

**Minutes of the Eighth Annual General Meeting
of the Australian Labour Law Association Inc**
**Held at 12.10pm (EDST) on Saturday 15 November 2008, at
Rydges Hotel Melbourne, 186 Exhibition Street, Melbourne 3000**

Professor Ron McCallum, President of the Association, chaired the meeting. The following members were in attendance:

Igor Nossar
Amanda Coulthard
Cameron Roles
Joellen Riley
Paul O'Grady
Nick Ellery
Ron Bargary
Ron McCallum
Mark Rinaldi
Alanna Duffy
Michael Rawling
Bill Ford
Shelley Marshall
Brendan Johnson
Bruce Moore
Shae McCrystal
Victoria Lambropoulos
Karen Wheelwright
Peter Gray
Andrew Stewart
Charles Cody
Paula Darvas
Katrina Sweatman
Marilyn Pittard
Steve Heathcote
Jessica Pilkington
Richard Mitchell
Fiona Knowles
John Howe

Professor McCallum began the meeting by welcoming those in attendance.

Apologies

Apologies were received from Michael Tamvakologos, Ken McAlpine and Peter Punch.

Ordinary business

1 Confirmation of Minutes of 2007 Annual General Meeting

Due to an administrative error, the Minutes of the 7th Annual General Meeting held on 20 November 2007 were not available for circulation. The Minutes will be circulated at the next General Meeting of the Association.

2 Secretary Report on the Association's Activities

The Secretary of the Association, Dr John Howe, had prepared a written report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes, which was circulated to members at the meeting. John thanked the other members of the National Committee for their support and assistance, and highlighted ALLA's success in holding a number of State Chapter events over the previous year. He noted

that ALLA was in a strong position, with financial accounts prepared, and a healthy list of members. He thanked Professor Richard Mitchell and other ALLA members who were involved in the organisation of the ALLA National Conference. The Secretary also thanked the sub-committee which was responsible for organising the 2009 World Congress of Labour and Social Security Law, to be hosted by ALLA in Sydney.

Resolution: That the Secretary's report be accepted.

Moved: Richard Mitchell

Seconded: Joellen Riley

Carried

3 Receipt and consideration of financial statements

John Howe, on behalf of the Association's Treasurer, Michael Tamvakologos, tabled the accounts for the financial years 2007-2008, as required by s30A of the *Associations Incorporation Act 1981* (Vic). The Treasurer tabled the written report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes, and discussed the main features of these accounts.

Resolution: That the Association's accounts for 2007-2008 as tabled by the Secretary be accepted as providing a true and fair view of the Association's financial position during, and at the end, of its last financial year, 30 June 2008.

Moved: Joellen Riley

Seconded: Marilyn Pittard

Carried

4 Election of Officers and Ordinary Members of the National Committee of Management

The Secretary reported that pursuant to the Association's Rules, nominations have been called for the positions of Officers and Ordinary Members of the National Committee of Management.

The following nominations for Officer positions had been received as at the date of close of nominations, Monday, 7 November 2008.

President	Ron McCallum, NSW
Vice-President	Richard Mitchell, Vic
Treasurer	Michael Tamvakologos, Vic
Secretary	John Howe, Vic

As the number for nominations for the above positions was equal to the number of vacancies, no ballot was necessary and the above candidates were deemed to be elected to these positions.

In relation to the Ordinary Member positions on the Committee, 11 nominations had been received and accordingly, no ballot was necessary and the following candidates were deemed to be elected to these positions:

Ordinary Members	Ron Baragry, NSW
	Amanda Coulthard, Qld
	Nick Ellery, WA
	Pat Leary, Tas
	Shae McCrystal, NSW
	Shelley Marshall, Vic
	Peter Punch, NSW
	Marilyn Pittard, Vic

Michael Rawling, ACT
Joellen Riley, NSW
Andrew Stewart, SA

5 Special business

The Secretary explained that an amendment to ALLA's rules concerning the manner in which notices are sent to members was being sought. The current provision stated that notice of a general meeting may be given by post, electronic transmission or fax. However, notice may only be emailed or faxed 'if the member requests.' This meant that hard copy notice must be posted to all members, unless email or fax is expressly requested. The current provision was drafted when ALLA had a relatively small membership, and several ALLA members did not have access to email. Given that email is now the primary means of communication with ALLA members, the Secretary proposed that the rules be amended to reflect current practice, whilst retaining the option of hard copy or facsimile notice, should a member specifically request this.

The following special resolution was put to the meeting:

Resolution: That the rules of the Association be amended as follows:

(i) *By deleting rule 15(2) and substituting:*

(2) Notice may be sent:

(a) by electronic transmission; or

(b) if the member requests, by facsimile transmission or prepaid post to the address appearing in the register of members.

Moved: Ron McCallum

Seconded: Shae McCrystal

Carried unanimously

6 Other business

There was no other business.