

2019 AGM: Nominees for General Member - ACSA Management Committee



Jennifer Loder

Commitment to and experience in citizen science

Citizen science is a significant platform for connecting science and community, enabling greater understanding and positive impact. I have worked on marine citizen science for the past 10 years. I currently manage a portfolio of citizen science grants within my Community Partnerships role at the GBR Foundation. Previously, I held various leadership roles with Reef Check Australia, managing a globally standardized citizen science reef monitoring and engagement program. Since 2015, I have Coordinated the Reef Citizen Science Alliance, supporting network collaboration to amplify 13 best-practice citizen science programs that contribute to the health and resilience of Queensland's reefs. For the past 2 years I have been a General Member on the ACSA Management Committee, contributing to initiatives such as: adapting the 10 Principles of Citizen Science, the QLD Citizen Science Strategy review, the ACSA Member Survey, and the review of progress on the 2016-2019 ACSA Strategic Plan.

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 worked within multiple NFP organisations of various sizes over the past 15 years and run my own consulting trade, gaining extensive small business management experience. Through these roles I have worked with teams to develop strategic plans including setting risk appetite, managed business finances and fundraising targets, written and implemented business and volunteer policy frameworks, and undertaken various levels of operational reporting. I have been involved in organisational change management processes including developing new strategic plans, managing staff recruitment and coordinating negotiations to secure host organization for the Alliance.

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 experience in working with diverse networks of partners including volunteers, scientists, various levels of government, corporate partners, tourism operations, Traditional Owners, schools, community groups and natural resource managers. My citizen science roles have focused on

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strengthening network cohesion between partners – identifying and delivering on the key needs of participants, funders, end data users, organisations and their broader communities. My experience has brought important perspective around the challenges and opportunities of genuine partnership development and further strengthened my commitment to the importance of this mission. For example, in 2016, I co-managed a process to successfully nominate the Moreton Bay Marine Park as Mission Blue Hope Spot, with special recognition for the citizen science partnerships and efforts in the region. See <https://mission-blue.org/2016/12/citizen-science-supports-protection-in-the-moreton-bay-hope-spot/>

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

In my role with Reef Check Australia, I was responsible for securing investment and managing finances, including more than \$1.5million of grants, sponsorships and donations. This background provides a strong basis on which to understand the needs of both funders and recipients to facilitate effective investment in citizen science initiatives. My ongoing work in this sector has led me to understand that strategic investment in programs is critical to supporting best practice programs that help to achieve objectives. I regularly monitor community grants funding opportunities to share and now manage a portfolio of grants projects, further building my knowledge around best practice grants management, evaluation and reporting. Finding and maintaining a diverse portfolio of investment to support member and partner goals will be an important part of the next development phase of ACSA.