

MINUTES OF THE EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE AUSTRALIAN LABOUR LAW ASSOCIATION

Held at **3:00pm (AEST) Saturday 10 November 2018**, in the Sovereign Room, Sofitel Broadbeach, Gold Coast, QLD.

Marilyn Pittard, President of the Association, chaired the meeting. The following members were in attendance: Dominique Allen, Anthony Forsyth, Emma Goodwin, Janine Smith, Graham Smith, Bill Steenson, Johnathan Sale, Paul Harpur, Tess Hardy, David Chin, Anne-Marie Whelan, Richard Johnstone, Maria Azzurra Tranfaglia, Andrew Stewart, Peter Punch, Carolyn Sutherland, Vince Rogers, Imogen Szumer, Kerry O'Brien, Ellie Bassingthwaight, Mark Rinaldi, Gordon Stewart, Bruce Moore, Dianne Yali.

Apologies were received from: Gary Rothville, Rosemary Owens, Paul O'Grady, Peter Gray, Brendan Avallone, Commissioner Leigh Johns, Ben French, Linda Gale, Amanda Viriri, Nick Ellery, Matt Kelleher, Ron McCallum.

ORDINARY BUSINESS

1. Confirmation of the minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting

The minutes of the 17th Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 16 November 2017 by national video conference at the offices of Ashurst in Sydney, Melbourne, Perth, Canberra and Brisbane, were presented by Marilyn Pittard. The minutes were circulated to members via email prior to the meeting. The minutes were updated following circulation to reflect the apologies of Rosemary Owens.

Resolution: That the 2017 AGM minutes be accepted.

Moved: Anthony Forsyth Seconded: Anne-Marie Whelan

Carried

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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 second report, thanking the National Committee for their support. The Secretary acknowledged the contribution of Andrew Stewart who resigned the role of President at the last AGM. Andrew had held the position for seven years.

The Secretary acknowledged the success of the 9th Biennial Conference and thanked the conference organising committee, Ellie Bassingthwaite, Richard Johnstone, Vince Rogers and Amanda Coulthard for all their work in organising the conference and the fantastic array of interesting and relevant papers presented over the two days. Special thanks were directed to Ellie Bassingthwaite who did an amazing job on the ground over the entire conference ensuring everything ran smoothly.

The Secretary reported that ALLA had 300 members as of the 30 June, with 99 memberships pending renewal, noting recent efforts to encourage membership renewal.

The Secretary reported that there had been many successful State Chapter events held during the 2017-2018 financial 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 2019.

Finally, the Secretary thanked ALLA Administrator Renee Burns for her contribution throughout the year.

Anthony Forsyth acknowledged the creation of the @auslabourlaw Twitter account and its use for promoting the conference and ALLA generally.

Resolution: That the Secretary's Report be accepted.

Moved: Graham Smith

Seconded: Tess Hardy

Carried

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3. Financial Report

The Treasurer, Emma Goodwin, tabled the accounts for the 2017-2018 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 Treasurer noted a loss for the 2017-18 financial year, attributable to this being a conference year, profits are expected to be recorded for 2018-19.

Resolution: Those Association's accounts for 2017-2018 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 2018.

Moved: Bill Steenson

Seconded: Mark Rinaldi

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.

11 nominations were received for National Committee Ordinary Member positions. Accordingly, no ballot was necessary and the following candidates were declared duly elected.

Ordinary Members

Ellie Bassingthwaighte

Pauline Bomball

David Chin

Nick Ellery

Tess Hardy

Matt Kelleher

Vince Rogers

Graham Smith

Janine Smith

Andrew Stewart

Carolyn Sutherland

The President declared all nominated members duly elected. Marilyn thanked the returning committee members and welcomed Pauline Bomball to the 2019 Committee. Thanks were given to Victoria Lambropoulos for her past contributions as a committee member.

5. Other business

Next National Conference

The President echoed the thanks given to the conference organising committee for their work and success of the conference, acknowledging particularly the work undertaken by Ellie Bassingthwaite. The President noted the conference had covered a range of subjects and that, where available, access to papers and slides would remain available for a period of two months to ALLA members.

The President indicated that following the ordinary cycle, the 2020 conference would be held in Sydney and that Janine Smith, Bill Steenson, Commissioner Leigh Johns and David Chin had indicated a willingness to be involved in planning the 2020 conference. It was agreed that the 2020 organising committee would require the involvement of one if not two academics also. Members of the National Committee offered to play a role where required.

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 4.24pm.