



Annual General Meeting of the Science Teachers' Association of Victoria

**to be held on Thursday 23 November 2006 at 12.30 pm
Nancy Millis Room, La Trobe University, Bundoora**

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Agenda

Attendance

Apologies & proxy votes

1. Minutes of 2005 AGM

Motion 1:
That the minutes of the 2005 AGM be accepted.

2. Annual Report (distributed in October CONTACT)

Motion 2:
That the Annual Report Year ended 30 June 2006 be accepted.

3. Change of Auditor

That Kimberly Smith be thanked for his service to STAV.

Motion 3:
That the resignation of Kimberly Charles Smith as auditor of the Association be accepted and that the appointment of Stanley Neild as his replacement be and is hereby confirmed.

President's note: this change is necessary following the retirement from public practice of our existing auditor. ASIC have given their consent to this change.

4. Individual Member fees

Proposed fees for 2006/2007 Individual members to remain the same.

Category	2006/07 Fee (\$)	2005/06 Fee (\$)
Primary Individual	115	115
Secondary Individual	130	130
Both Individual	165	165
Lab Technician Individual	91	91
Primary Concession or Student	70	70
Secondary Concession or Student	80	80
Both Concession or Student	103	103

Motion 4: That the fees for 2006/2007 remain unchanged from the previous year.

5. STAV Council

Motion 5:
That the council membership be a maximum of 7 including office bearers with a Quorum of 5 including 1 officer bearer.

6. Change of Jurisdiction

Motion 6:
That the company migrate from the incorporated status of a company limited by guarantee to an incorporated association in accordance with the migration requirements of the Australian Securities & Investments Commission and the Victoria Registrar of Incorporated Associations.

President's note: this change is desirable because the Association is not of the size or complexity that justifies the costs incurred by a company limited by guarantee. Most other teacher associations are incorporated associations.

7. Adoption of Constitution

Motion 7:
That, once the migration process has been completed, the constitution tabled at this annual meeting be adopted as the constitution of the incorporated association.

President's note: a less complex constitution is one of the benefits of migrating to an association under the Victorian Associations Incorporation Act. The proposed constitution has been submitted to the Registrar for endorsement and was based on that used by another teacher association.

8. Science Victoria

Motion 8:
That the establishment of Science Victoria as an entity wholly devoted to the promotion of science be affirmed and that the Association's website publish details of its activities on a regular basis.

President's note: Science Victoria commenced its activities on 1 July 2005 and currently carries on most of the non-member activities formerly conducted under the auspices of the Association. All appointments to the board of Science Victoria are nominees of the Association.

Any Other Business

President's Annual Report July 2005 - June 2006

Annual General Meeting
November 23, 2006

From the President

STAV is the professional association of Victorian science educators. Members include those teaching science in Primary schools, specialist science teachers in Secondary schools, science educators and researchers in the tertiary sectors and individuals with an interest in science education. Teacher membership spans state, catholic and independent school systems.

STAV is a not for profit member association governed by a Council elected by the STAV membership and supported by paid staff. The goals of the Association are to:

- Establish and maintain both financial and intellectual independence
- Represent the collective voice of science educators in Victoria
- Influence policy formulation in relation in matters relating to Science Education
- Support and maintain special interest groups within STAV
- Provide a range of resources and services to support science educators
- Provide for and encourage student participation in a range of challenging science activities
- Promote the importance of science education to the community
- Recognise significant contributions by STAV members to Science Education.

As well as providing services of direct benefit to members STAV has always had a wider interest in promoting science education and public understanding of science in Victoria. The extent of activities not directly related to members has increased in the past decade and during the 2005-2006 financial year a wholly owned entity, Science Victoria, was established to conduct all those activities conducted by STAV but not directly related to members, as well as to expand the activities that will broadly promote science education. The main current operations of Science Victoria are the conduct of a professional development program, production of educational publications and the organisation of student activities. This report will deal with aspects of Science Victoria activities as well as with those of STAV itself.

STAV is a member of the Australian Science Teacher's Association (ASTA) and, as well as being represented on that body's governing Council, conducts ASTA activities within this state on behalf of the national organisation. Foremost among these in the past year was CONASTA, the annual national science educator's conference run by ASTA and hosted in turn by each of the state science

teacher associations. CONASTA 54, held early July 2005, was acclaimed for its excellent program. Our thanks for this go to the conference convenors Anne Semple and Graeme Lofts and to the organising committee which they led.

