



## AUSTRALIAN SECTION OF THE VISUAL EFFECTS SOCIETY BOARD MINUTES

**Date:** Wednesday January 24, @ 6:30pm AEST via conference call

**ATTENDING:** Jason Bath, David Bemis, Dan Bethell, Felix Crashaw, Ian Cope, Alexis Jacobsen, Jeannette Manifold, Alex Meddick, Justin Porter, Alastair Stephen, Noah Vice.

**APOLOGIES:** Julian Dimsey

**Meeting Chair:** Jason Bath

### Introductions

- Each board member provided a brief bio of their background and reasons for joining the board by way of introduction to each other

### 2018 Office Holder elections

- Jason outlined the various day to day tasks involved in being the Section Chair and Section Treasurer and answered various questions from the board members regarding the roles;
- General consensus was that a co-chair arrangement would work well with Jason stepping down this year – and that was how he first came into the chair role (alongside James Whitlam).
- Elected officeholders for 2018 are: Alastair Stephen and Ian Cope (Co-Chairs); Justin Porter (Treasurer)
  - Jason to distribute bank details and statements to Justin, Alastair and Ian during the week. Justin to update online banking password after that and share with co-chairs and HQ.

### Planning Meeting

- Jason discussed the aims for next week's general planning meeting where we look to block out key events, meetings and ongoing tasks for the year and assign responsibilities for these across the board members.
  - Jason to distribute draft template prior to meeting, noting that this is a base template that is meant to be flexible and added to.
  - Felix and Noah discussed looking to stage some 'bigger' events this year, maybe involving a key speaker travelling to Syd, Melb and Ade
  - All agreed it would be good to encourage wider member participation in general

### **General Business**

- Tropfest.
  - The Aus Section has again been asked to judge the VFX craft award and supply a prize at this year's short film festival.
  - Board members Jeanette Manifold, Noah Vice and Jason Bath volunteered as judges
  - Jason advised that HQ have kindly offered to supply the winner with a yearly subscription to VES Voice, however the board felt it would be good to top this up.
  - Without knowing the particular skill-set of the winner though it was agreed that it was not fitting to offer a mentorship prize, nor source a hardware/software prize from a sponsor.
  - Current thinking is to offer the winner an invitation to all local Aus VES screenings and events for the year – TBC.

### **Other Business**

- Next Meeting Wed Jan 31 @ 6.30pm AEST. Ian to chair.