



# International Society for Autonomic Neuroscience

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## ISAN AGM minutes 2015

*Apologies:* Vaughan Macefield, Elspeth McLachlan

*Chairing:* Ann Goodchild

**1. Confirmation of Quorum and Apologies:** Quorate (36 members present)

**2. Approval of minutes** of AGM for ISAN for 2014 (Melbourne meeting; approved) and receive comments on ISAN 2013 AGM.

**3. Matters arising** the Minutes. Nil.

**4. ISAN Travel Awards:** made to Erika Nishi, Ruihao Wangs, Andras Garami, Musharaf Bashir, Nadia Maruyama, Andrew Owens, Caroline Shimoura, Rob Lamberts, Takuto Hamaoka and Ekawat Vichayanrat

**5. Committee reports** upon the transactions of the Association since the last general meeting

a. **President's report** (read from email of 24/9/2015):

- Note of thanks to committee, particularly Ann as Chair of IPC and treasurer of ISAN
- Thanks to joint meeting partners: AAS, EFAS and JSNR. Noted that over 430 registrants
- Noted gender balance for plenaries and hoped that this would always be the case
- Noted higher-visibility new website ([autonomicneuroscience.info](http://autonomicneuroscience.info)) and online payment of membership dues
- New logo (thanks to Pascal Carrive for help with this)
- Expressed the need for clarity regarding the distinct roles of the LOC, IPC and ISAN executive.
- Proposal for ISAN to become an umbrella organisation for all autonomic societies

b. **Treasurer (AG):** Accounts presented (reported separately)

c. **International secretary (KB):** The following activities over the last 2 years were noted:

- Formalizing of the relationship with Elsevier; contracts signed to confirm long-standing informal arrangements
- New website established; requested new images from members for the rolling display on the front page
- New payment method (Paypal and credit card) now available
- First implementation of online elections for a contested post

Aims for the coming 2 years:

- Improve the method of electronic communication amongst the executive
- Improve communication with members between meetings (potentially through the website)

## **6. Election of the executive committee:**

**a. Results of the presidential election:** Online voting through “electionbuddy”: Kevin Shoemaker elected president for 2015-17. 45 members voted during the election.

### ***b. Results on the elections for posts with only one nominee***

*Past-President:* Vaughan Macefield (no nomination required)

*Vice-President:* Bruno Bonaz

*Treasurer:* Ann Goodchild

*Secretary:* James Brock

*International Secretary:* Keith Brain

### *Regional representatives:*

Africa: Miran Rakha

Asia: Satoshi Iwase

Australasia: Pascal Carrive

Europe: Christina Nassenstein

North America: Kalyanam Shivkumar

South America: Ana C. Takakura

### *Representatives at large (including members nominated at the meeting)*

Ruy Campos

Harumi Hotta

Nicola Montano

Julian Paton

Mark Stewart

**7. ISAN 2017 (SI):** Professor Yoshiyuki Kuroiwa and Dr Satoshi Iwase looked forward to welcoming delegates to ISAN 2017 in Nagoya

**8. ISAN 2019 (KB):** A call for bids for ISAN 2019 would be made following this meeting, with a submission deadline in December or January. This would appear on the website and by an email to members.

## **9. Other business:**

- Julian Paton expressed his support for the continuation of joint meetings
- Bill Talman: asked about where the financial risk falls for joint meetings. Ann (Treasurer) responded that it was currently all the responsibility of ISAN
- Kevin Shoemaker expressed his thanks to members of the society for their support.

**Next AGM:** In 2017 at the congress in Nagoya.