

**Minutes of the QEST Inc. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**held at ConQEST23, Monday 26th June 2023**

**Meeting Opened:**

Chair: QEST Vice President Annette Parkes

Minutes: Secretary Margot Lloyd

**1. Attendance:** Attendees used the QR code to record their attendance.

**2. Apologies (Received):** Entered using QR code, by Secretary.

Helen Meade (Nanago SHS), Bruce Cooper (Aspley SHS), Alyson Shepperd (Toowoomba Christian College) received on May 29, 2023.

Rosalyn Steele (St Joseph's College) received on June 9.

Kathy Tatzenko (Palm Beach Currumbin SHS) received on June 16.

Karin McKirdy (St Andrew's Catholic College), Naomi Hosking, Jody Harris (Burnett State College), Michelle Napolis (Pimpama SSC) received on June 20.

Brodie Batty (Cairns SHS) received on June 21.

Zoe Ebert (Pine Rivers SHS) received on June 22.

Mala Ekanayake (Corinda SHS), Himali Mahagamage (Corinda SHS) received on June 23.

Champika Liyanage (Mount Morgan SHS) received on June 25.

Danielle O'Neill (Noosa District SHS), Jody Dawson (Varsity College) received on June 26.

**3. Minutes from the previous AGM**

*Minutes and Reports can be accessed at*

*Annual General Meeting – Queensland Education Science Technicians ([qest.org.au](http://qest.org.au))*

**MOTION:** *That the minutes from the previous AGM, held at ConQEST on 27<sup>th</sup> of June 2022, are true and correct.*

**Moved:** Nikki Bradford

**Seconded:** Sharon O'Keeffe

**Carried**

**4. Vice/President's Report – Annette Parkes/Sam Godwin**

Report read by Annette Parkes. Accessible at

*Annual General Meeting – Queensland Education Science Technicians ([qest.org.au](http://qest.org.au))*

**MOTION:** *That the President's Report be accepted.*

**Moved:** Annette Parkes

**Seconded:** Sharon O'Keeffe

**Carried**

**5. Presentation of the Financial / Auditor's Report –**

Profit and Loss Statement accessible at

[Annual General Meeting – Queensland Education Science Technicians \(qest.org.au\)](https://www.qest.org.au)

**MOTION:** That the QEST financial report as prepared by Avance Chartered Accountants for year ended 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023, be accepted.

**Moved:** Annette Parkes      **Seconded:** Narrelle Nash      **Carried**

## **6. Appointment of an Auditor –**

**MOTION:** That Avance Chartered Accountants, 222 Bazaar Street, Maryborough QLD 4650, be appointed as Auditor for the 2023 – 2024 financial year.

**Moved:** Annette Parkes      **Seconded:** Margot Lloyd      **Carried**

## **7. Membership Coordinator’s Report – Jacqui Burton**

Membership report accessible at

[Annual General Meeting – Queensland Education Science Technicians \(qest.org.au\)](https://www.qest.org.au)

**MOTION:** That the Membership Coordinator’s Report be accepted

**Moved:** Annette Parkes      **Seconded:** Dana Hallett      **Carried**

## **8. SETA Report to QEST – Wendy Shearer**

SETA report accessible at

[Annual General Meeting – Queensland Education Science Technicians \(qest.org.au\)](https://www.qest.org.au)

**MOTION:** That the SETA Report be accepted

**Moved:** Annette Parkes      **Seconded:** Jacqui Burton      **Carried**

## **9. Election of Office Bearers**

*Chair was handed over to Doug Bail for the election of the Office Bearers for 2023/24. All positions were declared vacant. A list of nominations received by QEST management were made available to the members prior to the AGM, via*

**<https://membership.qest.org.au/index.php/login>**

**President:** Kimberley Millers, Bremmer SHS: Nominated by Megan Seymour; Seconded by N Bradford, Pittsworth SHS.

- **Elected Unopposed**

Doug then passed the chair to incoming President, Kimberley Millers.

**Vice President:** *NIL RECEIVED, Nominations were called from the floor of the AGM*

Hilary Maloney, Proserpine SHS:

Nominated by Anne Bartlett; Seconded by Jennifer Walters, Proserpine SHS

- **Elected Unopposed**

**Secretary:** *NIL RECEIVED, Nominations were called from the floor of the AGM*

Theresa Gayle, Corinda SHS:

Self-nominated; Seconded by Natalii Paczkowski, Assumption College Warwick.

- **Elected Unopposed**

**Treasurer:** *NIL RECEIVED, Nominations were called from the floor of the AGM*

Belinda Stumer, Craigslea SHS:

Nominated by Firas Elia; Seconded by Sharon O'Keeffe, Lockyer District SHS.

- **Elected Unopposed**

**Membership Coordinator:** Jacqui Burton of Cavendish Road SHS; Self nominated; Seconded by Margot Lloyd, St Teresa's Catholic College.

- **Elected Unopposed**

**Webmaster:** Amber Wilson of Beerwah SHS; Self nominated; Seconded by Lynn Thomas Beerwah SHS.

- **Elected unopposed**

**Graphic Designer and Video Editor:** *NIL RECEIVED, Nominations were called from the floor of the AGM*

Christine Forrestal, Springfield Central SHS;

Nominated by Sharon O'Keeffe; Seconded by Nikki Bradford, Pittsworth SHS.

