

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts will be held in the Henry Carmichael Theatre, Level 1, 280 Pitt Street, Sydney on Tuesday 10 March 2026, commencing at 12:30pm.

Business of the Meeting

1. Election of three (3) Directors.
2. To receive the Annual Report and Audited Accounts for the year ending 31 December 2025.
3. Confirmation of the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 11 March 2025.
4. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Special General Meeting held on 3 December 2025.
5. Appointment of Auditors for the 2026 financial accounting period.

The nominations received for three (3) board positions are:

Winsome Allen – President



With a successful business career including several ballet schools, retail, manufacturing and advisory services to small business Winsome brings a versatile, real- world perspective to the board. A Life Governor of the Benevolent Society and former Chair of major fundraising committees, she is deeply committed to community outreach and social impact. Winsome is continually updating her skills particularly in the areas of governance and risk management. As a Distinguished Toastmaster Winsome has the expertise to communicate and authentically connect to those in the organisation.

Paul Reid – Treasurer



Paul is the SMSA Treasurer, having previously served on the Board for over a decade - including four years as President, a stint as Acting President, and countless years as Vice President and Chair of various sub-committees. Now retired from full-time work, he was formerly a Training and Educative Services Manager. Paul has also served as Director on the NSW Government Public Sector Industry Advisory Board for over 10 years, is a current Trustee of Unions NSW, and serves as Vice President on the Board of the Bankstown Community College Institute.

Steven Warren – Director



Steven's background in long-term community development and experience in education, training and events management have given him the skills to make positive contributions to the SMSA in the areas of policy development, management and strategic planning. Steven has previously served on a university Board and Academic Senate, held National Secretary and Executive roles for the Australian postgraduate student body, as well as having served on a range of community-based organisations. Steven has a long-standing commitment to equality in all these roles.