



**Minutes of Annual General Meeting
Local Government Finance Professionals Inc.
Incorporation No: A0045253V**

Held online on Friday 26 February 2021 at 12.15pm

Apologies

- Paul Franklin, Kingston City Council
- Belinda Johnson, Southern Grampians Shire Council

Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting – 6.12.19

Moved Danny Wain Seconded Hannah White

President's Report 2019/20

Oh, what a night! Well, that might have been the classic song by the Four Seasons back in 1975, but OH WHAT A YEAR!!!

It has been an incredibly challenging year as a result of the COVID Pandemic. However, like all challenging situations, amongst it all you also get to see great achievements. I'm sure if you take the time to sit back and reflect on the last 12 months you will be deeply proud of something you have achieved.

Who would have thought we could work full time at home? Or start a new job in complete lockdown? Zoomed with your family and friends to celebrate important milestones. Friday night drinks on zoom (well ok maybe that isn't the same). Virtual audits. New hobbies.

This year has been an absolute pleasure to be President of FinPro. Yes, we had to cancel our May PD day, our Leadership Development Program, our awesome annual conference and our Christmas networking/PD opportunity but we have pivoted too. We now offer almost monthly webinars from technical to self-development, weekly member updates, we've certainly increased our advocacy efforts, continued to work on our partnerships with key agencies and hopefully made lives a little easier for our members.

My mantra as President has been to try and make our members lives easier. I hope we have been able to do a little bit of that this year.

Can I please say a massive thank you to the Executive team. You have been incredible this year. You have all had significant challenges in your work careers, many have had challenges in your personal lives and always you have been available to meet and help the sector.

Binda - Vice President Professional Development — well isn't our PD program very different now with all our online offerings and I know we hope to return to in person shortly. Tony - Vice President Technical — what a year, and add into the mix the implementation of the new Local Government Act! Thanks for the work leading this and fantastic to have key documents launched today.

We say farewell to Kim, Liz and Kristy and thank you for the contribution. Especially to Kim who has been the driving force in our sort after Leadership Development Program. A program that we have had so many graduates move onto senior leadership roles in the sector and even a marriage!!

Today we welcome Alan (Melbourne City), Fiona (Golden Plains), Melissa (South Gippsland), Simone (Frankston) and Chen (Yarra) to the Executive. Watch out 2021!!!

Gab - oh what can I say. The last 12 months we have thrown things up in the air at FinPro, and you have always made sure they have landed and you made us look far better than we are. Your stretched yourself this year as we have moved from in person to this new way of working and we greatly appreciate the work you do. Yesterday a member said "You do consistently outstanding work. Thank you for your amazing contribution to the sector" well I can't say it any better than that.

I know that Local Government is a tough sector to work in, and finance gigs in LG are tough!!! We all do a fantastic job and we shouldn't lose sight of that!!! We are often too hard on ourselves and I encourage you to reflect on what you have been able to achieve over the last 12 months.

I look forward to what's around the corner for FinPro in 2021 and I'm bloody confident that we will have some in person events!!!!

Resolution: That the Report of the FinPro President, Bradley Thomas, be accepted.
Moved Tony Rocca Seconded John Brockway

Treasurer's Report 2019/20

Good afternoon. Thank-you Phil.

It certainly has been a challenging year for everyone and every organisation.

For FinPro, our Executive have really worked hard over the past 12 months to continue to support all our members by way of:

- the provision of up-to-date information, and also
- in keeping the connection going with our members, whether it be via the weekly member updates we have provided, a joke here or there, lots of webinars, and encouraging our partners to keep in touch.

Our finances were strong going into the pandemic last year, so this held us in good stead to be able to continue providing service to our members. Our income was reduced last year, but so too were our expenses, which we watched carefully throughout the year.

We ended out the year with a loss of just under \$5,000, which we believe was reasonable given the circumstances.

Going forward, we have already budgeted to use some of our reserves to fund our programs this year, and along with the fees collected through our newly introduced Professional development

Levy, we believe we can continue with the same level of service to our members as offered last year, until we go back to 'live events' at which time we will start to again charge members to attend.

Thank-you to everyone who has supported us this year and especially, to our Executive Group who have continued to work tirelessly and often late into the night after their paid work is done to help the sector through their voluntary roles with FinPro. In particular, a huge thank-you to Bradley. Not only have you been a fantastic leader of our group during the year, but you have also been a great sounding board for all my hair-brain ideas I have had over the past year, often on a Saturday morning after a run!

As I have said before, I love my job and feel particularly lucky to be able to work with this great organisation.

Resolution: That the Report of the FinPro Treasurer, Gabrielle Gordon, be accepted.

Moved Danny Wain Seconded Nathan Morsillo

Appointment of Auditor for 2020/21

Resolution: That HLB Mann Judd be appointed as honorary auditors for the year ended 30 September 2021 and a letter be written to them thanking them for their past work and advising their appointment for the current year.

Moved Gabrielle Gordon Seconded Tony Rocca

Election of the Executive 2020/21

Nominations have been received for the following FinPro Members:

1. Alan Wilson, Melbourne City Council
2. Belinda Johnson, Southern Grampians Shire
3. Binda Gokhale, Wyndham City Council
4. Bradley Thomas, Hepburn Shire
5. Charles Nganga, Casey City Council
6. Danny Wain, Monash City Council
7. Fiona Rae, Golden Plains Shire, and
8. Gabrielle Gordon, FinPro
9. John Brockway, Surf Coast Shire
10. Mark Montague, Whittlesea City Council
11. Melissa Baker, South Gippsland Shire
12. Nathan Morsillo, City of Greater Bendigo
13. Simone Wickes, Frankston City Council
14. Tony Rocca, Maroondah City Council
15. Wei Chen, Yarra City Council

Resolution: Given that the number of nominations received is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled, the persons nominated shall be deemed to be elected.

Other Business – none raised.

Meeting closed 12.28pm

Gabrielle Gordon
Secretary