

Minutes of the Thirteenth Annual General Meeting of the Australian Labour Law Association

The Annual General Meeting of the Australian Labour Law Association Inc was held at **3:15pm (AEDT) on Saturday 15 November 2014**. The AGM was held at the Novotel Sydney Manly Pacific.

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

Allison Ballard, Angelo Capuano, Graeme Colgan, Cassandra Devine, Nicholas Ellery, Beth Gaze, Emma Goodwin, Peter R A Gray, Tess Hardy, Steve Heathcote, John Howe, Alena Mancini, Shae McCrystal, Bruce Moore, Marilyn Pittard, Peter Punch, Rosalind Read, Joellen Riley, Mark Rinaldi, Cameron Roles, Graham Smith, Janine Smith, Zachary Smith, Andrew Stewart, Maria Azzurra Tranfaglia.

Apologies were received from:

Joseph Catanzariti, Anna Chapman, Giuseppe, Carabetta, Janey Kuzma, Victoria Lambropoulos, Ron McCallum, Erin McCarthy, Richard Naughton, Belinda Smith,

Ordinary Business

1. Confirmation of the minutes of the 2013 Annual General Meeting held on 11 November 2013.

The minutes of the 13th Annual General Meeting held on 11 November 2013 were presented by Andrew Stewart. The minutes were circulated to members via email prior to the meeting.

Resolution: That the 2013 AGM minutes be accepted

Moved: Graham Smith

Seconded: Cameron Roles

Carried

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2. Secretary's Report on the Association's Activities

The Secretary and Public Officer of the Association, Professor Shae McCrystal, had prepared a written report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes and which was circulated to members by email prior to the meeting. The Secretary summarised the highlights of the report.

The Secretary noted that ALLA currently has 322 members, reporting that there have been many successful State Chapter events held during the past year and thanking the State Chapter Convenors for their time and involvement with ALLA, including Vince Rogers and David Quinn in Queensland for all their hard efforts organising events in Queensland this year. The Secretary thanked the longstanding members of the ALLA Committee, Ron McCallum and Richard Johnstone, who resigned last year. Ron McCallum received a special mention, as one of ALLA's founders. The Secretary thanked Tess Hardy and David Quinn who joined the Committee last year. The Secretary also thanked the volunteer members of ALLA who have contributed to keeping ALLA present.

The Secretary reported that the 2014 Conference had been a successful one, with at least 129 registrations. The Secretary thanked Lani Kirby and Carla Viola from Sydney University for all their hard work. The Secretary also thanked the National Committee for all their efforts, and the ALLA Administrator Rachel Liebhaber.

The Secretary also reported on the birth of three ALLA babies in 2014.

There was general discussion of membership numbers, and that numbers could be increased by organising and publicising more State Chapter events, as well as by following up lapsed members.

Resolution: That the Secretary's Report be accepted.

Moved: Janine Smith

Seconded: John Howe

Carried

3. Financial Report

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The Treasurer of the Association, Nick Ellery, tabled the accounts for the financial year 2013-2014, as required by s 94 of the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012* (Vic). The written report was circulated to members by email prior to the meeting and a copy is attached to these minutes. The Treasurer discussed the main features of these accounts noting that ALLA had reported a profit for 2013 and maintains a stable and healthy position, and that finances are in good shape. The Treasurer thanked Secretary Shae McCrystal and Administrator Rachel Liebhaber.

Shae McCrystal noted that ALLA is planning to return funds where there has been a profit to create more value for members.

There was a general discussion about the cost, feasibility and issues of having conference papers printed out for participants, or saved on a USB drive, and included in the conference tote bag.

Resolution: That the Association's accounts for 2013-2014 as tabled by the Treasurer 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, ending 30 June 2014.

Moved: Peter Gray

Seconded: Peter Punch

Carried

4. Election of Officers and Ordinary Members of the National Committee of Management, and Declaration of Election

As the number of candidates for election were equal to the number of positions available, there was no need for an election. The Secretary noted that there was no change to the Committee from the previous year.

5. Other business

There was a general discussion about the benefits and drawbacks of continuing ALLA's affiliation with the International Society for Labour and Social Security Law (ISLSSL).

There was a discussion about the next ALLA Conference in 2016. Andrew Stewart raised that he was happy to hear from anyone interested in hosting the Conference, and that



there was an interest in having the Conference in Melbourne. A decision on the Conference location would need to be made at least a year before.

There was a suggestion about making State Chapter events accessible to interstate or overseas members, through live streaming, video, or making powerpoints or papers available.

The President congratulated the winners of the Phillipa Weeks Prize – Rosalind Read and Zachary Smith (CFMEU Forestry and Furnishing Products Division), and the special mention to Richard Naughton (Monash University). The President also announced that research scholarships had been granted this year to enable a number of higher degree students to attend the conference.

The President thanked the National Committee, Administrator Rachel Liebhaber, and the Conference Organisers, in particular Lani Kirby, for their work with ALLA and the Conference.

The President singled out Shae McCrystal in his thanks, for her amazing job as Secretary, and for organising an extremely successful conference while raising a new baby.

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