



MINUTES

Of the 73rd Annual General Meeting of the Association of Ukrainians in Victoria

Sunday 25 October, 2020

Chair: Yuriy Fedyszyn

Secretaries: Andrew Mykhaylyk and Marko Pavlyshyn

Note 1: While these Minutes are recorded as the direct speech of participants in the AGM, they are not a transcript, but an abridged paraphrase, in English, of business conducted mainly in Ukrainian.

Note 2: The Appendix to which reference is made in these Minutes is a single document containing the slides used by several speakers at the AGM. This Appendix is accessible at <https://auv.org.au/> .

Start time - 2 pm

1. Opening Welcome

Slawko Kohut: Before we begin I would like to welcome everyone to this unique format. I would like to begin by acknowledging the original, Aboriginal custodians of the lands we meet on. Although it is unusual, I would like everyone to rise for the national anthems.

2. Australian/Ukrainian National Anthems

Australian national anthem, followed by Ukrainian national anthem

3. Minute's Silence

Slawko Kohut: While we are standing, I would like to invite us to have a minute's silence to remember all those that have left us. Many have died in Australia and Ukraine due to the virus, and I would also like to remember those that have died for the freedom of Ukraine.

Minute's silence

President's Opening Remarks

Slawko Kohut: Reverend Bishop Peter, dear members, welcome to this unique AGM.

It has been very unusual being in the AUV in these last eight months, both as members and as the committee. Not everything will work as we anticipate today, but we ask for your understanding. I think it will also be a good lesson for us in future. I would like to briefly explain why Zoom. Initially, we had hoped the government would exempt us this year from holding an AGM, but that was not the case. There are many alternative programs to use. Some companies offer a service of holding AGMs, which costs upward of \$10,000. Given we are a community

organisation, we wanted to avoid such large costs, and we wanted to make our meeting as simple and accessible as possible. Our objective was to elect committee members. This is why we opted to not have any voting at our AGM. We are aware that Zoom has a voting tool; however there is no way we can control the voting given that multiple people sit behind the screen. In addition, there was no system we could configure to manage registrations for the AGMs, so there was no comprehensive way we could manage who attended the meeting – the system could tell us how many people had joined the Zoom meeting, but not who they were. And finally, many of our older and younger members would have difficulty accessing these functions on a virtual AGM, including my father.

Regarding the financial and audit committee reports: today we will not vote on them. Perhaps next time, when we have our AGM, we will vote on these, but not today.

Regarding how Zoom works: if you have questions, we would prefer you use the chat facility below, which is available to everybody. Please first state who you are, and then enter your question. If you would really like to speak, also navigate this using the chat function, and when there is an opportunity, we will give you the chance to ask and address your questions. Please ensure your microphone is on when you speak. Lastly: Irene, could you confirm if we have a quorum of paid-up members?

4. Ratification of Quorum, AGM Chair and Secretaries

Irene: We have quorum; I have calculated that we have enough members present, in addition to some who are not named or without cameras on.

Slawko Kohut: We have Andriy [Mykhaylyk] and Marko [Pavlyshyn] as secretaries today.

Yuriy Fedyszyn (chair): Welcome all to this unusual AGM. I will read the agenda for today. *Reads agenda (see Appendix, p. 10).* Any questions?

Ivan Guglak: Point of order. Every member has the right to vote at the AGM.

Slawko Kohut: If there were questions to be voted on, every member would have the right to vote. The only items of this kind are those which involve voting on Board members and Internal Audit Committee members. All members have already had this opportunity. All other items are not up for voting, such as the Minutes or financial statements. Such rules are entirely legal and I think we can proceed.

Yuriy Fedyszyn: I would like to add that today's meeting is unusual. Thus, I would like to request that we be understanding of the complexity of today's meeting. I understand, Ivan, what you mean, but I propose we proceed with the meeting.

Ivan Guglak: Yuriy, I acknowledge that today's situation is complex. All things that we do must be voted on. To say that we don't need to vote is wrong. The Constitution's Article 26 says that every member is entitled to one vote.

Slawko Kohut: To take this point and to view it out of context of today's situation is regressive. I have attended multiple NGO and other organisational AGMs which took place in this format in the current climate which were entirely functional. I would not like these small complexities to hold us up.

