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New ASG chairman and deputy chairman appointed

ASG is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Craig Dunstan as its new Chairman and Mr Allen Blewitt as the new Deputy Chairman.

Mr Dunstan joined the ASG Board as a Participating Consultant in 2009 and was appointed a Director in 2011. He has over 25 years' experience in the financial services industry and was previously General Manager Financial Services and Chief Investment Officer of Australian Unity. He was also the founder and Managing Director of ASX listed investment manager MacarthurCook Limited. Mr Dunstan holds various non-executive director roles and is Managing Director of fund services business Vasco Investment Managers Limited.

Mr Allen Blewitt will take up the position of Deputy Chairman with effect from 1 January 2016, following the retirement of the current Deputy Chairman, Mr Colin Evans, at the end of 2015.

Mr Blewitt has over 25 years' experience in the education sector having served as a secondary school teacher, university lecturer and teacher educator. He also served as global CEO of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants and Deputy CEO and Director of Education and Professional Development with the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia. Mr Blewitt is the current Chairman of the Education Advisory Committee at ASG and Chairman of the ASG National Excellence in Teaching Awards (NEITA) Foundation.

In accepting his appointment, Mr Dunstan said: "I am humbled by the decision of the Board to appoint me as the new Chairman of ASG and I look forward to building on the work of my predecessor, Mr Terry O'Connell and continuing to contribute to the organisation's growth and development over the coming years.

On behalf of the ASG Board, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr O'Connell for the contributions he has made to ASG over many years in a range of roles such as CEO, Managing Director, Director and Chairman. He has been responsible for many well received initiatives such as the ASG NEITA Awards of which he was Chairman for many years. Mr O'Connell has also contributed significantly to our industry association to further the interests of ASG and the friendly society industry.

I would also like to thank our outgoing Deputy Chairman Mr Evans for his dedicated service to ASG. Mr Evans has been associated with ASG for over 30 years and has been an active member since the early 1980s when he enrolled his children in ASG.

Mr O'Connell has been associated with ASG since 1983 and joined the Board as a Director in 1988. Mr Evans joined the ASG Board in 1984 and was elected Deputy Chairman in 2009.

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Editors' notes:

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