

## 2020 AGM: Nominees for Secretary - ACSA Management Committee



**Alysoun Boyle (NSW)**

### **Commitment to and experience in citizen science**

I am a member of Citizen Science Australia. I have participated in citizen science activities, such as wildlife tracking. I am also interested in the scope of citizen science to assist in dispute resolution research, including indigenous and other approaches to conflict and its management. I am a rural resident and think there is enormous scope for citizen science to contribute to research in most (if not all) fields, and I think it is a valuable tool for building public trust in science through active participation in scientific research. I recently completed my PhD thesis in which I recommended the use of citizen science approaches for further research in the field of dispute resolution and law.

**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*

During the past ten years, I have been a Board member/Director of several NFP organisations and have been instrumental in helping them develop a more active and inclusive base. I have also been responsible for managing key project budgets (including of a national conference). In one of those organisations, I oversaw the review of its governance and structures to safeguard its future. None of the Directorships was a remunerated position. Being a member of the ASCA Management Committee would be a particularly exciting role with scope for overseeing the Association's continued development of innovative approaches to science research.

**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 strong reputation for communicating with and actively engaging diverse stakeholders specifically for achieving positive outcomes. I have taken a leading role in engaging government, scientists, community groups and diverse population groups in specific activities. For example, I am currently overseeing the planning for a national conference whose focus will be on Indigenous approaches to conflict and its management. This continues to require close engagement with a range of Indigenous groups within Australia, in particular around Central Australia. Of some concern is devising methods of presenting the conference using only an online format.

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

This skill is best demonstrated through my involvement in NFPs mentioned above, each of which has relied on access to external funding.

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