



Minutes

Model Aeronautical Association of Australia

Executive & Council Presidents Meeting 16 March 2022
at 8:00pm (AEDST)

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1. Attendees

1.2 Attendance List

<i>Name</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Attendance</i>
MAAA Executives		
Tim Nolan (TN)	MAAA President	Yes
Michael Hobson (MH)	MAAA Vice President	Yes
Gary Pope (GP)	MAAA Treasurer	Yes
Greg Petherick (GIP)	A/ Federal Secretary	Yes
Mitch Bannink (MB)	Safety Office	Yes
MAAA Council Representatives		
David Rose (DR)	President AWA	Yes
Ross Finocchiaro (RF)	President ANT	Yes
Michael Rutledge (MR)	President TMAA	Yes
Craig Burkhardt (CB)	Vice-President MAAQ	Yes
Reeve Marsh (RM)	President VMAA	Yes
David Mifsud (DM)	President MASA	Yes
David Kennedy (DK)	Vice-President ANSW	Yes
Gary Tansley (GT)	President CLAS NSW	Yes
Terry Bond (TB)	President NSWFFS	Yes

1.3 Apologies – Nil

1.4 Proxies – N/A

2. Meeting Agenda

<i>No</i>	<i>Item Description</i>
1	Proposed Agenda Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed new MAAA Executive Structure • May 2020 Council Conference • Options for filling the Executive positions • Federal Secretary (executive Office) position and the role going forward, overview and possible options • Approach to fill the Federal Secretary position – EOI and open market
2	Open Discussion on Items raised by attendees

3. Summary of Previous Actions from Previous Meetings – N/A

<i>Action</i>	<i>Date Raised</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Assigned</i>

4. Summary of New Actions – This Meeting

Action	Date Raised	Description	Assigned
01	16/03/2022	TN - Skill sets for roles to be defined and presented to Council at the May Conference	Tim Nolan
02	16/03/2022	Contact Gary Tansley to arrange necessary membership certification for the SAT club	Greg Petherick

5. Meeting Agenda Items**5.1 Proposed Executive Changes - TN**

TN - Document was created by MH and shared with all attendees.

MH - Document has been prepared for Council to assess suggested changes. The approach is that the executive needs to grow to enable better services to our States and members. We need to acknowledge that the current workload has increased for the Secretary and the recommendation is to separate the workload into new roles. The expectation is that the request for Areas Approvals will expand as well as the relationship with CASA.

The document provides a recommendation for new roles to assist the Executive to improve services to our members. This includes a Marketing role and Safety Officer.

RF - Would support the approach as a portfolio to provide better outcomes, as long as we do not have a gate keeper role. The MAAA has been successful without needing major decisions, and if we do the council will make that. The council is behind the changes and supports the need for improving marketing, it was only the way it was turned off that may have been a concern for the council.

RM - The council should be defining what the executive need to do. It is the opportunity for the Council to decide this and there are opportunities for States to also assist in the changes if they want to participate. The council should read the document and make sure we understand the activities and agree this is what we want done and then decide how.

TB – Would support the use of Mitch as the liaison for Area approvals and would like to see the Secretary role go back to its normal role

RF – The Area Approvals became a hot topic due to the introduction of drones. Suggest that we need to provide a bureau service for our clubs, and expert undertakes this to support the clubs – the way to go.

MB – Need to ensure that clubs create the profile of what they are and how they conduct themselves. We also need to keep States within the process. The applications need to be started from clubs and reviewed by states prior to coming to the MAAA. Process is not difficult, but the clubs need to do the Risk assessment as each club is different and mitigations are different. CASA are also changing their process and it will no longer be a one-to-one relationship for us.

RF – We discussed this years ago and based on the workload we have setup systems that no longer work as we did not consider the real workload. Some forms have changed, and this is confusing for clubs.

DR – MAAA can do little with the current process. The current process is working to have one MAAA representative to discuss with CASA.

MB – Acknowledges forms changes have happened and unfortunately, we need to follow CASA’s direction.
TN – Looking for endorsement of proposed position changes.

MR – Are we going to MAAA members or external?

MH – We should be going out to the members to look for people that have experience to manage an external agency. so need to agree to the specific tasks that will be done either internally or externally.

RF – Agree that we need to have someone to manage the overall process, but we also need to have an expert who can do the marketing. It will be very difficult to find someone to do both and we need to discuss who we should do it.

MH – The ask is to go to our members to seek capability for the role – this may not be based on the skill set for the individuals

Action – TN - Skill sets for roles to be defined and presented to Council at the May Conference

RM – We should complete the expressions of interest before setting a value on the position as it may not be known the services they provide.

5.2 May 2020 Council Conference - TN

TN – The Executive plan to have Andrew Sill from FlatOutRC attend the conference to provide a summary from the recent MAAA survey. Andrew was engaged to run the survey and has some insights for the Council. It is expected that the presentation will take about 60mins to conduct.

TB – Requested clarification on the completion of the material that needs to be submitted for the council conference, there was reference to two separate dates for reports.

TN – Reports can be provided by April 4 to have them prepared for the conference

DR – Attendance for the Conference maybe problematic for all to attend especially given the current boarder restrictions.

TN – New registration system will be shown at the conference, electronic cards will be introduced, and members will receive emails which they can use to create cards if they wish. The process for the cards and renewals should be the same, only the system will change to minimise impacts to clubs and members.

GT – Request for clarification for MAAA affiliated clubs that are listed on our website. SAT club is missing and the club needs clarification of MAAA membership for their local council, their 20 years lease is due for renewal.

Action – GIP – Contact Gary Tansley to arrange necessary membership certification

CLOSE: 09:09pm 16 March 2022 AEDST.