**DATE:** Wednesday 18th September 2024

**MEETING OPENED:** 11:20am

1. **Meeting Opened by:** Christian Strang
2. **Welcome to Country**

We acknowledge the Wiri, Yuibera and Birri people as the Traditional Custodians of the land we are conducting our work on today. We recognise their continuing connection to the land and waters. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging and extend that respect to all First Nations people present today.

1. **Welcome & Apologies**

**Present –** Nina Swara, Melissa Martin, Stacy Mammino, Michaela Hayes, Ray Wegner, Ros Warner (Secretary), Christian Stang (Secretary), Paula Creen (Committee Member),, Dr Gunther Paul (Committee Member), Julieanne Gilbert Member for Mackay, Tiffaney Matthews, Rodney Matthews, Trevor Winter, Greg Fenech, Amie Fenech and Karen Fenech, Lauren Pattie (Greater Whitsunday Communities).

**Apologies**: Raoul Wilson (President) Minister Hon Charis Mullen MP, Andrew Wilcox Member for Dawson, Amanda Camm Member for Whitsundays, Mayor Greg Williamson, Councillors from Mackay Regional Council, Dr Gunther Paul.

1. **Minutes of 2023-2024 Annual General Meeting** were tabled

***Moved:*** Roslyn Warner***Seconded:*** Ray Wegner *- all in favour – carried*

1. **Business Arising from Previous AGM**

No business arising from previous AGM.

1. **Inwards and Outwards Correspondence**

No inward or outward correspondence to be table.

1. **President’s Report**

Raoul Wilson’s President Report for the year 2023-2024, was read and tabled by Christian Strang as requested by Raoul Wilson.

***Moved:*** Christian Strang ***Seconded:*** Ray Wegner *- all in favour – carried*

1. **Treasurer’s Report**

Roslyn Warner read and tabled the Treasures Report for the financial year 2023-2024.

***Moved:***  Roslyn Warner ***Seconded:*** Julieanne Gilbert *- all in favour – carried*

1. **Organisation / Worker Report**

Nina Swara read Manager’s Report and tabled the Annual Report of Mackay Advocacy Inc. for 2023-2024. Melissa Martin and Stacy Mammino presented their reports.

***Moved:*** Nina Swara ***Seconded:*** Ray Werner *- all in favour – carried*

1. **Guest Speaker**

Julieanne Gilbert thanked staff for their work. Julieanne spoke about the funding increase and how the longevity of this funding is going to assist in offering long term employment opportunities which in turn will benefit the community. She also wished us all the best for the future as she will not be running for her position in the next election and hopes the new member will be just as immersive as she was, as she has really enjoyed her time with MAI.

1. **Presentation to Management Committee**

Staff presented the current Management Committee with appreciation certificates and a gift as a thank you and acknowledgement of the work they have done voluntarily for the past year.

1. **Exiting Management Committee to stand down**

Chaired by Nina Swara thanked current committee members, all positions were declared vacant.

1. **Election of Management Committee**

**PRESIDENT:** Raoul Wilson

**Nominated by:** Paula Creen **Seconded by:** Roslyn Warner

There were no other nominations. Raoul Wilson accepted position.

**VICE PRESIDENT:** Ray Wegner

**Nominated by:** Tarnia Kerruish **Seconded by:** Roslyn Warner

There were no other nominations. Ray Wegner accepted position.

**SECRETARY:** Christian Strang

**Nominated by:** Roslyn Warner **Seconded by:** Tarnia Kerruish

There were no other nominations. Christian Strang accepted position.

**TREASURER:** Roslyn Warner

**Nominated by:** Raoul Wilson **Seconded by:** Christian Strang

There were no other nominations. Roslyn Warner accepted position.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**: Tarnia Kerruish

**Nominated by:** Ray Wegner **Seconded by:** Roslyn Warner

Tarnia Kerruish accepted position.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**: Dr Gunther Paul

**Nominated by:** Christian Strang **Seconded by:** Paula Creen

Dr, Gunther Paul accepted position.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**: Paula Creen

**Nominated by**: Raoul Wilson **Seconded by:** Christian Strang

Paula Creen Accepted the position.

There were no other nominations.

1. **Appointment of Financial Auditor**

Christian Strang declared the appointment of financial auditors as Inspire Accounting.

***Moved:*** Roslyn Warner ***Seconded:*** Paula Creen*- all in favour – carried*

1. **Public Liability Insurance**

It was duly declared by Nina Swara that Mackay Advocacy has public liability insurance of $20 million.

1. Christian Strang **thanked all for attending and declared meeting closed.**

**Meeting Closed:** 12:00pm

Recorded by Melissa Martin Business Coordinator.