The large conference program run through STAV was again run successfully with the two day P-12 conference (STAVCON) and five VCE science conferences (Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science, Physics and Psychology) in particular attracting both large attendance and favourable feedback. Attendances at the Primary Science conference and at the Beginning Teachers conference were smaller than in recent years. Critical evaluation of the program and planning for these was subsequently undertaken with the intent of reinvigorating these important events for 2006 and beyond.

During 2005 - 2006 STAV Councillor Ranjith Dediwalage arranged support for science teaching in tsunami affected districts of Sri Lanka. With private & commercial funding for travel and accommodation two Sri Lankan science teachers were able to attend each of CONASTA 54 and STAVCON, with conference attendance sponsored by each conference. It is anticipated that such international connections will be developed in the future.

Ranjith Dediwalage also led the STAV Council group which prepared a submission to the Victorian Parliamentary enquiry into the Promotion of Maths and Science Teaching; and was subsequently invited to meet with the committee conducting the enquiry to discuss the STAV submission.

Two student activities, Science Talent Search (STS) and Science Drama, continued to attract wide interest and were ably conducted by volunteer committees with support from STAV staff. Negotiations were concluded in 2005 that will enable some entrants in STS to proceed to the national BHP-Billiton student science competition, and from there to an international event.

Labtech (Laboratory Technicians) continues to a significant part of STAV with a very active committee and substantial program of support for all Victorian school laboratory technicians, including an annual conference - the only such event in the nation.

The substantial publishing activity run through STAV was expanded in 2005 - 2006, with collaborative projects undertaken with other organisations and with arrangements made for local publication of material produced in the UK. These activities supplement the long established trial examinations, titles produced by STAV Publishing, and distribution of science education materials acquired from DE&T.

This large range of activities could not be conducted without the efforts of STAV Councillors and other volunteers as well as the dedicated work of the STAV staff. My thanks to all.

Bob Aikenhead
STAV President



Science Teachers' Association of Victoria Appointment of Proxy Form

I, _____ of _____
(name) (address)

being a member of **Science Teachers' Association of Victoria**

appoint _____ of _____
(name of proxy holder) (address of proxy holder)

being a member of the Association, as my proxy to vote for me on my behalf at the 2006 Annual General Meeting of the Association to be held on 23rd November 2006

and at any adjournment of that meeting.

My proxy is authorised to vote in favour of/against* the following resolutions:

1. That the minutes of the 2005 AGM as tabled be accepted.
in favour/against
2. That the Annual Report year ended 30 June 2006 be accepted.
in favour/against
3. That the resignation of Kimberly Charles Smith as auditor of the Association be accepted and that the appointment of Stanley Neild as his replacement be and is hereby confirmed.
in favour/against
4. That Individual Members' fees for 2006/2007 remain unchanged from the previous year.
in favour/against
5. That the council membership be a maximum of 7 including office bearers with a Quorum of 5 including 1 officer bearer.
in favour/against
6. That the company migrate from the incorporated status of a company limited by guarantee to become an incorporated association in accordance with the migration requirements of the Australian Securities & Investments Commission and the Victorian Registrar of Incorporated Associations.
in favour/against
7. That, once the migration process has been completed, the constitution tabled at this annual meeting be adopted as the constitution of the incorporated association.
in favour/against
8. That the establishment by STAV of Science Victoria as an entity wholly devoted to the promotion of science be affirmed and that the Association's website publish details of its activities on a regular basis.
in favour/against

Signed: _____

(Signature of Association member)

Dated: _____

*Delete if not applicable



Science Teachers' Association of Victoria 2006 Concise Financial Report

Director's Report

The names of the council members (directors) in office at the date of this report are:

Robert (Bob) Aikenhead	President
Roger Morgan	Treasurer
Alexandra Abela	
Ranjith Sunil Dediwalage	
Meri Kapitanowski	(ceased 14/12/05)
Leonie Lang	
Stewart Colin Monckton	(ceased 10/01/06)
Dr Wan Ng	
Peter Morgan	

The principal activity of the Science Teachers Association of Victoria is to promote the interests of science teachers and the teaching of science in the State of Victoria.

During the year there was no significant changes in the nature of the Association's activities except for the formation of a related not for profit entity Science Victoria which undertakes activities focussed solely on the promotion of science in Victoria.

The Association closed the financial year with a deficit of \$8,622, which compares with an unusually large surplus in 2005 of \$117,503. As a company limited by guarantee, the Association is prohibited from paying a dividend and none was paid.

No councillors received or becomes entitled to receive during or since the end of the financial year a benefit because of a contract made by the Association or with a firm of which a councillor is a member, or an entity in which a councillor has a substantial financial interest.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Council.

