

From: [Karen Joyce](#)
To: [Julian Jordan](#)
Cc: [Secretary, AFA](#); president@atheistfoundation.org.au; [Communications, AFA](#); [AFA Membership Officer](#)
Subject: Re: 2024 AFA AGM Minutes
Date: Saturday, 17 August 2024 6:37:21 PM

Hi Julian,

I really am very sorry that in the process of recovery from a very turbulent personal situation (including the necessity to attend two funerals for loved family members that occurred not long after one another), I have failed to respond to your emails. I am in the process of kicking myself back into gear, because I realise that despite difficulties of a recovery process, I really should meet my obligations, including the obligations that I have towards you.

Those minutes will be typed over the next few days and as soon as I have completed that, you will get a copy.

Thanking you,
Karen

From: Julian Jordan <julian_jordan@outlook.com.au>
Sent: Wednesday, August 14, 2024 4:29 PM
To: Karen Joyce <leafkaren@live.com>
Cc: Secretary, AFA <secretary@atheistfoundation.org.au>; president@atheistfoundation.org.au <president@atheistfoundation.org.au>; Communications, AFA <communications@atheistfoundation.org.au>; AFA Membership Officer <membership@atheistfoundation.org.au>
Subject: RE: 2024 AFA AGM Minutes

Hi Karen, et al,

I'm sending this from an alternate email address, as I seldom seem to get a response to emails sent from julian_jordan@mail.com.

I'm even more disappointed, if that's possible, that a week later, I've still not received a response from you or any of the multiple recipients to which I sent the email below.

I'm sure you're aware, and as I stated previously, the AFA's Constitution states that the minutes have to be recorded within a month after the AGM (which would, in this case, be the 22nd of April).

I had a similar struggle with obtaining a copy of the two-page minutes for the AFA's 2023 AGM (see attachment), albeit that that was eventually resolved by June 2023.

Cheers,
Julian

From: Julian Jordan <julian_jordan@mail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 7, 2024 5:06 PM
To: 'Karen Joyce' <leafkaren@live.com>
Cc: 'Secretary, AFA' <secretary@atheistfoundation.org.au>;
'president@atheistfoundation.org.au' <president@atheistfoundation.org.au>; 'Communications, AFA' <communications@atheistfoundation.org.au>; 'AFA Membership Officer' <membership@atheistfoundation.org.au>
Subject: RE: 2024 AFA AGM Minutes

Hi Karen,

I'm incredibly disappointed that I've not yet received a copy of the requested minutes two months after the email below.

Cheers,
Julian

From: Julian Jordan <julian_jordan@mail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 7, 2024 5:17 PM
To: 'Karen Joyce' <leafkaren@live.com>
Subject: RE: 2024 AFA AGM Minutes

Hi Karen,

Thank you for your update.

Cheers,
Julian

From: Karen Joyce <leafkaren@live.com>
Sent: Friday, June 7, 2024 12:34 PM
To: Julian Jordan <julian_jordan@outlook.com.au>
Subject: Re: 2024 AFA AGM Minutes

Hi Julian,

My apologies for the lack of response. That's entirely down to me and my circumstances. Rather a lot has been going on with my family and so I'm at fault in part. It might be a couple more weeks till I get to typing up those minutes that you have requested. When they are done I will send a copy to you.

Kind regards,
Karen

From: Julian Jordan <julian_jordan@outlook.com.au>

Sent: Wednesday, June 5, 2024 5:08 PM

To: leafkaren@live.com <leafkaren@live.com>

Subject: RE: 2024 AFA AGM Minutes

Dear Karen,

I'm sorry for forwarding this email to your personal email address in the hope of a response, as my many previous emails to @atheistfoundation.org.au addresses regarding this request have gone unanswered.

I wouldn't like to think I've been black-listed, but that's how it looks.

