

Motions for AARE AGM 2021.

These motions are put forward by the AARE Working Party. Proposer and seconder for the purposes of nomination are Marie Brennan and Lew Zipin. Movers and seconders will come from the rest of the group: Amy McPherson, Bev Rogers, Sophie Rudolph, Rosie Barron, Annette Woods and Gregory Martin, all of whom are paid up members.

1. That the Final Report of the AARE Working Party ***Protecting and Extending Research in Education in Australia*** be accepted.
2. That the new Standing Committee on Research Advocacy include the following purposes and responsibilities in its terms of reference:
 - i. To advise the AARE Executive, its portfolios and wider AARE membership on research advocacy needs of members and needs for preserving and expanding the diverse field of education research in Australian higher education.
 - ii. To facilitate – including through working groups of members – informed dialogue among members to analyse the field of education research, inform policy nationally and institutionally, and develop strategies for membership support and action. AARE members with interest in particular working groups shall have opportunity to join and/or generate them, and, in contributing their labours, to share collaborative participatory-agency in determining the directions of group activities.
 - iii. To develop pro-active strategies that support conditions to build an effective and collaborative robust education research field and appropriate succession planning
 - iv. To give initial advocacy focus to strategies for pro-action nominated in Recommendation 1 of the 2020 Working Party report, as endorsed at the AARE Special General Meeting of May 2021.
 - v. To follow up on the Working Party report and further the momentums initiated by the Working Party, which includes giving continued attention to member-approved motions passed at AGMs in 2017 and 2019 as well as the SGM in 2021.
3. That, in accord with AARE Constitution clause 8.1b (iv) which AGMS direct Executive, attending members at this 2021 AGM direct the Executive to understand that AARE By-law #2:

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR ANNUAL MEETING Pursuant to Section 8.3b of the Constitution, notice of motions by members for consideration at a General Meeting other than those for amendment of the Constitution must be lodged at least 21 days before the date of the General Meeting, unless it is agreed they should be accepted at the meeting (emphasis added),

should be read to mean that motions not lodged at least 21 days prior to an AGM can be put forth at AGMs, for attending members to decide whether they agree to accept them for consideration. Therefore, motions and amendments made at AGMs will be restored for members attending to decide whether to consider them, as part of normal meeting procedure.

That, as further implied in By-law #2, and in the clause in the Incorporated Association rules in South Australia (where AARE is incorporated) which says,

At meetings, members should be able to:

- speak freely
- express concerns
- vote on motions

this AGM's attending members direct the Executive to provide ample time and opportunity at AGMs for open discussion and expression of concerns about motions being considered, whereby attending members can amend motions in situ, prior to and in process of voting. Should it be claimed at the meeting that the AARE's Constitution Section 8.3b precludes AGM consideration of motions not submitted at least 21 days prior, the relevant differences of view will be presented and debated at this 2021 AGM, for attending members to hear and join in.

Further, that unless and until there be conclusive legal advice that Section 8.3b is open to an interpretation that limits the opportunity for members to raise motions for consideration at a General Meeting, then by-law #2 shall prevail. If such advice can be demonstrated, the Executive will commission changes to the Constitution or By laws to be drafted to ensure that motions not lodged at least 21 days prior to an AGM can be put forth at General Meetings, for attending members to decide whether they agree to accept them for consideration. These changes to the Constitution or By laws are to be put to membership vote in 2022, in time to be finalised at the 2022 AGM.