



29th January 2026

Vote on Special Resolution to wind up the SAA

Dear Members,

I am getting in touch with you as the President of the SAA, and as a committee member but also as a member just like yourselves.

I want to let you know that a Special General Meeting has been organised for members of the SAA on Friday 27th February 2026 at 7pm for us to vote on dissolving the organisation.

At the 2025 AGM, after considerable discussion, the members attending agreed that the dissolution of the Association was appropriate. The main reason for the winding up of the Association is the matter of the ongoing viability of the Association's committee. This was discussed in detail at the AGM and since that time it has become evident that new members willing and able to lead the organisation over the next six years have not come forward.

Another factor is that the SAA finds itself in a very different world from the one in which it began back in 1992. At that time, the internet barely existed; today, it shapes how people connect, learn, and build community. Across Australia and around the globe, Swedenborgian websites and online groups now provide spaces for people to engage deeply with Swedenborg's thoughts. With the remarkable changes of the past thirty years, many of the benefits once unique to joining our Association are now available in other forms. Against this backdrop, together with the continuing decline in membership and the ongoing difficulty of filling committee positions, point to the Association's role as being fruitful and it's time to step aside for other ways.

See the accompanying Agenda for the exact wording of the special resolution which will be put before the members at this SGM. Financial SAA members may vote by proxy (see accompanying proxy form for details).

A majority will be required of 75% of the votes cast by financial members present at the meeting (or using their proxy) for this SAA Dissolution motion to be passed.

The committee has decided to select the Swedenborg Centre as the proposed recipient of surplus SAA funds because the ongoing existence and activities of the Swedenborg Centre means that comparable outreach work can still continue even if the SAA is no longer active. The Centre has always shared – during the entire existence of the SAA – similar goals, purposes and outreach activities as the SAA. Much collaboration has continually occurred between the Swedenborg Centre and the SAA, so that the ongoing presence of the Swedenborg Centre provides the best opportunity for continuity of a number of the activities which the SAA pursued. A transfer of SAA assets to the Centre will permit continuity of function, aligned activities and services under the full ownership of the Swedenborg Centre without loss of focus. This includes, among other things, continuity of events, production of videos and of the Candela newsletter with its current volunteer editor Ruth Duckworth, plus the continuity of existence of the website swedenborg.com.au (which is already a shared resource between the SAA and the Swedenborg Centre). Finally, the Centre will remain a suitable and familiar contact point for ongoing Swedenborg-related enquiries.

Members who have paid membership fees in advance for future years will be eligible to apply for a refund of the unused part of their fees should the special resolution be passed. Details of the refund application process will be provided if the resolution is approved. The refund application

process will express the hope that members who are eligible for a refund choose the option NOT to apply for a refund and instead allow their prepaid fees to be treated as a donation in support of the work of the Swedenborg Centre.

You are welcome to respond by calling the Swedenborg Centre on +61 2 94162812 or via saa@swedenborg.com.au.

Affectionately, and on behalf of the committee,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julian Duckworth". The signature is fluid and cursive, with "Julian" on the top line and "Duckworth" on the bottom line.

Julian Duckworth (current President of the Swedenborg Association of Australia)