The Secretary was directed to post out the certificates to Paul Carey, Owen Wyer, and Richard Dunn. He also presented a certificate to Pam Kinsela, the retiring Supplies Officer. The President also presented a certificate to retiring Seminar Committee members, Peter and Moya Stringfellow.

Certificates were presented by the instructional staff of the Faceting Courses to members who had completed the various levels in the cutting course. The recipients will be listed in the next Facet Talk.

12. Presentation of Annual Competition Trophies.

The President presented the trophy list for the 2019 Annual Competition. Each recipient was congratulated by the President and the members. Novice Champion was Peter Bennett from QLD 327.27 pts, with the Novice Runner up being Gary Campbell from QLD 267.31 pts. Intermediate Champion was Terry McGann from WA 375.00 pts with the Intermediate Runner UP being Ross Beattie from QLD 355.81 pts. Open Champion was Ray Maunder from NSW 390.33 pts with the Open Runner Up being Martin Banzigar from Switzerland 389.86 pts. The highest score was achieved by Martin Banziger with a score of 99.50 points, and the Champion State was QLD with 585.18 pts.

13. Draw for Voucher:

The Vice President conducted the first \$100.00 value voucher drawer.

14. Closure:

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 4.50 pm.

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Signed

Date

REPORTS

1. President's Report 2019

The year has gone so fast with this year's Muster already upon us.

It is pleasing to see our membership steadily growing to be now over 800 members. It shows that the Guild is on the right path in providing a true association dedicated to the art of gemstone faceting and all of its offshoots.

Facet Talk is our main tool in promoting and communicating this wonderful art, and why we strive to give you the best we can. A round of applause for John Broadfoot our editor and his helpers Carol and Lisa for their tremendous work in putting Facet Talk together.

I thank everyone on the Board for making our management tick over smoothly. Keiran Simpson our Secretary, Neville Smith for taking care of our finances, Pam Kinsela our Supplies Officer, Ed Allison our web master, the Seminar Committee for their work, Regional Group Workshops and Meetings, and anyone I've missed for doing their part in making this such a great organisation.

For the retiring Directors and committee members, I thank you for your work over the years. For our new Directors I welcome you to the team. You will enjoy it.

Competition cutting is a vital part in striving to improve our art, so no matter how well or poorly you may think you are cutting I ask you to keep entering, to learn from your mistakes and to hone your skills to be a better faceter.

Thank You.

Paul

2. Judging and Rules 2019

None of the five proposals presented the Australian Facetors Guild, were successful; at the recent AFLACA Judging and Rules Meeting at the Rockhampton Gemboree. The main objection to these proposals were that the existing rules already cater for the changes that the AFG proposed and therefore no need to change or add specifics were necessary.

From a recent discussion in FT225 on Specified Size and where it is measured, we will be presenting a new item at the next J&R meeting scheduled for the 220 Gemboree. This was brought up at the Rockhampton J&R meeting, but as it was not an item listed on the agenda no action or change could be made.

On page 43 of the AFLACA Judging & Rules Manual, Issue No 8, dated April 2015, the judging feature at D11.2 p. states:

“Specified Size: For every 0.1mm or part thereof away from Specific Size, 1 point will be deducted from the maximum for this feature. *However*, a tolerance of up to and including 0.1mm above or below Specific Size, as measured by the Judge, will be allowed before any points deduction.”

Our proposal for the 2020 J&R meeting is as follows:

That the sentence **“as measured across the shortest axis of outline shape”** be inserted to read as follows:

“Specified Size: For every 0.1m or part thereof away from Specified Size, **as measured across the shortest axis of outline shape;** 1 point will be deducted from the axiom for this feature. *However*, a tolerance of up to and including 0.1 above or below Specified Size, as measured by the Judge, will be allowed before any points deduction.”

Judges...

Are you already a Faceting Judge? Have you judged a session lately? Do you feel in need of a refresher? If so, email me with a request and if we have enough to run a course, we will organise it.

Have you thought of becoming a Faceting Judge?

Are you attaining consistently high scores for your entries in competition? Do you want to take that a bit further? Have you thought of becoming a Faceting Judge? If so, drop me an email to discuss a few prerequisites. atlobas53@yahoo.com.au

If I have at least 4 to 6 members who are interested, we can arrange a course.

Paul Sabolta
AFG J&R Committee

3. Membership Secretary's Report

Hi and welcome to the 2019 Seminar/Muster. I hope all our faceting class members learnt something useful over last days.

Our membership numbers have risen over the last couple of months to now be 820 members. This includes 11 new ones since FT 228 went to print. Hopefully, most of you will have received your copy of facet talk or they will be at your home when you get back.

The membership year is quickly coming to an end. Can those of you who have not renewed as yet, do so as soon as you can, hopefully before the 1st October 2019. This will reduce the postage costs on the number of reminders to be sent out.

a. Renewing by PayPal has become very popular over the last couple of years.

b. EFT Post is also an easy way to do your renewals.

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Please use your name, membership number or phone number for identification on the bank statement.

- c. Renewal by cheque or money order is still quite popular. Make sure you make the cheque or money order out to the Australian Faceters Guild Ltd and **NOT** the Membership Secretary.
- d. Paying by cash especially at the seminar is still the old favourite.

I know that there are set times on the information sheet where and when to pay your renewals over the weekend. If you see me around you can hand me your renewal but make sure you have your renewal form filled out as well so I can tie the together when doing the banking.

I do have a limited number of renewal forms with me if you have left yours at home. Enjoy the weekend and don't be afraid to put your hand up to take on some of the jobs being done by the same members year in year out.

4. Supplies Officer's Report 2019

Well another year has passed with sales being steady throughout the year (42 sales). I will be handing over the supplies at this Muster, but wish everyone all the best for the future of the AFG. It has been a pleasure doing the job since 2015. I would like to thank the committee for their support throughout this time.

Regards to all,
Pam

5. Education and Facet Talk Reports for AFG Annual General Meeting 6 September 2019

Facet Talk

I wish to thank those who have contributed Articles for Facet Talk. I thank Carol van der Pennen and Lisa Han for their editorial assistance as well as Hazel Broadfoot for some proof reading. It would be good to receive articles and good quality photographs from workshops and meetings. Please send high quality photographs separate to the text. We do need more contributions in the way of basic tips, which are received occasionally and thank you to those who contributed.

Electronic versus printed copy of Facet Talk.

It is good to see that many members access the electronic version of Facet Talk. If you receive the hard copy you are also entitled to the electronic version. The AFG website also includes GemCad files for some of the cuts published in Facet Talk. There will be a session during the Seminar to show members how to access the web site.

Faceting Courses and Workshops

We conducted three levels of Faceting Courses at Casino this year. There was 11 in Level 1, 4 in Level 2 and 2 doing Repair Cutting.

2019 Seminar

The program has been advertised in Facet Talk and on the AFG web site. I thank the contributors in advance.

There will be fossicking trips which will be advertised during the Seminar. These will be led by Garry Gatfield – thanks Garry. There will also be a faceting machine maintenance workshop all day Monday where participants may bring their machines and discuss ways to check and improve accuracy with Horst Ricker and other AFG members. Tuesday – demonstrations on Faceting (concave and flat faceting); Wednesday – fossicking with Garry Gatfield or tag-along to Kyogle, Nimbin and Lismore and maybe Ballina.

Group Meetings, Workshops and AFG Promotion

Groups continue to be very successful in conducting meetings and faceting workshops.

Gem Shows and Club Presentations

Thanks again to those who spent time to demonstrate faceting at Gem Shows and Clubs throughout Australia. These representations are rewarded by the growing interest in faceting and in the increase in applications for Guild Membership.

In conclusion, I would like to thank those who have willingly given their time in organising, conducting and promoting educational activities for the AFG during the past year.

John Broadfoot
Education Officer
Editor – Facet Talk

6. Website Report

The website is functioning well and the forum is quite active. If any member finds a problem with an aspect of the website please let the webmaster know.

Ed Allison

7. GemCad Officer

The designs in Facet Talk are available for the web site. This includes ones from many past issues which are in two formats depending on what you want load them into. There are GemCad sessions before, during and after the Seminar.

Henk Prins
GemCad Officer

8. 2019 AFG Competition

The 2019 competition saw 29 entrants enter 90 stones. Besides Australia we had entries from USA, Switzerland and England. Thanks to all who entered.

Thanks also to the Judges from all over Australia and the Competition Committee for running the competition (Alf Mosshammer, Lorraine Smithers, Bob Kay and Jon Sellars). Of the committee, a special thank you to Alf, for despite his advancing years he did most of the work.

Last but by no means least, a big thank you to Pam Ferris for all her help with the database used to run the event.

Carol van der Pennen
Director SA

9. 2020 Competition

This will be conducted by the Loganholme Group and copies of the competition will be available on the 7th and 8th. There are extra copies available if they are needed. Of interest is the inclusion of Nanisital in the Novice competition. As well, a concave cut has been included. There is also a special challenge where the entrants are only given a diagram. Entrants are to provide a cut stone and a diagram with full cutting instructions. 20% of the points are for the set of cutting instructions. A copy of the competition will also go up on the website.