



Entrepreneurs'
Organization

EO Brisbane AGM Minutes

18 NOVEMBER 2021

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Meeting Date	Thursday, 18 November 2021
Quorum declared	John Abouslaibi, Linus Chang, Michael Emanuele, Sam Hurst, Mike White, Scott Fell, Andrew Herbert, Christine Green, Shivani Gupta, Simon Archer, Ivanka Menken, Alan Kepper, Annika Launay, Jason Lawrence, Olivia Morland, Adam Benson, Andrew Mills, Tim Tocco, Mike Clark, Matt Bellgrove, Dave Houston, Ben Love, Kim Parascos, Shannon Semenikow, Clare Sheng, Adam Thompson, Natasha Thorndyke, Gerard Wood, Warren Swanston, Kevin Conlon, Ben Hirons, Nick Bloor
Guests	Luke Mountford from HopgoodGanim
Apologies	
Location	The Grand Hall - Ovolo The Valley - 1000 Ann St, Fortitude Valley 4006
Meeting minutes	Minutes by Kimberly Cougan. Meeting opened 4:58PM – 5:28PM closed

OPEN TIME

4:58PM

WELCOME

President acknowledges Luke Mountford from HopgoodGanim as guest to assist with any constitution related questions.

QUORUM DECLARATION

18 Members in the room +14 proxies. Quorum declared.

20/21 PRESIDENT REPORT

Kim Parascos presents 20/21 Presidents Report:

- Eventful year
- Acknowledged Strategic Alliance Partners
- Acknowledged 20/21 Board and Staff
- Exceeded target for net members
- Event rating 9.06 | Speaker rating 8.67 | Forum Meeting Rating 9.26
- Acknowledged the support that Forum provided members
- Acknowledged Key Executive Program initiated by Olivia Morland which helped with revenue

No questions from the floor.

20/21 FINANCE REPORT

20/21 President, Kim Parascos presents finance report:

- Significant percentage of the budget was allocated to learning
- Significant percentage of the budget was allocated to overheads including staff
- With membership fees halved the Chapter was close to breaking even

No questions from the floor.

Gerard Wood called for members to accept the audited financial statements.

Kim Parascos moved to accept the audited financial statements, Adam Thompson seconded.

BOARD NOMINATIONS

Gerard Wood announces 22/23 board nominations:

- Shannon Semenikow – President
- Mic Emanuele – President Elect
- Sam Hurst – Marketing & Communications
- Shivani Gupta – Learning
- Olivia Morland – Learning Co-chair & MyEO
- Clare Sheng – Membership
- Ben Love – Engagement & Mentorship
- Scott Fell – Accelerator
- Jason Lawrence – Finance
- Mic Emanuele – Strategic Alliance
- Tim Tocco – Forum

There are no board roles going to a vote. The 22/23 Board is ratified.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

Proposed Special Resolution – To change the name of the association from “Entrepreneurs’ Organization Brisbane Inc” to “Entrepreneurs’ Organization Queensland Inc”

- 41% members reside outside of Brisbane Core Metro Area
- The change of name will make the membership feel more inclusive and make it more appealing to those who live outside of Brisbane
- Not changing it may miss opportunities - Shannon Semenikow referenced EO New Zealand
- Name change will not impact fees



Questions:

- Linus Chang requested clarification of 'long commute' - this was met with an explanation of members outside Brisbane area such as Gold Coast & Sunshine Coast travelling to Brisbane for events and forum meetings
- Olivia Morland raised question of cost to change the collateral for the name change – this was met with an explanation that besides a nominal administration fee, the exact costs were unknown
- There was general conversation around being inclusive of potential members
- The name change is about catching up with the current regional activity
- Alan Kepper suggested buying domain names such as EO North Qld, EO Toowoomba etc
- Nick Bloor commented that it is “progressive change” - he suggested seeking member consultation as to how to the Chapter grows regionally
- Christine Green suggested that it ties in well with the 3-year plan
- Jason Lawrence clarified that the name change needs to be voted on at the AGM but all the changes are not happening right away
- Linus Chang shares that once a chapter gets over 170-200 members - there can be internal tension to start new chapters.

Gerard calls for two scrutineers to count the votes.

Adam Thompson & Shannon Semenikow volunteer

75% of members (24) need to vote in favour of the special resolution to pass

30 members vote in favour of the name change and 2 Members against.

Proposed Special Resolution – To change the name of the association from “Entrepreneurs' Organization Brisbane Inc” to “Entrepreneurs' Organization Queensland Inc” has been accepted.

GENERAL BUSINESS

None brought forward

CLOSE TIME

5:28pm

Signed:

Date: 26/11/2021

21/22 President, EO Brisbane