- **Elected Unopposed**

**Social Media Administrator:** Nikki Bradford, Pittsworth SHS; Self nominated; Seconded by S O'Keeffe, Lockyer District SHS.

- **Elected Unopposed**

**LabLINK Editor:** Helen Mead of Nanago SHS; Self nominated; Seconded by Margot Lloyd of St Teresa's Catholic College.

- **Elected Unopposed**

**LabLINK Subcommittee Members:** (positions are not limited) Sharon O’Keeffe of Lockyer District; Seconded by Nikki Bradford Pittsworth SHS.

- **Elected Unopposed**

**ConQUEST24 Coordinator:** *NIL RECEIVED, Nominations were called from the floor of the AGM*

Kimberley Millers self nominated; Seconded by Sharon O’Keeffe.

- **Elected Unopposed**

**ConQUEST24 Subcommittee Members:** Jacqui Burton of Cavendish Road SHS; Self nominated; Seconded by Margot Lloyd, St Teresa’s Catholic College.

*Further Nominations called from the floor of the AGM*

Christine Forrestal (Springfield Central SHS), Dana Hallett (Laidley SHS), Amber Wilson (Beerwah SHS), Jacqui Burton (Cavendish Road SHS), Paul Evans (Kawana Waters SHS), Olivia Frost (Caloundra SHS), Kym Hunt (Caloundra SHS), Naomi Radke (Sandgate District SHS), Cheryl Tsan (Redeemer Lutheran College), Kirsty Small (Noosa District SHS), Tereza Santiago (Indooroopilly SHS).

**all Elected Unopposed**

**Regional Coordinator:** Megan Seymour of Bremer SHS; Seconded by Dr Kimberley Millers of Bremer SHS.

- **Elected Unopposed**

**Region Representatives:**

- Metro-West - Megan Seymour of Bremer SHS; Seconded by Dr Kimberley Millers of Bremer SHS.
- Sunshine Coast - Olivia Frost of Caloundra SHS; Seconded by Margot Lloyd of St Teresa’s Catholic College.

*Further Nominations called from the floor of the AGM*

- FNQ - Karin McKirdy of St Andrew’s Redlynch; Seconded by Karen Timms of Tully SHS
- Darling Downs – Fletcher Christian of Harristown SHS; Seconded by Linda Adamson of Toowoomba Grammar School

**all Elected Unopposed**

**General Committee Members:** (positions are not limited)

- Sharon O’Keeffe of Lockyer District; Seconded by Nikki Bradford Pittsworth SHS.
- Tereza Santiago of Indooroopilly SHS; Seconded by Margot Lloyd of St Teresa’s Catholic College.

*Further Nominations called from the floor of the AGM*

- Sarah-Jane Cates of Varsity College; Seconded by Vicki Jordan of Varsity College
- Jacinta Jahnke of Ipswich SHS; Seconded by Margot Lloyd
- Linda Anderson of Toowoomba Grammar School; Seconded by Margot Lloyd
- Fletcher Christianson of Harristown SHS; Seconded by Margot Lloyd
- Karen Fowles of Australian Christian College; Seconded by Margot Lloyd

**All Elected Unopposed**

**SETA Representatives:**

- Wendy Shearer, Mango Hill State Secondary College: Self Nominated; Seconded by Sarah cates, Varsity College. **Elected Unopposed**
- Vicky Jordan, Varsity College: Self Nominated; Seconded by Sarah Cates, Varsity College. **Elected Unopposed**

*Congratulations to all newly elected QEST representatives*

**The AGM closed after the election of Office Bearers, at 4:00pm.**

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**GENERAL MEETING of members**

**opened by the incoming President – Kimberley Millers**

Thank you to the Chair, Doug Bail, for conducting the voting of the new President.

Thank you to the outgoing committee members, and welcome back to those previously holding positions. Thank you to immediate past President, Sam Godwin.

**General Business**

**1. Mike Bowles Book Award.**

The Mike Bowles Book Award aims to acknowledge and show appreciation for a Queensland Education Science Technician who has made a significant contribution to achieving the objectives of QEST.

The objectives of our association are:

- To further the professional image and the recognition of the technical role of Science technicians within the education system;
- To establish and maintain a communication network to link all association members;
- To encourage the professional development of Science technicians through provision of a wide range of training programs.

This year's winner is Nikki Bradford, who received a \$100 QBD voucher

## 2. Increase in membership fees

Corporate fees to increase to \$120, Individual to \$50, 6 months Introductory Membership stays at \$20.

**MOTION:** That QEST Membership fees be increased - Corporate fees from \$80 to \$120, Individual fees from \$40 to \$50, 6 months Introductory Membership to remain at \$20.

**Moved:** Kimberley Millers                      **Seconded:** Sharon O'Keeffe                      **Carried**

## 3. Suncorp Accounts

**MOTION:** That incoming President - Kimberley Millers; Vice President - Hilary Maloney; Secretary – Theresa Gayle; and Treasurer - Belinda Stumer be added as signatories to the QEST Suncorp accounts, and all existing Suncorp debit Cards be cancelled.

**Moved:** Margot Lloyd                      **Seconded:** Jacqui Burton                      **Carried**

**Meeting closed: 4:12pm**

I declare this to be a true and accurate recording of the meeting.

Signed Kimberley Millers, QEST President    26/06/2023



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