Yuriy Fedyszyn: I would reaffirm the situation we are in today. There is a point in our Agenda stating “Other Business”, which we can add this point to. I suggest we now move on with the remainder of our agenda.

Stefan Romaniw: Mr Ivan, we can argue, but I propose you consult the Consumer Affairs website, where the regulatory bodies have their advice for meetings in today’s circumstances. There is a recommendation to avoid voting on any extraordinary resolutions, which we are conforming to today.

Walentyn Mykytenko: I would also like to add that the ACNC have amended their requirements for AGMs, given the situation of COVID. All organisations must still deliver an AGM, which is what Mr Kohut referenced. We at Dnister have done the same, as you would have seen from our email.

Luba Pryslak: Thank you for conducting the AGM despite the global pandemic. I think that it is very obvious why we need to adapt to the situation. For the sake of transparency, let’s just accept this!

Marijka Kohut: Well said, Luba.

Irene Stawiski: Totally agree, Luba

Liana Slipetsky: Agreed. With all due respect, Ivan Guglak, you had an opportunity to raise this beforehand.

Ray Chamula: Well said, Luba.

Eugene Hawryszko: Exactly the point, everyone had the opportunity beforehand and ASIC has ruled.

Ivanna & Felix Figurek: Well done, Luba, I agree.

Ivan Guglak: One more point – ACNC has extended the timeline for these meetings, so I propose we withhold this meeting until next year when we can hold it.

Yuriy Fedyszyn: Thank you, let’s continue.

Slawko Kohut: ACNC specifies that “live” AGMs may be held up to 31 January 2021. Electronic AGMs must be held by 6 November 2020. We are unsure how long these circumstances will last, so we cannot delay this AGM to a time when we can all gather again in the [Essendon] Hall, as we are unsure when this would even be possible.

Ivan Guglak: Could I please have confirmation that the ones participating till now on this chat are financial and have a right to be making comments.

Irene Stawiski: Confirmed.

Eugene Hawryszko: Thanks, Irene.

5. Salutations

Yuriy Fedyszyn: We will now proceed with the greetings from various organisations.

Greeting from Bishop Peter Stasiuk, retiring Eparch of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Eparchy of Saints Peter and Paul of Melbourne.

Yuriy Fedyszyn: We will now view a greeting from the new UGCC Bishop, Bishop Mykola.

Video greeting by Bishop Mykola Bychok.

Yuriy Fedyszyn: Thank you for that. Can I now ask Ms Lisa Rudewych to read the greetings.

Lisa Rudewych reads greetings from Marko Herczaniwski (CYM Melbourne) and Halya Bryndzia (Kalyna Care).

Yuriy Fedyszyn: Thank you, Lisa. Are there any oral greetings from those attending today?

Stefan Romaniw: Thank you, Yurko. I would like to deliver a greeting on behalf of the AFUO.

Greeting from AFUO by head Stefan Romaniw

Yuriy Fedyszyn: Thank you for that. Are there any other oral greetings?

Lisa Rudewych: Yes – from Ms Orysia [Stefyn].

Greeting by Orysia Stefyn (Ukrainian Education Council of Australia)

Yuriy Fedyszyn: Thank you, Orysia. Are there any other greetings?

Lisa Rudewych: Yes – from Dnister Ukrainian Credit Co-operative.

Greeting by David Hassett.

Yuriy Fedyszyn: Thank you David. If there are no other greetings, I would like to pass on a greeting on the behalf of the Cathedral's pastoral council.

Greeting from Yuriy Fedyszyn.

Yuriy Fedyszyn: Now we will proceed to the report from the head of the AUV.

6. Minutes of the 72nd AGM

Ivan Guglak: Mr Chairman, I would like to ask – who approved the Minutes?

Yuriy Fedyszyn: The committee.

Ivan Guglak: I would like to refer to the Minutes from last year's AGM, where the chair, Mr Misko, explained that the Minutes, though confirmed by the Board, were being presented to the AGM for ratification. So it is necessary to vote to accept the Minutes.

Reads quote from previous year's meeting regarding voting on the Minutes at 2019 AUV AGM.

Yuriy Fedyszyn: I would like to remind everyone that we don't have the opportunity to vote this year. We have to be realistic and pragmatic today. We are not able to do this at this year's AGM.

7. Board's Reports

President's Report

Slawko Kohut: I would like to suggest that to stop our AGM process due to this technicality would not reflect the value of Ukrainian unity we uphold as a community. Let's continue. I would like to congratulate members of the Board, the Internal Audit Committee and all who helped on a daily basis, including those not listed on the slide. We have worked towards uniting our branches – at today's meeting we have Wodonga, St Albans, other branches all represented. This is great to see.

I would like to offer an update as to our situation.

Refer to AUV President's 2020 report, Appendix, pp. 15-27.

Unfortunately, I cannot offer too much information regarding Olga and Yurko [Korytsky], as we are preparing to proceed with the lawsuit, and our solicitor has suggested I don't speak too much about this. Nick [Angelowitsch], the new head of the branch, was elected almost unanimously. We thought, prior to the virus, that the branch would be able to thrive. However, the new branch soon found out that all the finances of the branch have been transferred from the branch's accounts to Olga and Yurko's private bank accounts with other banks. They left only \$3000 to the branch. This had thrown our year out regarding plans, in addition to the virus.

Regarding the virus, we had to shut the hall, but we had to adapt and learn how to continue as a community.

The archive work is continuing with Yana [Ostapenko], who is working there alone, as volunteers are not permitted. I think this is very important work and I will update regarding this later.

Our social outreach work continued, supporting older citizens, including at Kalyna Care. There was a time where Theresa [Jaworski] had much work, so she was assisted by Irene [Stawiski]. Our administrative tasks have continued as well. The work of the Financial and Internal Audit Committees has been more complex, but we also continued that. I will also update you on the future. We have put on hold our redevelopment plans. Stage 1 is delayed by up to two years, and the virus has drastically changed the situation with property development and the market. This means that the Stage 2 development could be pushed back as far as up to 5-10 years. This will require a deeper rethink of our community and its direction.

Regarding the archive project – we have an archive policy, which Plast and the Tasmanian community is studying and looking to adopt. It is a passion of mine: I would like to one day to see in a museum developed as part of our archive.

There are some small fixes we will have to work on in the [Essendon] Hall to maintain its upkeep, but the overall direction I would like is to have the Hall open to all Ukrainians. This involves working with other Ukrainian organisations. Ideally, the idea is to have one or so events a month when we are able to. Now, addressing specific projects for the future: we would like to update our chairs and tables, which would cost around \$20,000, and we would like to reclaim our foyer room, which would involve building a storage area behind the hall, which would cost around \$10,000. Eugene [Hawryszko] can say something about fundraising.

Eugene Hawryszko: We have had ideas for a raffle for early next year. We might get a voucher for, say, \$10,000 from JB HiFi and give other organisations the chance to make some money through taking part in the raffle as well.

Slawko Kohut: We are also more actively seeking government grants, of which there are many which we previously haven't really investigated. There is also the Dnister Community Saver program, which I encourage everyone to participate in. Overall, I would like to point out that our community should be seen as a whole. There may be a view that our community is some elite organisation that some can or cannot join – a perception I would like to change.

Luba Pryslak: Thank you to Dnister for the Community Saver program. I would like to make the point that our community has found it difficult to understand. David [Hassett] – I would like to suggest some form of advertising campaign to promote this.

Lisa Rudewych : Thanks, Luba, for your question.

David Hassett: Of course, due to COVID-19 this has been made difficult. However, we will be continuing to promote the Community Saver program in the community in future.

Yuriy Fedyszyn: We would like to proceed to the financial report. Who is taking care of that?

Financial Report

Slawko Kohut: Thank you, unfortunately that's me too. COVID has significantly complicated the work of our auditors, and of our Internal Audit Committee. The external audit was conducted electronically. This was not the way in which the external auditors would have worked in a normal year. They gave some pieces of advice, but reported that there is nothing malign in our financials. Again, all our branches, excluding Wodonga, are on the Xero accounting platform, supported by Paul Herczaniwski. Our financial situation is stable. *Refers to AUV Financial Summary slide of presentation (Appendix, p. 30).*

You can see that we are in the red, however this is due to the expense of the litigation with Olga and Yurko [Korytsky]. This is a large sum but we are positive we will be able to recover this from the lawsuit.

We are also supporting the Wodonga branch, as well as St Albans and Noble Park temporarily during this pandemic. Fortunately, we had a whole year of rental income from our apartments. Regarding rental income; we have lost club, antenna and hall hire income, totalling about \$62,000. Michael [Masendycz] – is there something you would like to say about the apartments?

Michael Masendycz: In 2014 AUV directors signed an agreement with ABD group. AUV would provide land on which the developer would build a 9-storey building. There would be 92 apartments, of which AUV would receive 7 plus some cash. The apartments were finished in 2019. AUV has rented out its 7 apartments. Average gross rental income is \$23-24,000 per apartment (net \$15,000 per apartment). The apartments brought in a total of \$104,000 net rent, which is a big sum. Our figure would be very much in the red without this income. Unfortunately, these apartments are quite expensive to operate: about 35% of revenue. There has been no discussion by the Board of selling them. They are valued at \$4.5 million, and the income from them represents a return of 3.7% on capital.

Lisa Rudewych: There is a question from Luba.

Luba Pryslak: Question regarding assistance to branches to Slawko. Is the assistance just a loan, or a grant?

Slawko Kohut: Once we have recovered from COVID, we will enter further discussions. I'm not sure how to answer that now. We will try to support you if you are struggling.

Luba Pryslak: Thank you.

Stefan Romaniw: Slawko, how is the AFUO loan treated in the balance sheet?

Slawko Kohut: It is an outstanding balance. Once we are on our feet, we will repay you, at least the interest.

Stefan Romaniw: It's not a problem, we just need to see it reflected on the balance sheet.

Liana Slipetsky: I would like to clarify that Noble Park have not received any financial support, beyond assistance with paying off some outstanding insurance from 2018, before I became head.

Yuriy Fedyszyn: Question from Ivan Guglak.

Ivan Guglak: Are external auditors present today?

Slawko Kohut: No.

David Hassett : Point of order.

Ivan Guglak: Slawko, where are we at with amendments to the constitution?

Slawko Kohut: We are currently working to survive this period of the pandemic, so not much work has been done so far with that.

Ivan Guglak: In regards to the litigation, has there been any work to reach mediation?

Slawko Kohut: Of course there has. We have been trying to mediate for four years. The last offer we made, in writing, has been totally ignored, other than some word being passed around that we do not seek mediation.

Nick Angelowitsch: Efforts have been exhausted.

Ivan Guglak: Okay.

David Hassett (*regarding earlier point of order*): Doesn't matter.

Ivan Guglak: Clause 39.4 of the Constitution says that financial accounts will be audited annually by qualified external auditors. That wasn't the case, was it?

Slawko Kohut: Yes, it was. The audited reports are on the screen with the auditors' response and signature, and with the proviso that their reports are not exactly as they would have been had they been able to visit in person.

Ivan Guglak: The Auditor's Report contains the words "based on our review, which is not an audit." They have not audited the books.

Slawko Kohut: On an ACNC ruling, a not-for-profit organisation that earns less than half a million or a million dollars (I don't remember which) a year requires a review, which is what we have been getting over the past 10 or 15 years, except for last year, when I asked for an extended audit.

Ivan Guglak: ACNC aside, the Constitution says that financial accounts will be audited.

David Hassett: This is a matter of definition. The auditors have used those words because the level of audit they would normally perform is an audit as directed under the Corporations Act. That is not the form of audit the AUV needs to have, and therefore they have qualified what they have done in that way. This does not mean that they have not audited the books to the level necessary. We are arguing about things which have very specific legal definitions. I'm not sure why we're speaking about these things.

Lisa Rudewych : Thank you Luba, Stefan, Liana and Ivan. Any more questions after Ivan?

Yuriy Fedyszyn: Let's move on. Noble Park.

