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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

*By Karen Mickle*

Hello members,

Welcome to our 2nd newsletter of the year, as we've just passed our half-way point of the (calendar) year! I hope you are keeping warm in the chilly winter. We are all set to host you at ABC14 in December and are now awaiting all the abstracts to come it (don't miss next week's deadline). The joint meeting with ANZORS offers a great opportunity for your work to be seen by a wider audience and extend your potential collaborative networks. More details and key dates are outlined later in the newsletter.

Also in this newsletter:

- Travel grants for EMCRs and Students to attend ABC14
- Our annual publication of the year award: if you had a paper published in 2023, we'd love to read it!
- Call for new members of the executive committee

With a conference this year it also means that we are looking for our next conference host of ABC15 (to be held in 2026). Please reach out to Tim our president-elect or Patricio, our conference liaison, if you have any questions and would like to submit an Expression of Interest. EOI closes 30th September.

This term has just seen the 3rd iteration of the [BRInC program](#) running in six high-schools throughout the ACT, NSW and QLD. Our 7 teams of girls are due to present their final project on the 24th July. This has once again been a really rewarding program to be a part of, and I'd like to thank the Program Team, lead by Celeste Coltman, and all inspiring women biomechanists who have been mentors this term. I encourage you all to check out the [@brincprogram](#) insta profile for some of this year's content by our creative genius Maddy Kirk. It also includes the trip she did out to Broken Hill to celebrate National Biomechanics Day.

Our winter means there is usually a lot of travel overseas to other various conferences (ISBS, ESB, ASB, and CSB will all happen over the next month). We wish everyone safe travels if you are and/or good luck with the upcoming semester!

Karen



## CONFERENCE UPDATES

### 1 week till abstract submission deadline, 22nd July

Submit your abstracts now for the conjoined Australasian Biomechanics Conference (ABC14) and Australia New Zealand Orthopaedic Research Society (ANZORS). Submit your abstracts before the **deadline 22nd July**. Submit your abstracts [here](#). Stay tuned for more speaker announcement, further details and updates on our [website](#) and social media channels.

### Keynote and invited speakers



A/Prof Anne Silverman  
Colorado School of Mines  
USA



A/Prof Laura Diamond  
Griffith University  
Australia



Dr Bart Bosterlee  
Neuroscience Research  
Australia

### Expression of Interest to host ABC15 (2026)

We are seeking expressions of interest to host the next ABC in 2026. Please reach out to [Tim](#) our president-elect or [Patricio](#), our conference liaison, if you have any questions and would like to submit an Expression of Interest. EOI closes 30th September.



### SOCIAL MEDIA

Don't forget to engage with us via social media  
Facebook - [facebook.com/ANZSB](https://facebook.com/ANZSB)  
Twitter - [@ANZSB](https://twitter.com/ANZSB)



# UPDATES AND AWARDS

## Apply for 2023 publication of the year award

Applications for publication of the year are now open. The award is to recognise the best original research article published in **2023** in the field of biomechanics with an ANZSB member as the first author. [Apply now](#).

### Guidelines:

- The Applicant (i.e. 1st Author) must be a financial member of ANZSB at the time of application.
- The original research paper must have been published (not accepted) in 2023.
- Applicant can only submit one paper
- The paper will be judged upon the following criteria: research quality, significance and innovation, and quality of the journal.

## Apply for student and EMCR travel awards to ABC14

[Apply here](#)

### Guidelines:

- ANZSB members who are currently enrolled in a biomechanics-related research higher degree are eligible for the Student Award.
- Student applicants also require that a research supervisor (primary or associate) is a member of ANZSB.
- ANZSB members who are no more than 10 years post-PhD (including approved extensions due to career disruptions) are eligible for the Early-Mid Career Academic (EMCA) Award.
- Applicants must be the presenting author and attend the conference.
- Applicants must acknowledge support from ANZSB in their presentation.
- Applicants must be willing to write a review of the conference for an ANZSB newsletter.

## ANZSB COMMITTEE

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## SOCIÉTÉ DE BIOMÉCANIQUE

The Société de Biomécanique (SB) is an affiliated society with the ANZSB. A benefit of this memorandum of understanding is access to SB newsletters and announcements as well as reduced registration rates to attend the annual SB Congress.

Earlier this month in the most recent SB newsletter came out, check it out [here](#), SB newsletters can always be found through the members section of our website (<https://www.anzsb.asn.au/sb>). To access these newsletters, members are required to create a log-in and register for website members access.



# NOMINATIONS FOR ANZSB EXECUTIVE

Nominations for the following positions on the ANZSB executive are now invited:

- **President-Elect:** The role of President-Elect provides an opportunity for mid-to-late career members to gain experience on the Executive Committee prior to taking on the President role.
- **Secretary/Treasurer:** The Secretary/Treasurer maintains The Society's membership list, handles official correspondence for The Society, maintains The Society's financial accounts, and provides an annual audited statement of accounts.
- **Communications Officer:** The Communications Officer produces regular newsletters to maintain links between members of The Society, liaises with the Secretary/Treasurer regarding sponsorship of The Society through its newsletter, contributes to the promotion of the Society and management of The Society's electronic platforms (e.g. website, Facebook, X accounts).
- **Student Representative:** The Student Representative represents the interests of student members of The Society and organises a meeting of student members at ANZSB conferences. The student representative must be a student at the time they are appointed to the position.
- **Early Career Researcher (ECR) Representative.** The Early Career Researcher Representative facilitates communication between ECRs and the executive committee, promotes networking between ECRs at conferences, and organises ECR professional development opportunities.

Each committee member is expected to serve for the period between consecutive ANZSB conferences (usually two years, maximum three years). Appointments will take effect from the next ANZSB conference (December 2024). Current members of the executive may re-nominate.

Nominees must be members of ANZSB. The student representative must be a student at the time they are appointed to the position. The ECR Representative must be within 10 years of the conferral of their PhD, although career interruptions will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

If you would like to nominate yourself for one of these positions please send a short biographical paragraph (maximum 250 words) about yourself together with a photo to the Past President, Peter Pivonka ([peter.pivonka@qut.edu.au](mailto:peter.pivonka@qut.edu.au)) with the subject "ANZSB executive nomination". If there is more than one nominee for any of the positions, an election will be held. Nominations are due by August 16, 2024.

The new Executive Committee will be announced at the end of this year. If you have any queries about nomination, feel free to contact [Peter Pivonka](#) or [Karen Mickle](#).



## ANZSB MEMBERSHIP

If you know of someone who you think might be interested in receiving this newsletter but is not a member, then please encourage them to sign up as a ANZSB member! Signing up to membership is easy and can be done by going to: <http://www.anzsb.asn.au/membership>