

AUSTRALIAN FACETORS' GUILD LIMITED

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Conducted by a physical meeting, mail, email, website and Zoom meeting.

Time: 4.00pm Friday, 2nd September 2022

1. **Meeting Opened:** 4.17pm
2. **Apologies:** David Radke, Matt Young, Joe Geisar, Ed Allison, Sarah Cirillo
3. **Meeting Attendance:** 39 active members, 5 attended the Zoom meeting and 7 were recorded on Google Forms, email and the posted-out Voting and Proxy Voting Forms. This will be recorded on the Attendance Register. The quorum of 30 members was exceeded.
4. **Proxy Votes:** Reg Hall x 2, Rod Turville x 1, and Keiran Simpson x 1
5. **Confirmation of the Minutes of the Zoom AGM, 12 September 2021:**
Distributed to Directors and other members with email, shown in Facet Talk 241, and published on the AFG Web site. Moved John Broadfoot, seconded by Lex Winkleman. Motion Carried.
6. **President's Report:** Shown in Facet Talk 246. Moved by Reg Hall, seconded Keiran Simpson. Motion Carried.
7. **Annual Balance Sheet, Financial Statement & Verifying Accountant's Report:**
These were sent out in a bulk email and published on the website. Moved Rick Parker, seconded Reg Cooper. Motion Carried. Copy filed in Minutes Book.
8. **Treasurer's Report:**
The Financial position as shown in Annual Balance Sheet as of 31st May 2022, is correct and audited. This to be accepted, moved Rick Parker, seconded John Broadfoot. Motion Carried.
9. **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 of 31 May 2022, 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 John Broadfoot, seconded by Barry Chapman, that the above report be accepted. Motion Carried.
10. **Verifying Accountant:** BNW Accountants will carry out this work as well as continuing to be the Registered Office for the Guild. Moved Keiran Simpson, seconded Carol van der Pennen. Motion Carried.
11. **Reports from Officers and Committees:**

(a) Membership Report:	Bob Boddington
(b) Judging & Rules:	Paul Sabolta
(c) Web Site Report:	Ed Allison
(d) Supplies Officer:	Bob Boddington
(e) Education Report:	John Broadfoot
(f) Facet Talk Report:	John Broadfoot
(g) GemCad Report	Henk Prins
(h) 2022 Annual Competition	Displayed on the AFG Website

The reports are shown at the end of these minutes.

The 2023 Annual Competition will be conducted by South Australia. The 2024 International Competition will be conducted by the Queensland Committee.

The Vice President, Carol van der Pennen chaired the meeting for the election of the Office Bearers.
12. **Election of Office Bearers and Directors:**

PRESIDENT Reg Hall

Nominated by	G Sherar	Seconded by	K Simpson	Elected Unopposed
DIR QLD	No Nomination Received			
Nominated by		Seconded by		
DIR NSW	Bruce Copper			
Nominated by	T Comber	Seconded by	C Comber	Elected Unopposed
DIR VIC	Edward Allison			
Nominated by	R Hall	Seconded by	K Simpson	Elected Unopposed
DIR SA	Jeff Filsell			
Nominated by	C van der Pennen	Seconded by	D Hughes	Elected Unopposed
DIR WA	Richard Dunn			
Nominated by	N Walkley	Seconded by	D Reed	Elected Unopposed
DIR TAS	Richard Vaughan			
Nominated by	Keiran Simpson	Seconded by	Reg Hall	Elected Unopposed

The Secretary Position is due but is a Board appointment. The Secretary confirmed that he was willing to continue in the role.

Reg Hall proceeded with the appointment of the following Officers.

13. Appointment of Officers: The following are available for reappointment or appointment:

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

14. List of 20 Year Club and 40 Year Club badge recipients, and any other presentations

Reg Hall read out the recipients of the 20 Year Club Badge for this year. He also advised that the badges of the recipients will be presented or posted either to the recipients or to their State Director for presentation.

20 Year Badge Recipients: Kenneth James Rudge, Keith Griffin, James Hermann, Felix Kirchhofer, and Ken Morley.

40 Year Badge Recipients: Robert Edward Boddington, Denis Patrick Bourne, John and Hazel Broadfoot, Denis Cracknell, Violet Fagence, Laurie Hall, Reg Hall, Wilma Henson, Robert Kelly, William Lawrence, Ray Maunder, Betty McDonald, Manuel Pelecanos, Stanley Robinson, Wendy Saclier, John Sellars, John Tunzi, Neville Whitworth, Gordon Wilson, Graham Wilson, Joy Wilson. Any recipients not present would have their badge mailed to them or their State Director for presentation.

15. Annual Competition Results. These will be displayed on the AFG website.

16. Presentations: Reg Hall to make presentations to the following members: - Ed Allison (Life membership certificate), Paul Sabolta (Past President, Past Vice President, and many other contributions to the Guild) , Neville Smith (,Past Treasurer) John Broadfoot (Outgoing Facet Talk Editor), and thanked the following members for their time on the Board as Directors: Lisa Han (Past Treasurer), David Radke, and Sarah Cirillo.

17. General Business:

. Adoption and implementation of the Code of Conduct

The Code of Conduct has been recommended by the Board, emailed to members and been available on the website. It was introduced and discussed at the 2022 General meeting. Moved John Broadfoot, seconded Paul Sabolta that the Guild adopt and implement the Code of Conduct. Motion Carried.

18. General discussion followed on continued use of Casino as the annual Seminar venue due to the

development taking place at the Casino Holiday Park. Paul Sabolta suggested that consideration be given to the State that is running the Annual Competition also run the Seminar. Trestles, tables and seating can be hired and the AFG container could be transported to the venue. Bob Boddington asked that the Board advise what needed to be done with the original Evan Williams books now that they have been checked with GemCad and compiled into one.

19. Reg Hall advised the meeting that the Board would be looking at the results of the survey at the next Board meeting. John Broadfoot pointed out that the Seminar time was dictated by when the dealers could be available to Seminar attendees. Discussion also followed on whether the Seminar becomes more of a two-day workshop. Sponsorship was also raised as a topic for the Board to look at.

20. **Closure:** There being no further business, the meeting closed at 5.30 pm.

Signed Date

REPORTS

Presidents Report for Annual General Meeting

Welcome to this the 41st Annual General Meeting of the Australian Facetors’ Guild, and it is great that we are able to meet in person once more. This past year has been another one of uncertainty and at time turmoil. We started this year with a relaxing of controls due to the pandemic. Breathing a sigh of relief, we thought we could get back to normal and then came another outbreak and a new variant of the dreaded bug. We got that one under control and things started to look up. We were able to hold our General Meeting at Mudgee in person and broke new ground by including everyone on Zoom. Then along came the rains on the East Coast and flooding, and a new health attack through the Flu virus. I know that a lot of you have been affected in one way and another by the various incidents this year. Some of the effects are continuing long after the initial infection has been beaten.

The board has continued to look after the interests of the Guild and has made representations of behalf of members and area of interest to members. The board will be conducting a review into how we are operating and looking at changes in the way we provide services. With the redevelopment of the site here in Casino it may be time for a review into how we run our AGMs and where. As to whether we continue in our current format or change entirely, we will be looking for your input.

The board has asked for your input into the running of our Annual Competitions and as to whether it should continue. The participation rate was a bit disappointing with only just over 8 % of members responding. The majority of respondents have said that they wish for the competitions to continue. The board are conducting a review of all the replies and as such has delayed the release of the schedule for the 2023 competition. I congratulate all of the winners of this year’s competition, and a list of all the results will be in Facet Talk. For those of you that have entered for the first time and may be dismayed at your results. I encourage you to review your results and the comments on your judging sheets to see where you may improve your faceting. I was a disappointed that there not more entries in the competition. From comments that had been made about previous competitions we set a schedule we thought that would be a fun and a bit challenging. Clearly it was not much fun and too challenging. A new challenge was to cut a matched pair of stones across the 3 divisions and only one entrant accepted the challenge and cut a matched pair.

The last issue of Facet Talk was the last by our long time Editor John Broadfoot. This next issue will be the first under our new Editorial team led by Sarah Cirillo. I take this opportunity to thank John for his many years of service in the role of Editor and for a job well done.

The board has considered the suggestion for a 40 year membership badge and agreed that we would indeed have one. This year will be the first year that we will be awarding this badge a long with the 20 year badge as we have done in the past.

In discussions with our Education Officer and the assignment of the copyrights of the Faceting Course materials, to the Guild; The Guild can now offer training courses in other areas and not only in conjunction with the Annual Muster. The first of these will be run in Horsham in Victoria in October this year. Information in relation to this has been circulated. If any group of members would like to have a course run in their area our location, let your State Director know.

May all your meets meet, and your Facets be flat.

Reg Hall

Facet Talk, Seminar and Education Report for AFG Annual General Meeting 2 September, 2022

Facet Talk

First of all, my sincere thanks to the many members who have supported me, in my role as Editor of Facet Talk, over the last 16 years – 94 issues! It has been a challenge at times but a memorable one. I believe our craft has grown considerably through the sharing of ideas in this great magazine. As the late Gino Abenzi said to me once, “It is the glue that holds the guild together!” It has been both Hazel and my privilege to serve the Guild in the roles of Editor and Proofreader. I have thoroughly enjoyed being your Editor and I personally thank members for the encouragement to keep doing this job over the years. I heard once that you never stop learning and I can certainly say that this position has contributed greatly to my overall knowledge of faceting as well as that of the readers and members.

A big welcome to Sarah Cirillo who has decided to take on the role of Editor. Sarah is looking forward to your contributions no matter how small. Please support her as she learns the ropes!

I also wish to thank those who have contributed articles and designs for publication in Facet Talk during the past year. Thank you to Brian Pepperall for reviewing articles and to Henk Prins for his review of designs and publication on the AFG Web site.

Please send articles to the incoming Editor – Sarah Cirillo.

The editor’s new email address is: facettalk@facetorsguild.com.au

2022 Muster and Seminar

Muster, Seminar and Faceting Courses are currently underway. Cav O’Mealley, Barry Chapman and I have been organising the venue. Henk and Glenys Prins have been managing the registrations for the past 6 months – many thanks to all. Numbers are down as expected.

Thanks also to those who are presenting at the Seminar – in particular the guest speakers – Tony Forsayth, Rej Poirier, Rob Fry and Rodrigo Orozocco. I would also like to thank the helpers who have taken on various roles at short notice. Quite a lot goes on behind the scenes and beforehand to make an event like this happen.

Faceting Courses and Workshops

Faceting courses are being conducted before and after the Seminar at Casino this year. We had 13 participants in Level 1. Thanks to those attending and the 7 tutors for providing tuition. Level 2 (next week) will have 7 participants with 4 tutors.

With these numbers I recommend we revert back to one week only with Levels 1 and 2 combined. It may also be best to conduct these courses after the Seminar weekend in future so that participants can attend the Gem Design and Seminar sessions before the courses.

We now have a number of tutors in a number of States or regions who are able to conduct Faceting Courses, and this is encouraging.

It is worth considering that we move to workshops rather than courses after the Seminar weekend and that the AFG courses are conducted separately at other times of the year. I have previously suggested that these courses could be conducted before or after Gem Fairs, Gem Shows, Gemborees or at regional venues. This would make the courses more accessible in that travel costs would be less for both participants and tutors.

Group Meetings, Workshops and AFG Promotion

COVID restrictions have continued to curtail Group meetings and get-togethers. There are some signs of emergence from hibernation!

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

Editor - Facet Talk

Education Officer

Seminar Program Convener

Faceting Course Coordinator

Judging & Rules

Paul Sabolta

- The 2022 AFLACA J&R meeting at the Mudgee Gemboree resulted in a slight change to Section 11 Fancy Cuts Judging sheets.

That the wording on both Section 11 – Fancy Cuts and Section 11 Fancy Cut Specified Size be changed to avoid confusion when calculating the score when features do not apply. The changed wording is shown below.

In types of cuts where any of these features do not apply, the points shown for each inapplicable feature are to be subtracted from 100 (#Pre-Modified Total). The total points gained will be divided by the #Pre-Modified Total, then multiplied by 100 to give a percentage result (Total Possible)

Both judging sheets have been altered to reflect this change and are available on the AFLACA Website.

- The current Competitor & Judging Manual Issue No 8 dated April 2015 is now available on the AFLACA website www.aflaca.org.au under the Judging & Rules tab.

This E-book version is available in full for the same cost (\$6) as the hard copy.

Please note that any changes to the rules since the issue date is NOT automatically updated, however any changes are available on the AFLACA website.

Please Note:

This eBook is protected and will require the Copy safe PDF Reader, which can be installed on all Windows operating systems. For Mac users, the Copy Safe PDF Reader requires Windows to be mounted as a VM (Virtual Machine).

The eBook is read-only, and cannot be printed, copied or shared.

- If you wish to raise any issues or change to any rules you must first write or e-mail your proposal to the AFG J&R delegate who will investigate its merits if your proposal is sound & worthy of submitting to AFLACA.

Remember rule changes are only passed by the AFLACA J&R Committee if they improve or make the current rule easier to understand or benefit the whole competition arena.

Website Report

Ed Allison

The Website is functioning well and more of its functions are being used.

GemCad Report

Henk Prins

All is going well with a beginner and an advanced session being run at the Seminar.

Membership Report

Robert Boddington

Only another three days until we start to head to Casino for the 2022 Seminar/Muster. By now most members should have received their FT 246. The renewal form is on the rear of the address sheet enclosed with your facet talk. Some members are still having trouble working out what amount they should be paying. If you are in doubt please give me a call or an email so that I can put you on the correct path the first time. The majority are getting it right.

We have gained another 8 new members in the last couple of weeks bringing our total membership up to 806.

For all those who wish to pay their fees at the seminar could you bring along your renewal form filled out so that it makes it easier when doing the banking later. I will have a few forms with me but you will all have received the form with your last two facet talk magazines.

Look forward to catching up with you all at the muster/seminar. Stay safe and especially travel in a safe manner there have been too many fatal accidents already this year.

Supplies Officer Report

Robert Boddington

The number of orders processed in the last month or so has not been great. The print quality of four of our publications is not of a very good standard so these are to be revised and combined into one volume. Namely the two Alex Wolkonsky books (some designs have been doubled up), Sammy Fangrath's book and John Wrens angle translation chart. John Broadfoot is looking into this to see what can be done.

Catch up with you all at the 2022 Muster/Seminar