South-Eastern (Noble Park) Branch Report

Liana Slipetsky, Noble Park head, presents slide deck points (see Appendix, p. 36 and the link on that page).

Marijka Kohut: Well done Liana!

Yuriy Fedyszyn: Thank you. Next is St Albans.

St. Albans Branch Report

Nick Angelowitsch presents slide deck (see Appendix, pp. 37-45).

Yuriy Fedyszyn: Thank you very much and thank you for your efforts. Stefan Romaniw has a question.

Stefan Romaniw: Great job, Nick and Liana. Congratulations Nick. I have a quick question to Nick. Great to see the work with the seniors. Golden Age – is that an organisation with AUV St Albans?

Nick Angelowitsch: They have recently voted in a new head. Unfortunately the Korytskis have not passed on the details, and paperwork is not being released back to us.

Lisa Rudewych: Thank you, Stefan.

Stefan Romaniw: Thank you Nick, you are very focused. Great work. Can I just say what a great job the branches are doing. One for all and all for one.

Marijka Kohut: I agree with you Stefan. The branches are doing a great job.

George Makohon: Congratulations Nicholas to your enthusiastic committee under these difficult conditions.

Stefan Romaniw: Geelong, doing great job in cultural diplomacy and being part of the bigger picture.

Yuriy Fedyszyn: Thank you. Next up we have Geelong – Luba [Pryslak].

Geelong Branch Report

Luba Pryslak: Thank you, Liana, for representing us on the issue of the land tax with the state revenue office. It will be great if that is successful. *Presents slide deck. (See Appendix, pp. 47-55).*

Yuriy Fedyszyn: Thank you, congratulations again. Monash – Mr Alessandro.

Mykola Zerov Centre for Ukrainian Studies

Alessandro Achilli: You can access the document with information about Ukrainian Studies at Monash on the AUV website. With the pandemic, we had to cancel many events which were to take place, but teaching continued by Zoom. We continued research on our main project in literary studies, which is financed by the Ukrainian Studies Support Fund of AUV and the Ukrainian Studies Foundation in Australia, and we are continuing to work on the AUV Archives Project. At the end of September, however, I received notification from the head of the School of Languages, Literatures, Cultures and Linguistics that from next year there will be no more subjects taught in the Ukrainian Studies area. As you may know, this is part of wider cuts at Monash and other universities. However, this does not include closing the Mykola Zerov Centre, so (at least theoretically) we still have a framework for research activity and the supervision of graduate students.

It should be stressed that all money donated by the community to support Ukrainian Studies is not in the university's control, but remains with the Ukrainian Studies Support Fund of the AUV.

These developments are not favourable, but there are possibilities and plans for the future. The USSF committee, with Slawko Kohut and Stefan Romaniw, are considering establishment of a new program at one of the universities in Victoria. Once we will have more concrete plans, we

will notify the community. At the moment, we are working intensively to ensure that there will be a Ukrainian Studies program – whether at Monash or some other university.

Hubert Weisrock: An irresponsible decision of Federal Government regarding humanities studies. Hope this can be revoked.

Nicholas Angelowitsch: Thank you all, I need to step out. Great to see you all and a great harmonious environment this year. Please keep in touch. Regards Nicholas.

Lisa Rudewych: Thank you Hubert.

Lisa Rudewych : Thank you Nicholas.

Alessandro Achilli : Hubert, yes, this is very sad and disappointing. But we're working intensively to create a new Ukrainian Studies program.

Yuriy Fedyszyn: Thank you, Alessandro, for the news. We will now pass it over to Wodonga.

Wodonga Branch

Zenon Kaczmarek: The presentations from other branches were fantastic. This is my first time attending an AGM. The Wodonga Branch consists of a handful of members – about a dozen. It has a community hall acquired in 1960. Membership has been shrinking, and it is a struggle to interest people of the younger generation. Other members leave the area. Nonetheless the committee meets monthly, and events are held to commemorate independence day in August, the “Lystopadovyi zryv,” Shevchenko Day, Mother’s Day, Father’s Day, Holodomor and Christmas. Luba Slywka, who runs the Ukrainian program on the radio station REM FM is a driving force behind much of this work. Funds are raised by renting out the hall, which would need some work to improve it. Meetings provide an opportunity to talk to senior members of the community, including four aged more than 90.

