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PIOA Annual General Meeting  
26 February 2023 commencing at 4pm AEST  
Online meeting: [Zoom link](#)

## DRAFT AGENDA

1. Welcome Dr. Stephen Kodovaru, President
2. Confirmation of minutes of 2022 AGM (attached)
3. Annual report Dr. Stephen Kodovaru
4. Financial report Dr. Sarah Coll, Treasurer
5. Training Director report
6. Trainee report Dr. Raymond Saulep
7. New members
8. Election of office bearers
9. PIOA (Queensland) Inc. annual report, accounts, Auditors report
10. Other business
11. Meeting close

Dr Kodovaru having served as President for 5 years is not eligible for re-election. He may serve in other roles.

Present board is made up of: Dr Stephen Kodovaru(President), Dr Shaun Mauiliu(Director of Training), Dr John North, Prof. Nik Friederich, Dr Martin Walliser, Dr Sarah Coll (Treasurer) and Des Soares (Secretary). Dr. Herman Oberli resigned from the board and the association on 22 August 2022. The committee is grateful for his many years of service. Dr. Claude Martin, CEO of AO Alliance has been nominated to join the board and brings a vast experience of working with NGOs.

(Please send nominations for President, Secretary, Treasurer, Training Director, Registrar representative and upto 2 more board members to Des Soares, Secretary (email: [des.soares@drdes.com.au](mailto:des.soares@drdes.com.au)). Nominations close midnight 15 February 2023.

Nominations received:

Shaun Mauiliu nominated by Stephen Kodovaru for President, PIOA  
James Tewa'ani nominated by Stephen Kodovaru for Director of Training, PIOA

If you are unable to attend the AGM 2023 in person, we will provide online voting.

Online voting will close at 12 midnight AEST on 24 February 2023.

**DRAFT Minutes of the annual general meeting of PIOA held online and hosted from Brisbane on 27 February 2022- commencing at 4 pm AEST.**

Present: Dr. Des Soares, Dr. Hermann Oberli, Dr. Stephen Kodovaru. Dr. Shaun Mauiliu, Dr. Andrew Morris, Dr. Sarah Coll, Dr. Fr Jan Jaworski, Dr. David Bartle, Dr. Vaughan Poutawera, Dr. Andy Vane, Dr. Claude Martin Jr., Dr. Martin Walliser, Dr Kaushik Hazratwalla

Registrar affiliates:

Dr. Anthony Nasai, Dr. Steven James, Dr. Raymond Saulep, Dr. Reshwin Rajan, Dr. Johnny Hedson, Dr. Areta Samuelu, Dr. Pita Sovanivalu, Dr. Haynes Rasin, Dr. Clay Siosi, Dr. Agnes Auto, Dr. Julio Piedade, Dr. Paul Lomavatu, Dr. Naseri Aiotato, Dr. Juvencio Dias, Dr. Jimmy Yakea, Dr. Thomas Kiele, Dr. Kini Serevi, Dr. Jacky Pahun

Apologies: Dr. Daryl Teague, Dr. Nik Friederich, Dr. Koen de Ridder, Dr. Richard Lander.

1. Welcome: Dr. Stephen Kodovaru welcomed all those present.
2. The minutes of the 2021 AGM were confirmed. Moved by Des Soares and seconded by Shaun Mauiliu.
3. Annual report: Dr. Stephen Kodovaru presented a brief outline of the activities of the association over 2020.
4. Financial report: Dr. Des Soares, presented a statement of the accounts on behalf of Sarah Coll, Treasurer. PIOA has trust funds held in Switzerland, a trust account in Honiara, an AUD account held in Brisbane, a BSP account in PNG and a bank account in Samoa. PIOA has received a statement of funds disbursed from South Pacific Projects (SPP). PIOA will await the AGM of South Pacific Projects (SPP) at the end of March 2021 for final accounts of PIOA funds held in Switzerland.  
Hermann Oberli wished to record his view that any external funds used to supply prostheses to hospitals be routed through PIO Pty Ltd (Implant importing company set up and separate from PIOA.). This keeps PIOA purpose focussed.
5. Training Director report: Dr. Shaun Mauiliu has provided a written report attached as an appendix. See new initiatives to improve trainee

accountability and improvements in training methods.

