Election of Board Members - Nominees Proposed





Dr Cynthia Roberts PhD

Cynthia graduated from Adelaide University with Honours in Genetics and completed her PhD in preimplantation genetics from Sydney University. Cynthia has a background in genetic research as well as running a clinical cytogenetics service in NSW particularly focussing on prenatal testing. Cynthia worked with Genea for 25 years both as the Genetics Director and Chief Risk Officer. She has an adult son, Daniel, who has Fragile X syndrome, and 2 daughters. Cynthia has acted as President of the Human Genetics Society of Australasia and has been involved in FXAA for 30 years. Cynthia was appointed to the Board for a second term at the AGM on 20 November 2022. Cynthia currently serves as President.



Prof W Ted Brown MD PhD

Prof Brown is the retired Director of the New York State Institute for Basic Research (IBR) in Developmental Disabilities. Born in Montana, USA, Prof Brown received his PhD from Johns Hopkins and his MD from Harvard. Upon retiring, he moved to Australia. Much of his 35-year research career has focused on the Fragile X syndrome and on autism. Prof Brown was the first to describe a relationship between autism and the Fragile X syndrome. His team was the first to demonstrate the feasibility of prenatal diagnosis for Fragile X, and his clinic was a participant in several Fragile X drug trials. Prof Brown was principal investigator on a CDC sponsored study of the natural history of Fragile X that included 26 clinics in the US. Prof Brown was appointed to the Board for a third term at the AGM on 20 November 2022 and serves as Vice-President.



Dr Lawrence Bott MD

Lawrie graduated in Medicine from the University of Sydney with Honours and, following his junior medical years, trained in General Pathology.

Lawrie is currently Chief Medical Officer of Sonic Healthcare Australian Pathology and is immediate Past-President of the Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia.

Lawrie's special interests in Pathology include instilling Medical Leadership in Pathology Practice, the development of Expert Systems and the development of Quality Systems. Lawrie is married and has 5 children, 3 boys & 2 girls, ranging from 44 to 15 years old. In a past life he played rugby and cricket at 1st grade level.



Andrew Fleming LLB

Andrew and his wife Jay live in Adelaide and have a 6 year old boy, Johannes, who was diagnosed with Fragile X syndrome at 3 years of age. Andrew is a lawyer who currently works as a Senior Manager at the Australian Securities & Investments Commission. Andrew has prior experience working as a regulatory compliance lawyer and civil litigator at UBS Bank and, before that, as an investigator for a Financial Conduct Authority in the UK. Andrew and his family lived in the UK and the US before moving back to Adelaide in 2021. Andrew is currently teaching Johannes to play the drums and the family have recently adopted a pug.

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