

APBSF Ltd Director Nominations

A new not for profit charity, the Australian Plant Biosecurity Science Foundation (APBSF), was established to follow the Plant Biosecurity Cooperative Research Centre (PBCRC) in July 2018. The Foundation will support plant biosecurity research, development, extension and capacity building, particularly focused where there is a need for investment in cross-sectoral, strategic, capacity building, international linkages, non-levy payer research and environmental plant biosecurity.

The Foundation will also invest in commercial IP developed by PBCRC from which it is hoped, in the long term, that a return may be realised. Should a revenue stream be derived from IP, the Foundation will manage and invest those funds in plant biosecurity science.

The Foundation is a Company limited by Guarantee, ACNC registered with the structure in place to apply for Deductible Gift Recipient status in the future. It is governed by a Board of Directors who are elected by the Members of the company. Directors are not paid sitting fees, but approved expenses are covered.

The Foundation now has 20 Members, many from the PBCRC, and including individual Members.

The Foundation is calling for nominations of new Directors for election by the Members at the upcoming first General Meeting.

The Foundation has been established with initial Directors derived from the PBCRC. Current Directors are Dr Martin Barlass, Prof John Lovett, Mr Vince Logan and Dr Michael Robinson. A brief biography of each of the current Director is located on the APBSF website.

Dr Barlass has indicated he will resign as a Director at the end of the General Meeting. Vince Logan was appointed as a Casual and so Retires under the Constitution, but will consider a nomination. Professor Lovett and Dr Robinson will continue their term.

The current Board believes there should be about five Directors, spanning the necessary skills (as per the Constitution) and diversity, including age and gender.

Candidates can be nominated by anybody, including themselves, using the attached Nomination form. Candidates are required to submit a current curriculum vitae, provide a brief statement and a signed consent form. The relevant clause from the Constitution is Clause 20.

Attached is the Director nomination form.

PLEASE lodge any nominations by COB 1 February so they can be included in the General Meeting papers.

Nominations must include the following:

- A completed **Director Nomination Form** (attached);
- A current **curriculum vitae** for the nominee;
- A **statement of interest**; and
- A **signed consent** form (attached).

Yours sincerely



Dr Martin Barlass
Chair

APBSF Ltd

Director Nomination Form

Nominee name: _____

Nominated by: _____

Nominating Signature: _____

Date: _____

Nominee Skills (please tick boxes)

- plant industry production, industry operations and marketing
- plant industry and/or environmental research
- plant biosecurity policy and plant biosecurity management and international trends in plant biosecurity practices
- strategic planning, business and financial management and economics
- corporate leadership and governance
- government policy, processes and structures
- management of research and development
- education and training
- technology adoption
- intellectual property management and commercialisation

Candidates are required to submit a curriculum vitae, provide a brief statement and a signed consent form (attached).

Please lodge nomination to Michael Robinson by cob 1 February 2019 at michael.robinson@apbsf.org.au

CONSENT TO APPOINTMENT AS DIRECTOR

Section 210D

Corporations Act 2001

I hereby consent to my appointment as a Director of **APBSF Ltd (ACN 625193 286)** and set out the following information:

Present given and family name:

Any former given name and family name:

Usual residential address:

Date of birth:

Place of birth:

SIGNED:

Date: