

# The West Australian Modern Greek Language Teachers' Association Inc.



## **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of The West Australian Modern Greek Language Teachers' Association Inc. (WAMGLTA)**

**Thursday 31 March 2022**

**Commencing 7.00pm at the Lower Hall of the Evangelismos Church  
Cnr Carr and Charles Streets, WEST PERTH**

### **1. Welcome and Opening of Meeting**

The AGM commenced at 7.08pm. Dr Angela Evangelinou-Yiannakis (Chairperson) opened the meeting and thanked all those present.

### **2. Present**

Those in attendance were Dr Angela Evangelinou-Yiannakis (Chairperson), Ms Maria Svarnou (Deputy Chairperson), Mr Nick Gile (Treasurer), Mr Nino Raju (Secretary), Mr George Anastasiades (Committee Member) and Dr John Yiannakis.

### **3. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Ms Kate Reitzenstein, Ms Spiridoula Stamelos, Mr Filippos Tritas, Ms Irene Starr, Mrs Katerina Reklitis and Mr Polychronis Koutsakis.

### **4. Confirmation of Minutes from Previous Meeting (20 March 2021)**

Angela referred to the minutes of the 2021 AGM as having been read and asked for a motion to confirm that the minutes were a true and accurate record of the AGM. Before this could happen, Angela noted, as an amendment to the minutes of the 2021 AGM, that Mr George Anastasiades accepted the offer to be a Committee Member in 2021, not that he chose to be a Committee Member out of his own accord.

**Moved:** Nino Raju

**Seconded:** Nick Gile

## **5. Annual Report**

Angela tabled her report, which was well received by all.

## **6. Financial Report**

Treasurer, Mr Nick Gile, presented the Financial Report for 2021.

- At the end of 2021, WAMGLTA's cash assets were \$1,810.00, as entered also by Angela on the Information Statement for the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety on 18 February 2022.
- \$200 was received as a donation from Dr Con Berbatis early in 2021 for the WAMGLTA Speak Greek in June Competition, and this money was distributed as prize money for the winners of the competition later in the year.
- There is currently \$2,070.00 in the account and \$10 in cash to be deposited at a later date.
- Current paid members, as at 31 March 2022, is **22 (with 2 fees forthcoming from the MLTAWA later in the year)**. Thus, total paid membership for 2022 will be 24 members.

## **7. Election of Office Holders and other Committee Members**

At this point in the meeting, Angela vacated the position of Chairperson, handing the meeting to the Deputy Chairperson, Maria Svarnou.

- **Chairperson**

Maria reported that there were two written nominations for Angela Evangelinou-Yiannakis to be the Chairperson of WAMGLTA for 2022. Angela invited other nominations from the floor. As there were none, Angela accepted the nomination and was declared the Chairperson of WAMGLTA for 2022. Angela thanked everyone and took over the meeting.

- **Deputy Chairperson**

There was one written nomination for Maria Svarnou to be the Deputy Chairperson. Maria accepted the nomination and was declared Deputy Chairperson of WAMGLTA for 2022.

- **Secretary**  
There were two written nominations, inclusive of a self-nomination for Nino Raju to be the Secretary. Nino accepted the nomination and was declared the Secretary of WAMGLTA for 2022.
- **Treasurer**  
There were two written nominations for Nick Gile to be the Treasurer. Nick accepted the nomination and was declared the Treasurer of WAMGLTA for 2022.
- **Committee Members**  
There were three written nominations for George Anastasiades to be a Committee Member. George declined the nomination.

There was one nomination by Nick Gile for Fragkiskos (Frank) Gile to be a Committee Member. Frank accepted the nomination via phone call made by Nick during this point in time at the meeting.

## 8. General Business

- **CGL Examinations 2022**  
Angela reported she has received 13 paid registrations for the CGL Examinations for 2022, with 12 candidates sitting for one level and one candidate sitting for two levels. The deadline for the registrations is 31 March 2022.

The CGL examinations are scheduled for May and St Andrew's Grammar is intended to be the venue for the examinations, to be held over two days under the supervision of two invigilators.

The 2021 Certificates of Attainment in Greek are due to arrive in April and Angela will personally hand out the certificates to the successful candidates of last year's examinations.

Most of the candidates for 2022 are from the Greek Language and Culture Institute (GLCI) of Evangelismos, with one or two candidates being from the Centre for Hellenic Studies, WA.

- **WAMGLTA Speak Greek in June Competition 2022**

There will need to be a rethink of how participants present their item as we want to avoid pre-rehearsed/polished performances. Rather, we want to elicit a more natural response from students in this speaking competition. A suggestion is to use the photos from previous CGL Oral Examinations as a prompt for students to speak to and to be filmed as they are doing so.

**Action: Angela** to contact our sponsor for the prizes, Dr Con Berbatis, for support for this year's competition.

- **Professional Learning 2022**

It was noted that WAMGLTA does not have Public Liability Insurance. John mentioned that WAMGLTA would be covered by the insurance of the venue where any Professional Learning activities would be held.

Some suggestions for Professional Learning could be for the new Year 7-10 Languages Education curriculum to be presented by Ms Adriana Douglas (SCSA).

**Action: Angela** to follow up with Adriana Douglas (SCSA) and also Ms Kate Reitzenstein (AISWA).

Angela could also present a lecture on the topic, "Differentiation in the Languages Education Classroom".

A possible date for this event could be in August or September 2022, and a possible venue could be UWA. This event would be publicised to all Greek Language Education providers.

- **Other (WAMGLTA banner; WAMGLTA badges; MLTAWA membership)**

**Action: Angela** to follow up with Precision Badges and the badge company used by UWA on the manufacturing of badges for the WAMGLTA Executive members.

**Action: Maria and Nick** to seek for quotes on banners.

Angela encouraged all WAMGLTA members to become members of the MLTAWA (\$60 membership fee).

**Action: John** is considering reviewing the WAMGLTA Rules as he believes that they are still unnecessarily cumbersome in places. John will be eliciting some outside assistance for this task.

#### 9. Close

The AGM closed at 7.55pm.

The next regular meeting of the year will be held on Saturday 7 May at 1.30pm in the UWA Club Meeting Room (venue to be confirmed closer to the date due to COVID regulations).