Bob Aikenhead, President

29 September 2006



Income Statement for the year ended 30 June 2006

	2006	2005
Income		
Membership income	171,933	181,667
Journal advertising	13,748	14,424
Interest received	4,440	4,834
Other income – member activities	110,973	103,391
Other income – promoting science	-	734,162
Contribution from Science Victoria	270,000	-
Revenue from ordinary activities	571,094	1,038,478
Expenditure		
Membership subscription costs	1,825	1,917
Office expenses	71,184	99,576
Remuneration costs	338,854	354,892
IT operation expenses	6,737	9,368
Journals & technical	82,245	63,637
Depreciation	33,535	37,410
ASTA affiliation	27,276	33,012
CONASTA Costs	4,081	15,829
Telephone	13,371	13,231
Other expenses – promoting science	608	292,103
Operating expenses	579,716	920,975
Operating result	(8,622)	117,503

Science Teachers' Association of Victoria

Balance Sheet at 30 June 2006

	2006	2005
Current Assets		
Cash Assets	166,066	256,704
Receivables	108,077	127,179
Loan to Science Victoria	20,000	-
Investments in Subsidiary	-	5
Prepayments	5,476	1,981
Total Current Assets	133,553	129,165
Non Current Assets		
Property, Plant & Equipment	657,993	680,823
Total Non Current Assets	657,993	680,823
Total Assets	791,546	809,988
Current Liabilities		
Payables	25,781	54,231
Prepaid Income	3,000	-
Provisions	89,161	46,146
GST payable to ATO	8,384	11,677
Total Current Liabilities	126,326	112,054
Non Current Liabilities		
Provisions	-	11,938
Total Non Current Liabilities	-	11,938
Total Liabilities	126,326	123,992
Net Assets	665,220	685,996
Statement of Changes in Equity		
Accumulated funds at beginning	942,701	825,198
Surplus (deficit) for Year	(8,622)	117,503
Transfers to Science Victoria	(102,793)	-
Accumulated funds at end of year	831,286	942,701



Basis of Preparation of The Concise Financial Report

The concise financial report has been prepared in accordance with Accounting Standard AAS8 1039: Concise Financial Reports and the Corporations Act 2001. The financial report complies with Australian Accounting Standards as required by AASB 101 Presentation of Financial Statements. The transition from previous GAAP to Australian equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards has not affected the equity or profit (loss) as reported.

The financial statements, specific disclosures and other information included in the concise financial report are derived from and are consistent with the full financial report of Science Teachers Association of Victoria (the Association). The concise financial report cannot be expected to provide as detailed an understanding of the financial performance, financial position and financing and investing activities of the Association as the full financial report.

The accounting policies have been consistently applied by the Association and are consistent with those of the previous financial year, except where most of the non-member activities previously undertaken by the association now operate under the auspices of a new entity, Science Victoria.

This report is available on the Association's web site at: www.stav.vic.edu.au/home/association. Members wishing to obtain a copy of the full Financial Statements can email: accounts@stav.vic.edu.au

Directors' Declaration

The council members of the Association declare that the concise financial report for the financial year ended 30 June 2006:

- (a) complies with Accounting Standard AASB 1039: Concise Financial Reports; and
- (b) has been derived from and is consistent with the full financial report of Science Teachers Association of Victoria.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.

Bob Aikenhead, President

Independent Audit Report

Scope

We have audited the concise financial report of Science Teachers Association of Victoria for the financial year ended 30 June 2006 in order to express an opinion on it to the members of the Association. The company's directors are responsible for the concise financial report.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the concise financial report is free of material misstatement. We have also performed an independent audit of the full financial report of the Association for the year ended 30 June 2006. Our audit report on the full financial report was signed on 29 September 2006 and was not subject to any qualification.

Our procedures in respect of the audit of the concise financial report included testing that the information in the concise financial report is consistent with the full financial report, and examination on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts, discussion and analysis, and other disclosures which were not directly derived from the full financial report. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the concise financial report is presented fairly in accordance with Accounting Standards AASB 1039: Concise Financial Reports.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

Independence: In accordance with ASIC Class Order 05183, we declare to the best of our knowledge and belief that the auditor's independence declaration of the financial report has not changed as at the date of providing our audit opinion, under Section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001 to the directors of the Association.

Audit Opinion: In our opinion the concise financial report of Science Teachers Association of Victoria complies with Accounting Standards AASB 1039: *Concise Financial Reports*.

NEILD PARTNERS
Chartered Accountants
Stan Neild, Melbourne

29 September 2006