

2019 AGM: Nominees for General Member - ACSA Management Committee



Dr Cobi Calyx

Commitment to and experience in citizen science

I have worked for the United Nations in Geneva researching and developing citizen science for disaster responses, have been involved internationally in OpenStreetMap and am currently one of the most active iNaturalist contributors in South Australia. I'm a Postdoctoral Fellow with the Centre for Social Impact at UNSW Sydney (remotely from Adelaide), where I'm developing curriculum about leading science for impact.

Business Skills *Experience in strategic planning; establishing or working with/in a not-for-profit (NFP) organisation; experience in managing budgets/finances; managing organisational risk; understanding the legal framework within which NFPs operate; leading change within an organisation*

I have experience with strategic communications planning through roles in government, universities and consulting firms. I'm a Board member of my local community centre, involved in managing organizational risk and finances, as well as navigating not-for-profit legal frameworks. I was the first person in South Australia employed through the Inspiring Australia initiative, which involved directly managing dozens of events as well as advising on project design, including budgets & evaluation, for Inspiring Australia grants.

Stakeholder Engagement *Ability to work and communicate with multiple and diverse stakeholders to achieve positive outcomes, including government (local, state and federal), scientific community, community groups, educators and the private sector*

I have a PhD in science communication and deliberative democracy from Australian National University, with a focus on inclusion and stakeholder engagement. I'm currently part of teams at UNSW and Flinders University, where I share an office. I've worked in the community engagement team for the South Australian Department of Environment and Water. I've international experience in capacity building roles on Australian Aid projects in Asia and the Pacific.

Fundraising *Experience in raising funds (including for NFPs); knowledge of funding initiatives (including government, philanthropic, corporate)*

I have experience leading and supporting successful crowdfunding campaigns, have received federal grants for science communication projects and advised on early rounds of Inspiring Australia grants for not-for-profit groups and collaborations.