

# Crop Science Society of SA AGM

Meeting held at Richardson Theatre Roseworthy, University of Adelaide



Date July 15 2020

Meeting opened: 7:30pm.

## Attendance:

C Davis, K Porker, R Bennet, A McCallum, B Munzberg, S Schmitt, J Rose, M Hill, P Grocke, K Grocke, T Harris, J Wilson, C Robinson, T Robinson, R Wheeler, N Wittwer, P Smith, B Fleet.

## Zoom:

A Pfitzner, S Sheriff, R Schilling, R Blum, A Bates. (Plus 4 other)

## Visitors:

B Kupke, S Michelmores, T Purdue, B Hood. M Salomon

Apologies: P Boutsalis, R Konzag, M Nash, D Crawford, D Peterson, P Cousins, B Roberts.

## Minutes of previous AGM

Moved: J Wilson

Seconded: N Wittwer

Accepted

## Business Arising from Previous Minutes

- Membership survey undertaken showing general increase of approval of Society work, meetings and newsletter.
- Attendance (see attachment)
- This year has been first year of electronic invoicing. (members who have not replied will be mailed 2 year invoice)
- Ag Communicators have undertaken administration work for this 12 month period. Under advice the Society has been de-registered for GST.

## Presidents Report



# **CROP SCIENCE SOCIETY** OF S.A. INCORPORATED

## **Presidents Report**

The Crop Science Society has had a productive 12 months with some successful Regional meetings, great member feedback & improved meeting attendance. We have kept on with the Zoom webcasts, which are gaining in popularity.

The executive & Ag Comm's are endeavouring to keep the Website up to date & there is an ongoing process to upload the newsletter archives. We understand that it needs further & regular updating to remain relevant.

Thanks to Judy for her continual work as the Editor of the newsletter, and for promoting improvements in the content of the material.

The first 12 months of Administration/Communications function has been well received, and we thank Anita particularly for her efforts.

Warm thanks to the committee who have continued to contribute significant time & work with the regional meetings & committee work generally.

Thank you to the new committee members that have added great depth to the executive.

Craig Davis.

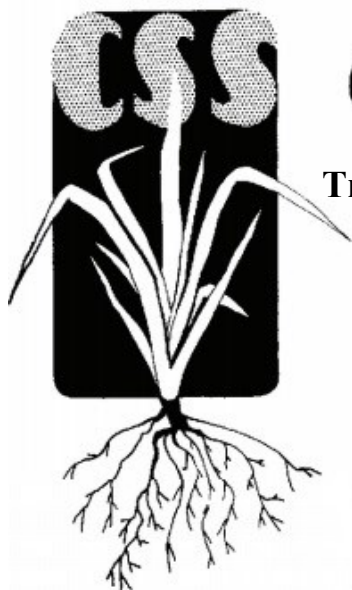
Moved: (president)      C Davis      Seconded: J Wilson      Accepted

## Secretaries Report

- GMO moratorium review.
- Letter to chair of planning commission.
- Letter to chair of R&D review in SA
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## Correspondence

Moved: (secretary)      P Smith      Seconded: Peter Grocke      Accepted



# CROP SCIENCE SOCIETY OF S.A. INCORPORATED

## Treasurers Report 2019/20 Financial Year.

### Summary:

- CSSSA returned a net loss of \$5764.00 for the financial year
  - Increased Admin cost through the employment of Ag Communicators to assist with running CSSSA as well as reduced income due to 139 unpaid members were the main contributing factors to the loss.
- ANZ Cash Management Account as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020: \$1,799.26
- ANZ Managed Term Deposit: \$88,906.73

Table 1: CSSSA Membership Numbers as of 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Membership	Quantity
Honorary Members	11
Life Members	8
Paid Members	144
Unpaid Members	139
Second Year Students	30
<b>Total Members</b>	<b>332</b>

Table 2: CSSSA Profit and Loss Statement for 2019/20 Financial Year

Income	
Subscriptions	4694.00
Interest	979.34
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>5673.34</b>
Expenses	
Awards/Scholarships	5198.00
Admin	3792.50
Insurance	893.00
Text Notifications	466.44
Website Cost	385.00
Treasurer Wages (2018/19)	363.00
Bank Fees	201.40
Other	138.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>11437.34</b>
<b>Profit/Loss</b>	<b>-5764.00</b>

