

**MINUTES OF THE SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF THE AUSTRALIAN LABOUR LAW ASSOCIATION**

Held at **5.30pm (AEDT) Thursday 16 November 2017**, by national video conference at the offices of Ashurst in Sydney, Melbourne, Perth, Canberra and Brisbane.

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

Marilyn Pittard, Dominique Allen, Peter Gray, Tess Hardy, Emma Goodwin, Victoria Lambropoulos, Anthony Forsyth, Mark Rinaldi, Ellie Bassingthwaite, Anne-Marie Whelan, Bruce Planck, Vince Rogers, Cameron Roles, Janine Smith, Richard Naughton and Renee Burns.

Apologies were received from: Daniel White, Commissioner Leigh Johns, Brendan Avallone, Steve Heathcote, Jacque Seemann, Matt Kelleher, Graham Smith, Carolyn Sutherland, Shae McCrystal, Bill Steenson, David Langmead, David Chin, Richard Johnstone, Kaye Smith, Anna Chapman, Ron McCallum, Nick Ellery, Robert Laird, Rosemary Owens.

ORDINARY BUSINESS

1. Confirmation of the minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting

The minutes of the 16th Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 5 November 2016 at the Novotel, St Kilda were presented by Andrew Stewart. The minutes were circulated to members via email prior to the meeting.

Resolution: That the 2016 AGM minutes be accepted.

Moved: Marilyn Pittard Seconded: Janine Smith

Carried

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

The Secretary and Public Officer of the Association, Dominique Allen, had prepared a written report, which was circulated to members by email prior to the meeting. The Secretary summarised the highlights of the report.

The Secretary noted that this was her first report, thanking the National Committee and particularly Andrew Stewart as President and Shae McCrystal as past Secretary for their support.

The Secretary reported that ALLA had 300 members as of the 30 June, with 113 memberships pending renewal, noting recent efforts to encourage membership renewal.

The Secretary reported that there has been many successful State Chapter events held during the past year and thanked the State Chapter Convenors for their time and involvement with ALLA including their assistance organising events with the committee members. The Secretary encouraged members to contact the National Committee with ideas for events for 2018.

Finally the Secretary thanked previous ALLA Administrator Gemma Briffa for her contribution throughout 2017 and welcomed incoming ALLA Administrator Renee Burns.

Resolution: That the Secretary's Report be accepted.

Moved: Peter Gray Seconded: Tess Hardy

Carried

3. Financial Report

Dominique Allen tabled the accounts for the 2016-2017 financial year, 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. The Secretary discussed the main features of these accounts noting that ALLA maintains a stable financial position, and will well placed for the 2018 ALLA Conference.

Resolution: Those Association's accounts for 2016-2017 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, ending 30 June 2017.

Moved: Anthony Forsyth

Seconded: Anne-Marie Whelan

Carried

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

The Secretary reported the following nominations for National Committee of Management Officer positions had been received:

President	Marilyn Pittard
Vice President	Anthony Forsyth
Secretary	Dominique Allen
Treasurer	Emma Goodwin

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

12 nominations had been received for National Committee Ordinary Member positions, accordingly, no ballot was necessary and the following candidates were declared duly elected.

Ordinary Members

Graham Smith
Matt Kelleher
Emma Goodwin
Victoria Lambropoulos
Mark Rinaldi
Carolyn Sutherland
Ellie Bassingthwaighte
Janine Smith
Andrew Stewart
David Chin
Tess Hardy
Nick Ellery

The President declared all nominated members duly elected.

5. Other business

Andrew Stewart formally concluded his Presidency, noting the Association was successful in its objective to promote the study of labour law and in bringing together those interested in that pursuit, evidenced by successful conferences and events. The President observed ALLA's steady membership was a good sign that the Association would continue in achieving its objectives into the future.

The President thanked the National Committee for its efforts, welcomed Marilyn Pittard to the position of President, acknowledged the outgoing treasurer Nick Ellery and extended thanks to Gemma Briffa and Renee Burns for their administrative efforts. The President acknowledged that the bulk of the work associated with the National Committee was undertaken by the Secretary and extended special thanks to Dominique Allen for a smooth 12 months, and long standing past Secretary Shae McCrystal.

The President welcomed Anthony Forsyth and Emma Goodwin to their respective roles as Vice President and Treasurer on the National Committee.

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Incoming President, Marilyn Pittard, acknowledged the contribution of Andrew Stewart noting his part overseeing many successful conferences and events, recognising ALLA's healthy financial position.

Resolution: The contribution of Andrew Stewart as past President be recognised and a vote of thanks recorded.

Moved: Marilyn Pittard

Seconded: Cameron Roles

Carried by acclamation

The Secretary acknowledged the contribution of past Secretary Shae McCrystal.

Resolution: The contribution of Shae McCrystal as past Secretary be recognised and a vote of thanks recorded.

Moved: Dominique Allen

Seconded: Mark Rinaldi

Carried by acclamation

Other business

The Incoming President proposed a National Committee of Management meeting be held prior to the close of 2017 and encouraged the newly elected National Committee members to put forward ideas for events, proposing 2018 to be a strong year for events in the lead up to the 2018 Conference.

Conference Committee member, Ellie Bassingthwaight, reported the 2018 Conference was to be held on 9 -10 November 2018 on the Gold Coast. Details of the conference theme and venue should be available for the next National Committee meeting.

The chair declared the meeting closed at 5.55pm.