



2016 Annual General Meeting

Meeting details

Date:	Wednesday, 06 July 2016
Time:	open at 17:30, for start at 18:00 sharp
Location:	Black Cat on Lygon, 90 Queensberry Street, Carlton, Vic 3053 (Ph 03-9939-3867)
Pricing:	\$30 per head (discounted for students and their spouse/partner at \$25 each)

Dinner menu

All of the following are covered in the above price.

Entrée

This will include an entrée with 2 spring rolls, 1 curry puff and 1 deep fried chicken wing per person.

Main

For the main dishes you can choose 3 from the following courses:

- Singapore Chilli Prawn
- Basil Prawn
- Stir fried scallop with snow pea or broccoli
- Deep fried fish fillet with sweet and sour sauce
- Kung Po Chicken (breast fillets)
- Sweet and sour Pork
- Black Bean Beef or Chicken
- Basil Beef or Chicken
- Stir fried Bok Choy
- Sambal Green Beans

VEGETARIAN will be served as well.

Plus, after the main course you will also have noodle AND rice:

Either Singapore noodle with chicken *or* plain Singapore noodle

AND

ham fried rice *or* plain fried rice *or* steamed rice.

Dessert

For dessert each person will receive:

Green bean soup *or* red bean soup

AND

panna cotta.

Drinks

The ASR will provide drinks including wine/beer *etc.*

Additional drinks can also be purchased from the venue, if you desire.



Formal proceedings of AGM

Attendance

Attending:	Adam Crust (AC); Mark Coghill (MC); Nicky Eshtiaghi (NE); Rahul Gupta (RKG); Ahmad Jabbarzadeh (AJ); Ivan Ivanov (II); Ravi Jagadeeshan (RJ); Flora Markis (FM); Chandi Sasmal (CS); Anthony Stickland (ADS); Russell Varley (RV)
Voting by proxy:	Paul Slatter (PS)
To be confirmed:	Jason Stokes (JS); David Verrelli (DIV); and all other ASR members and guests

Meeting roles

Chairing:	RKG
Minuting:	To be confirmed

Agenda

1. Welcome

ORDINARY BUSINESS

2. Confirmation of Minutes

Confirmation of the Minutes from the preceding AGM.

3. Presidential Address

Rahul Gupta

An account of the transactions of the Society over the past year.

4. Treasurer's Report

Russell Varley

Distribution and consideration of financial statement.

5. Council Elections

Election of officers (*President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Webmaster*) and ordinary members of Council — total positions may be up to 12.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

6. Auditor Election

Election of Auditor and setting of any remuneration.



7. Special Resolution I — revision of Rules

Special Resolution I:

“That the attached proposed revisions to the Society’s *core Rules*, also available on the Society’s website, be adopted.”

The changes are extensive, but have been previously described. Changes are also indicated in the attached ‘redline’ versions (compared to the existing Rules, and compared to the model template from CAV). Be assured that the central mission and values of the ASR are essentially untouched by the proposed changes.

There are several compelling motivations for the proposed changes:

- The existing Rules, issued *circa* 2010, were based on a template associated with the Associations Incorporation Act (1981), which was superseded by the Associations Incorporation Reform Act (2012) and the Associations Incorporation Reform Regulations (2012), the latter providing a new model template. The change in legislation has **required** some changes, such as inclusion of a *statement of purpose of the Society*.
- By following the new template, we will be able to follow ‘best practice’, and anticipate further that by using the new ‘standard’ template as a basis for the proposed Rules we will **avoid some possible objections** from Consumer Affairs Victoria, who regulate Incorporated Associations such as the ASR.
- Some changes are proposed to **reflect actual current practice** that is not recognised in the current Rules. For example, in the current Rules the position of Webmaster on the Council is not explicitly designated as an Office Holder; however, in practice the Council recognises the Councillor in this role as a *de facto* Office Holder. Therefore it is sensible to update the Rules to reflect this reality.
- Further changes are proposed to **assist in logistical matters**, especially with regard to Council procedures. An example is greater allowance for *modern electronic communications* to be used in correspondence or in meetings, which is lacking in the current Rules.

In summary, the proposed revisions incorporate the best of the current Rules, the CAV’s model template, current practice in the Society, and the Council’s view of ‘best practice’.

These proposed revisions have been extensively discussed in Council, and have support of the Council.

Additionally, the proposed revisions were uploaded to the ASR website in November 2015. No concerns have been raised by any members.

8. Special Resolution II — revision of ASR Medallion award Protocols

Special Resolution II:

“That the attached proposed revisions to the *ASR Medallion award Protocols* (to be embodied in Annexure 1 of the Society’s Rules), and also available on the Society’s website, be adopted.”

The following key changes are proposed (*cf.* redline version):

- The nominee justification documentation requirements have been clarified to ensure *consistency of submissions* for each nomination.
- Nominator and second must be *current members* of the Society.
- Nominee must have made a *demonstrable contribution* to the field of rheology in Australia.
- Serving Society Council *Office Holders are not eligible* to be nominated during their term in Office.
- Nominators must receive *permission from the nominee* to nominate them.
- The assessment of the Award Sub-Committee will be *based on the nominator’s written testimonial*.

These proposed revisions have been discussed in Council, and have the support of the Council.

CLOSE OF FORMALITIES

Meeting to continue with dinner and drinks at the restaurant.