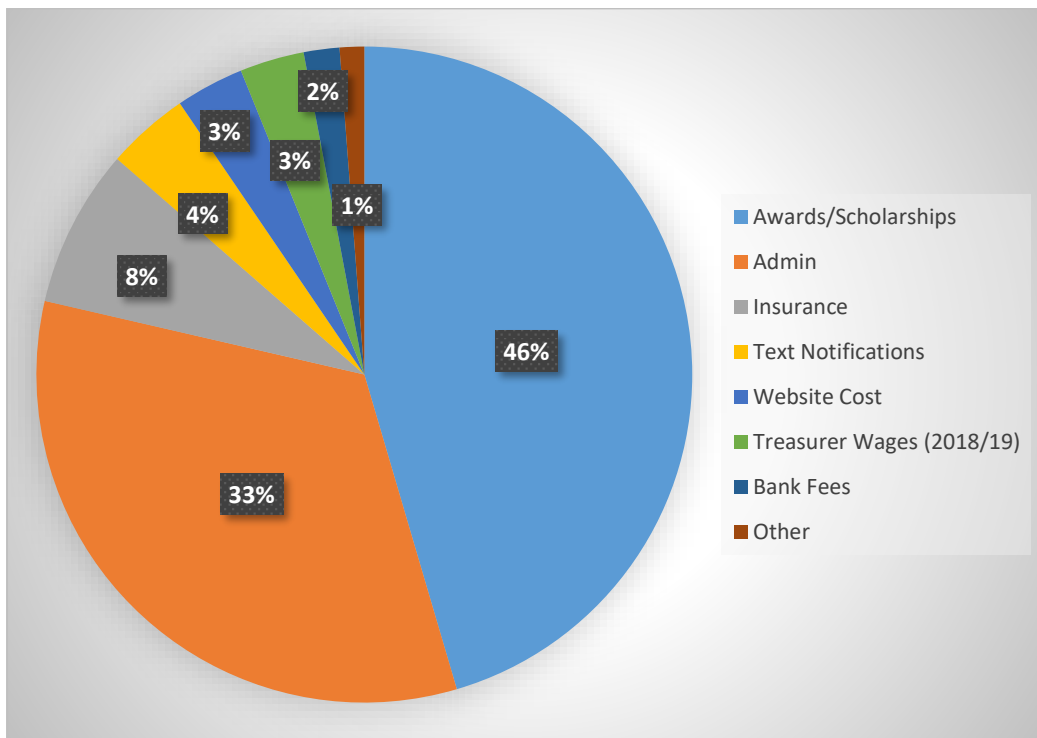


Figure 1: CSSSA 2020 Expenses by category.

Moved (treasurer) N. Wittwer      Seconded C Butler      Accepted  
 Audit

- Appointment of Auditor  
 Moved to appoint Poyntons (Gawler)

Moved      N Wittwer      Seconded      C Butler      Accepted

- Review of Insurance and costs  
 Moved that J Wilson to undertake review

Moved      C Butler      Seconded      J Wilson      Accepted

Membership Cost

- The committee recommends the cost remains at \$30.00

Moved      N Wittwer      Seconded      C Butler      Accepted

CSSSA Life memberships

Definition: "Life member nominees should be those who participate regularly and are actively involved in the work of the Society"

Hugh Wallwork has been awarded for 2019 at May meeting.

Jenny Davidson nominated for 2020

Moved P Grocke      seconded      J Wilson      Accepted

## Crop Science Committee

President thanked all members for their contribution to the CSSSA.

### Positions for 2020/2021

- President: Craig Davis
- Vice President: Kenton Porker
- Secretary: Peter Smith
- Treasurer: Neil Wittwer
- Public Officer: Peter Smith
  
- Committee Members
  - Judy Rathjen
  - Tom Robinson
  - Anthony Pfitzner
  - Jamie Wilson
  - Ben Munzberg
  - Dan Petersen
  - Jade Rose
  - Stephan Schmidt

## Crop Science Society of SA Signatories.

- Signatories
  - Craig Davis (President)
  - Neil Wittwer (Treasurer)
  - Anthony Pfitzner (Committee Member)
- Moved C Butler Seconded M Hill Accepted

## General Business

- Administration Position

The June meeting of committee supported the work done by Ag Communicators over the past 12 months. The Quote in 2019 for 100 hours work is \$13000 + GST (i.e. \$130/hr.) to administer the major roles of CSSSA. The actual cost has come in much lower than this at \$4000.

### Indicators of value for money.

- Efficiency improvements for the operation of committee and society. *This has been achieved.*
- Maintain and improve membership.- *this has been effective*
- Improved media opportunities of CSSSA to Ag Community. *To be developed*
- Maintenance of newsletter distribution and archiving. *Planned for 2021*
- Improved visibility of the Society through the website and social media. *Developing*

Motion: That Ag Communicators continue to undertake the administration role.

Moved: C Butler seconded T Robinson

Accepted

- John Both Award for Excellence in Field Research in Crop Protection.

No Nominations

- Duncan Correll Travel Award

No nominations

- Tony Rathjen Newsletter prize  
5 student articles were submitted in 2019/2020. Each will receive \$100

The Best Article is awarded to Kara Levin for her article “Structural modification of the central metaxylem in nematode-infected roots”

Kara will be awarded \$500

New Wording to be attached to this prize

The Tony Rathjen award is designed to encourage students to present their research in a media that is immediately accessible to farmers, as well as to continue his legacy of student participation in the Crop Science Society and the agricultural community.

- Students are encouraged to prepare an article for the Crop Science Society Newsletter. All articles published in monthly newsletters will receive \$100.
- **The recipient of the main Tony Rathjen Student Contribution will be decided in June and announced at the AGM in July.** The student who prepared the best article that highlights excellent agricultural research combined with innovative thinking will be awarded \$500. The recipient will present their research at a Crop Science Society meeting.

We encourage students to become affiliated with the CSSSA and make use of the society to assist and publicise their research

Moved: K Porker seconded J Wilson

Accepted

- Meeting time and attendance  
The meeting confirmed the committees plan to continue with current meeting format.

Moved: C Butler seconded M Hill

Accepted

Meeting Closed

8.26 pm