Cheers,

Julian

From: Julian Jordan <julian_jordan@outlook.com.au>

Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2024 4:51 PM

To: Secretary, AFA <secretary@atheistfoundation.org.au>

Cc: 'Communications, AFA' <communications@atheistfoundation.org.au>;

'president@atheistfoundation.org.au' <president@atheistfoundation.org.au>;

'treasurer@atheistfoundation.org.au' <treasurer@atheistfoundation.org.au>;

'membership@atheistfoundation.org.au' <membership@atheistfoundation.org.au>

Subject: RE: 2024 AFA AGM Minutes

Dear Secretary, et al,

It's over a fortnight since my last email and over a month since my initial request. Unfathomably, I've yet to receive even a simple acknowledgement of my previous three emails, let alone a copy of the 2024 AGM minutes.

The AFA's Constitution (*Section 9.a.*) requires recording said minutes within a month of the AGM, and, of course, I waited until a month after it before making my request.

I am at a loss to understand how the current AFA Committee of Management believes that it has any semblance of member focus when it cannot respond to a member's request in a timely fashion.

Not to mention that the AFA's communications to members are few and far between, apart from a small flurry before the AGMs. Perhaps that's because the AFA now seldom does anything to promote its aims and objectives worth reporting to members (the most recent *Media Release* on the AFA's website is over six months old!).

Admittedly, I'm not a fee-paying member, but having been honoured with a life

membership for services rendered to the organisation, I believe I deeply understand the time, effort, and commitment required to make the organisation effective.

That's why I'm very disappointed in the President's Reports presented at the last two AGMs (if not for longer), stating that the CoM members have difficulty finding the time, commitment, and dedication to run the organisation.

I also note that at the 2024 AGM, the only reports tabled were:

- President's Report
- Secretary's Report
- Incorporated Association Report (formerly the Financial Statement)

At the 2023 AGM, they were:

- President's report
- Secretary's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Communications Report
- Financial Statement

When I was involved in the AFA, these are the reports that were usually tabled at an AGM (and except for the Financial Statement, also at the monthly committee member meetings):

- President's Report
- Secretary's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Membership Officer's Report
- Magazine Editor's Report
- Website Administrator's Report
- Forum Administrator's Report
- Communications Team Report
- Social Media Group's Report
- Financial Statement

To me, this indicates a continuing downward spiral in the CoM's interest in the organisation's functioning.

If you must repeatedly tell your members you're having trouble finding time to run the organisation effectively, then it's probably time to consider winding up the AFA.

You could pass on your now considerable funds (apparently mainly due to bequests) to some other organisation, such as the Rationalist Society of Australia, which regularly communicates with its members, is effective in its secular lobbying, and doesn't make excuses about how they can't do what their fee-paying members should expect (albeit much of the work done by one person, the remarkable Meredith Doig).

In my opinion, the AFA has been flogging a dead horse since around 2018.

Cheers,
Julian

From: Julian Jordan <julian_jordan@outlook.com.au>
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2024 5:16 PM
To: 'Secretary, AFA' <secretary@atheistfoundation.org.au>
Cc: 'Communications, AFA' <communications@atheistfoundation.org.au>;
'president@atheistfoundation.org.au' <president@atheistfoundation.org.au>
Subject: RE: 2024 AFA AGM Minutes

Dear Secretary, et, al,

I'm resending this from an alternate email address in case my decades-old "@mail.com" address is being treated as SPAM.

Cheers,
Julian

From: Julian Jordan <julian_jordan@mail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 10, 2024 6:51 PM
To: 'Secretary, AFA' <secretary@atheistfoundation.org.au>
Cc: 'Communications, AFA' <communications@atheistfoundation.org.au>;
'president@atheistfoundation.org.au' <president@atheistfoundation.org.au>
Subject: RE: 2024 AFA AGM Minutes

Dear Secretary, et al,

I am very disappointed that I've yet to receive a copy of the 2024 AGM minutes that I requested almost a fortnight ago or even an acknowledgement of the receipt of my request.

Cheers,
Julian

From: Julian Jordan <julian_jordan@mail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 26, 2024 4:22 PM
To: 'Secretary, AFA' <secretary@atheistfoundation.org.au>
Subject: 2024 AFA AGM Minutes

Dear Secretary,

Could you please email me a copy of the minutes of the AFA's 2024 AGM?

Regards,
Julian