We thank AUV for their support and welcome anyone passing through Wodonga to be in touch and share ideas.

Liana Slipetsky: Lisa, can I just have a quick word about Wodonga when he finishes, please?

Lisa Rudewych : Not a problem.

Orysia Stefyn : Zeno, great to hear from Wodonga. Is your radio program online? if so, please share a link so others may tune in.

Yuriy Fedyszyn: Thank you very much. There is a question from Liana.

Liana Slipetsky: Thank you Zeno. I had the pleasure to meet you and visit beautiful Wodonga. Excellent effort just keeping going. I propose every AGM going forward we have you attend virtually on the screen as well. Regarding the Ukrainian Festival – we received a grant from the City of Melbourne, and we can arrange to have Wodonga attend and get involved.

Christine Charuckyj : What excellent reports from all leaders of [Central] and the [branches]. You have all been wonderful representatives of our community and done us proud.

Marijka Kohut: Yes Christine, it has been wonderful to hear about the broader picture. Well done, Zenon!

Walter Orfini: The AUV has an identity logo and should utilise it.

Tatiana Zachariak : Congratulations on the leadership shown by [Central] and [branches] including the smallest group in Wodonga. What an effort! Also thank you to the volunteers in the Ukrainian Community who help us to move forward and keep our wonderful heritage alive and connected to Ukraine.

Lisa Rudewych (*regarding the AUV Wodonga radio program*): 2REM 107.3FM. A side note regarding the radio station and specifically listening online - you may be able to listen to that station online using this website and/or corresponding app: <https://tunein.com/>. The radio program runs on Wednesdays from 7:00pm – 9:00pm hosted by Luba Slywka.

Liana Slipetsky: Thanks, Lisa. I will put this up on Facebook and also our website.

Natalie Harasemcuk : Very succinct overview on Wodonga Zenon. Thank you.

8. Audit Committee Report

Yuriy Fedyszyn: Let's keep going. We're already at two and a half hours. Next item is audit committee report. Is there anyone from the Internal Audit Committee?

Michael Laba: Yes, thank you Mr chairman, it's Michael Laba. *Greetings and thanks*. It has been very difficult carrying out the tasks you have assigned to us at the last AGM. Other members of the Audit Committee were Mykola Pyk, Andrew Lech and Myron Flunt. I will ask the AUV to also release our report on the website. This year, we have not been able to complete our report at all, as a review was not completed. Due to the movement restrictions, we were not physically able to conduct this. At a distance, we have audited as much as we could. We took the idea that it was better to not release a report at all than a partial one. We intend to do so as soon as we practically can. Nonetheless, we have upheld all legislative rules.

Today, we cannot provide the AGM with an absolution motion.

The AUV Board has asked us to be involved in the voting process. Three things we sought to audit are:

- Each candidate has been validly nominated and has appeared on the ballot paper;
- Each ballot that has been cast has been properly submitted by a member eligible to cast a ballot;
- Where ballots were not counted, they were either cast by people who are not valid members, or were invalidly received.

This means that all ballots counted have been properly received, counted and verified.

Insofar as we haven't been able to physically audit all these things, we have sought declarations from all the members of the Board and AUV employees as to the probity of the processes in which they have been involved.

From this we were able to deliver some recommendations.

1. For voting, whether electronically, by mail-out, or in some other distance form, we recommend that some transparent procedure be produced to give the same confidence in votes which are conducted at normal AGMs as in ballots cast in different ways.

2. The next recommendation is that each member have the ability to raise a motion and vote at the AGM, notwithstanding the difficulties of conducting an AGM remotely. Although this level of member participation may go beyond what is required by ASIC or ACNC, this is valued by our community and members.

9. Discussion of Reports and 10. Acknowledgment of Receipt of the Board and Financial Reports

Yuriy Fedyszyn: Thank you. Let's move on to discussions on the reports. Who would like to bring something up?

Ivan Guglak: I do. I would not like to hold up the microphone, but if no one else does, I will speak. Regarding Monash University, there was a point in a previous report regarding franking credits – has this been looked into and are they being claimed?

