



Australian Citizen Science Association

2019 AGM: Nominees for ACSA Management Committee

This document provides information about each of the candidates who have nominated for a **General Member** position on the ACSA Management Committee for the 2020-2021 term.

The candidates were asked to present their commitment to and experience in citizen science together with any additional skills and relevant experience, as required by the ACSA Constitution.

Please review the profiles of each of the candidates.

There are two General Member positions available. There are a total of six nominations for these positions. Please use the information provided in the nominee profiles to help you decide which two candidates to vote for.

Voting closes at midday (AEDT) on Monday 11th November. The successful candidates will be announced at the AGM from 1:00pm on Monday 11th November.

Voting link: <https://citizenscience.org.au/2019-acsa-agm-management-committee-voting-form/>

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Jordan Gacutan

Commitment to and experience in citizen science

I am currently a PhD student from UNSW (Sydney) working with Tangaroa Blue, mapping marine debris across Australia. I wanted to give back to the countless number of volunteers, making sure the time they've spent collecting and counting rubbish on the beach contributes towards source reduction plans. I'm committed not only to analysing citizen science data but also constantly improving methods towards best practice, so that we can achieve positive, evidence based management outcomes.

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 worked as an administrative assistant for the office of the Provost and DVC at the University of Sydney. I have skills in administration and running committees, although am keen to learn the skills listed above.

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've had extensive experience liaising with both the scientific community, government and community groups. Through my Masters, I had the privilege of working at a consultancy in Spain, that was at the interface between science and policy. We worked towards developing an 'ecosystem services' plan, which involved working with local government, fishermen, social scientists, economists and biological / physical scientists, in coming up with a model to manage the marine environment. One of the results was a publication in a reputable journal <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ecoser.2019.101034>.

Within my current project, I work with local supervisors and community groups, responsible for gathering clean-up data. In using their data to visualise trends in debris around Australia, we hope to form source reduction plans in combating plastic waste. The results from the studies can also be used to encourage and inform local communities.

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

I have a strong understanding of government (research) funding initiatives, mostly with discovery and LIEF grants from the Australian Research Council, although would want to develop greater skills in this area.

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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.

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Jonathan Inglis

Commitment to and experience in citizen science

High commitment; I hold a Bachelor of Science from the University of Melbourne, and have maintained a life-long passion for science, scientific outreach, and advocacy.

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*

All of the above. I have 4+ years of professional business management experience, have studied Strategic Leadership at Stanford University in the US, and am currently completing my MBA at Melbourne Business School.

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*

Significant stakeholder engagement experience in the private sector.

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

Limited experience but sufficient knowledge of funding initiatives.

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Dr Maxine Newlands

Commitment to and experience in citizen science

My work centres on the Great Barrier Reef, marine and wider community. Australian Citizen Science Association (Qld branch) was one of 11 exhibitions/events taking part of the satellite World Science Festival Brisbane event. The day was held at the Museum of Tropical Queensland, in Townsville, Queensland, March 9th, 2019. There were three ASCA talks, spread across the day. The well-attended talks ran for 30 minutes, at 90-minute intervals. The speakers told of their citizen science helping with coral reef gardening and education; data collection on sharks; and Eye on the Reef – A Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority The day saw over a 1000 people visiting the Museum of Tropical Queensland. Families and young children made up the audience, along with a few grandads.

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*

As an academic, I have experience of managing grant and research budgets between \$50,000 and \$150,000. As a project manager, I am constantly risk managing, monitoring and evaluating to adapt and adjust accordingly. As an academic my jobs requires me to design programs, research projects, manage researchers, senior staff and reporting. As an academic, I focus on governance and policy.

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*

Co-ordinating the ASCA Qld Branch satellite event in Townsville (March 2018) required organisational risk planning and mitigation. The event was held in the Museum of Tropical Queensland, with 11 other exhibitors, and our speakers were talking to up to 200 visitors through the event. As a former BBC journalist and media commentator, I have the skill set to communicate to a wide range of people. As a university senior lecture, a key role is to communicate the complex world of Australian politics isn't easy manageable chunks of information. An academic, I often have to communicate my findings via public speaking forums, journals and grey literature.

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Dr Maxine Newlands

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

I have been awarded grants from the Journalism Educators and Researchers Association of Australia; University of Queensland and Australian Institute of Marine Science. Despite being in a regional and rural area, I am able to attend meetings either online, or in person. I often travel to capital cities for government and university related work.

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Rosalinde Brinkman

Commitment to and experience in citizen science

I developed and coordinate 6 citizen science projects on the Gold Coast and am committed to involving the community help the environment in my role as Executive Officer.

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*

Experience in strategic planning, working in a not-for-profit organisation (Gold Coast Catchment Association - Executive Officer), founder of the Gold Coast Environmental Outreach Network, experience in coordinating citizen science projects including managing budgets, organisation tasks and delivery.

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*

One of my main roles as Executive Officer is to work and communicate with our 50+ member groups on a regular basis as well as our funders and partner organisations. We work closely together with local government and sister organisation to approach our environment work holistically.

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

I have extensive experience in grant writing and fundraising for NFPs. I have also completed 2 courses on grant writing and fundraising to further develop my skill set.

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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.