

**Ostomy NSW Limited ABN 92 003 107 220**

**Annual General Meeting held  
2.00 pm Saturday 21 November 2009 at  
Sydney Bowler's Club 95-99 York Street Sydney**

**1. President's Welcome:** President Tom Flood welcomed members and guests to the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting.

**2. Board members in attendance:** Tom Flood, Stephen Grange, Warren Nalty, Dianne Speakman, Gerard Watts, Peter Markoulli (auditor, in attendance).

**3. Apologies:** Pearce Anderson, Adrian Alexander

**4. Previous Minutes:** Minutes of the previous AGM held on 15 November 2008 were accepted without change.

**5. President's Report:** Tom Flood reported to members on ONL's performance in 2008-09.

This year as expected we posted a trading loss of \$39,962.28. Our revenue was affected by the significant decrease in interest due to the reduction in our cash investments following the purchase of our building at Kirrawee, as well as the decline in interest rates. Staff costs have also increased, in response to the increase in member numbers. The full accounts will be available on our website.

As a result of a decision by the Federal Department of Health, a new standard membership fee structure is being introduced nationally for all ostomy associations. The new full membership fee will be \$45.00, and the concession fee will be \$35.00.

Tom thanked all staff, volunteers, Board members, stomaltherapy nurses, company representatives and doctors for their support during the year.

**6. Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Gerard Watts presented his Report. Gerard noted that the trading loss for they year already reported by Tom Flood was on a turnover of \$10m. The majority of revenue comes from the 2 ½ % fee we receive from the Stoma Appliance Scheme based on the distribution of appliances to members.

As reported by Tom Flood, revenue had decreased due to an decrease in interest earnings from \$104,000 in 2007-08 to \$22,000 in 2008-09. Staff costs including overtime increased, and the Board has instituted a restructure in working hours and employee entitlements that will help to control these costs, as well as recruiting new volunteers.

There was also some expenditure in setting up a new member database and accounting systems, which will improve the efficiency of service to members. This year represented ONL's first full year in its new building at Kirrawee, and operating costs are in line with the costs at Lewisham. The Board is focussing on raising funds from donations and sponsorships to supplement the organisation's income. The Board expects a small trading surplus in 2009-10.

Questions from the audience were invited. Patrick Sharp questioned volunteers' entitlements to cost reimbursement such as travel costs and whether that was affecting ONL's ability to recruit or retain volunteers. Gerard stated that ONL values its volunteers, and the enormous contribution they make to the viability of the organisation, and acknowledged that a review of volunteer entitlements would be considered by the Board.

Peter Stanford moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted, seconded Mike Simpson.

**7. Manager's report:** Office Manager Sharon Kratz thanked members for their continued support, particularly those who had financially supported ONL with donations. 2008-09 had been a very successful year in the new building at Kirrawee.

Sharon thanked all of the volunteers for their continued support, and noted some longstanding volunteers were no longer with us. Wages continue to be the largest expense for the organisation, with 11 full time and part time staff. ONL now has 5,700 members and mails around 3,000 parcels each month, so the need for volunteers is increasing.

Sharon noted that ONL has agreed to offer a scholarship for the training on stomaltherapy nurses, to the value of \$5,000 each year.

The President's, Treasurer's and Office Manager's reports were accepted by the meeting by unanimous vote.

**8. Election of Directors:** The meeting voted on the Directors for 2010, in accordance with the resolution to members distributed in the notice of the meeting.

Tom Flood: carried by the meeting, one abstaining

Gerard Watts: carried by the meeting, one abstaining

Pearce Anderson: carried by the meeting, one abstaining

Stephen Grange: carried by the meeting, one abstaining

Warren Nalty: carried by the meeting, one abstaining

An additional resolution to elect Heather Hill as a Director was put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

The resignation of Secretary Dianne Speakman was noted. Tom Flood moved a vote of thanks to Dianne, carried unanimously by the meeting.

A resolution to re-appoint Mr Peter Markoulli as auditor was put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

**9. Special business:** The meeting voted on special resolution to amend clause 7 of the Constitution, in accordance with the resolution to members distributed in the notice of the meeting. The resolution was carried unanimously by the meeting.

**10. Other business:** Director Stephen Grange reported on the Board's decision to offer a scholarship to stomaltherapy nurses to cover the cost of their specialised training, as currently nurses have to pay for their own training. ONL is offering a total of \$5,000 in scholarship grants in 2009 which will provide four scholarships. Sydney Flemington Markets, through a member, has agreed to offer an additional \$5,000 in scholarships from 2010. ONL is pleased to be able to support the nurses who support us.

Gordon James moved a vote of thanks to the Board, staff and volunteers for their hard work which contributes to the success of the organisation.

**11. Next Annual General Meeting:** The 2010 AGM will be held on Saturday 20 November 2010.