Slawko Kohut: I can answer that, Alessandro.

Alessandro: Thank you.

Slawko Kohut: We have looked at that, and we are working on this with Paul Herczaniwski.

Ivan Guglak: Thank you. Also – there were many reports today from the Branches and Sections. Is there a reason why there aren't reports from all Sections, and secondly, shouldn't there be financial reports from these Sections, in accord with Article 75.4 of the Constitution?

Slawko Kohut: The report on the web site shows the general financial status of the AUV, and the final four pages show the finances of each Branch. As for their reports, I have included those that I received in time.

Ivan Guglak: I'm not referring to Branches, but to Sections – the Seniors' Club, the Golf Club, Monash... are there still any choirs associated with the AUV? Shouldn't there be financial reports from these Sections?

Liana Slipetsky: What choir? There is no choir.

Slawko Kohut: Sections have not reported to us while I have been head. They held their own AGMs. Sections aren't responsible to the Board in the same way as Branches are. As I understand it, their financial reports aren't required, though it would be nice to have them.

Ivan Guglak: Section 75.4 of the Constitution says that Sections are responsible to the AUV Board and shall report on their activities to the Annual General Meeting of AUV and shall be subject to the review of the Commission of Internal Auditors.

Marijka Kohut: The Constitution says that Sections, for example the Golf Club, report on their activities. It doesn't specify financials.

Irene Stawiski : The key word there is 'Should' – it doesn't seem like it's mandatory.

Marijka Kohut: Exactly, Irene.

Yuriy Fedyszyn: I'm not sure whether Monash is a Section?

Alessandro: Monash is not part of that arrangement.

Paul Senjov: Ever since Victor Rudewych was head 10 or 15 years ago, these Sections of the AUV were not included in this class. I was a member of the Internal Audit Commission at that time, and since then Sections have had their own AGMs and have reported directly to their members.

Liana Slipetsky: What are these 'Sections'? What are you referring to?

Slawko Kohut: Branches are geographically separate, while groups like the Golf Club or the Senior Citizens are able to form separate 'Sections'. A clause saying that Sections need to report has been carried over from the old constitution. But this has not been done for the past 10 years.

11. Election Results for AUV Board

Yuriy Fedyszyn: If that is all, we are moving to the election of the members. As this has already happened electronically, I will report the voting results.

There was one candidate for President, Slawko Kohut, and he was elected with a total of 97 votes out of a total of 101 votes cast.

Candidates for Directors were:

- Danylo Stefyn
- Vasyl Mykhaylyk
- Felix Figurek
- Michael Zelenin
- Natalie Harasemchuk

Reads tallies of votes in favour. See Appendix, p. 62.

Internal Audit Committee:

Chair:

- Michael Laba

Members:

- Mykola Pyk
- Andrew Lech
- Myron Flunt

Reads tallies of votes in favour. See Appendix, p. 63.

13. General Business

Yuriy Fedyszyn: Thank you. We will move to any other business.

Slawko Kohut: Thank you. We must recognise that although constitutions are important, we must note that we are not Telstra. We are a community. We must not be held back by divisive comments, as we want engagement from younger people. Thank you.

Yuriy Fedyszyn: Thank you all. Our meeting has gone for 2 hours, 53 minutes. We have covered much, and we wish all the best to those who were elected and helped make today possible. How shall we end, Mr Kohut?

14. Close of AGM

Slawko Kohut: I will now play the Ukrainian anthem to finish our AGM today.

Ukrainian national anthem plays.

Yuriy Fedyszyn: Thank you all.

Irene Stawiski: Great job, Slawko and Yurko! And all others.

Marijka Kohut: You too, Irene!

Meeting ends, 5pm.

George Fedyszyn (Electronically signed)

George (Yuriy) Fedyszyn (chair)

Andrew Mykhaylyk (Electronically signed)

Andrew Mykhaylyk (secretary)

Marko Pavlyshyn (Electronically signed)

Marko Pavlyshyn (secretary)

Slawko Kohut (Electronically signed)

Slawko Kohut – President of the AUV
On behalf of the AUV Board –
Approval voted at 11th August 2021 Board meeting