6. Trainee report: Dr. Raymond Saulep. He has provided a written report attached as an appendix. We welcomed new trainee affiliates Dr. Paul Lomavatu and Dr Penijamini Naiceru from Labasa in Fiji.
7. New members: The following new members were confirmed by the AGM:  
Dr. Alexandre Kaempfen  
Dr. Konrad Mende

All unanimously approved by AGM.

New registrar affiliates in 2021:  
Paul Lomavatu - Labasa, Fiji  
Penijamini Naiceru – Labasa, Fiji

New associate / affiliate members:  
Associate:

Affiliate:

8. Election of office bearers:  
President: Dr. Stephen Kodovaru elected unopposed  
Secretary: Dr. Des Soares re-elected unopposed  
Treasurer: Dr Sarah Coll elected unopposed  
Training Director: Dr Shaun Mauiliu elected unopposed. Dr James Tewa'ani and Dr. Mark Rokobuli and Dr. Stephen Kodovaru.  
Trainee representative: Dr. Raymond Saulep  
Director of Research: Dr. Nik Friederich. Dr. Raymond Saulep and Dr. Reshwin Rajan appointed to Research Committee.
9. Pacific Islands Orthopaedic Association (PIOA) received the annual report and accounts of PIOA (Queensland) Inc from the Treasurer and Secretary, Dr. Des Soares who confirmed that “The association keeps financial records in a way which properly records the association’s income and expenditure and dealings with its assets and liabilities.”

PIOA received the report from the auditor:

“**Qualification** It is not practical for PIOA (Queensland) Inc. to maintain an effective system of internal control over donations and

fundraising activities until their initial entry in the bank account. Accordingly, my audit in relation to receipts was limited to amounts deposited into the entity's bank account.

### **Audit Opinion**

In my opinion, except for the effects of the above paragraph, the financial report of PIOA (Queensland) Inc. presents fairly the assets and liabilities at 31 December 2021 and the income and expenditure of the entity for the year then ended in accordance with the basis of accounting described in Note 1 to the financial statements.”

Motion passed unanimously on voices.

PIOA (Queensland) Inc. resolved the following office bearers for 2022:

President	Dr. Stephen Kodovaru
Treasurer	Dr. Sarah Coll
Secretary	Dr. Desmond Soares
Committee	Dr. John North

Motion passed unanimously on voices.

#### 10. Other business:

- a. Gratitude to AO Alliance and Wyss foundation for funding. Agreement is for 2 instalments every year. The last disbursement was in March 2020. At present disbursements are on hold while in person training modules are on hold. Once we can restart in person training modules the PIOA Director of Training, president and Secretary will jointly notify South Pacific Projects that training will recommence and arrange for twice yearly grants to recommence.
- b. Need to prepare a presentation for AOAF board on June 12, 2022 in Solothorn for continuation of the project. Need projections for the next 5 years. Des will meet on Zoom with Martin Walliser and Claude Martin and Hermann Oberli.
- c. Andrew Morris suggested we think not just of the next 5 years but of training the next generation of trainers to encourage true local sustainability.
- d. Hermann Oberli stated that we need input from local hospitals – how many trained orthopaedic staff they want and how many they can afford to pay for.
- e. Des raised the issue of one member who has not yet paid back a loan they requested for their graduation fees. The meeting has approved that steps commence to remove their membership if they remain a non-payer.

11: Meeting close at 5pm Brisbane time.

The next annual general meeting will be held in February 2023. Date to be advised.

Des Soares  
Secretary