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AGM MINUTES
66th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
AUSTRALASIAN LAW TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Held on Tuesday, 5 July 2011, Grand Ballroom, Stamford Plaza Hotel, Brisbane
from 1:30 pm – 2:00 pm.

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1. Attendance /Apologies

Attendance

Rosalind Mason (QUT), Dale Pinto (Curtin), David Barker (UTS), Michael Adams (UWS), Stephen Graw (JCU), Michelle Sanson (UWS), Jennifer Corrin (UQ), Alex Sims (Auckland), Michael Lavarch (QUT), Rachael Field (QUT), Jennifer Yule (QUT), Rita Shackel (USyd), Robin Woellner (JCU), Elfriede Sangkuhl (UWS), James Mayanja (USQ), Marina Nehme (UWS), Lidia Xynas (Deakin), Sue Tappenden (Waikato), Colleen Mortimer (Curtin), Geoffrey Egert (QUT), David Parker (VU), Zhiqiong June Wang (UWS), Nathalie Poludniewski (ALTA Administrator).

Apologies

Michael Coper (ANU), Kathryn Kearley (COL), Helen Anderson (UniMelb), John Hopkins (Canterbury), Wayne Rumbles (Waikato), Brenda Midson (Waikato).

The ALTA 66th Annual General Meeting commenced at 1.30 pm and was opened by ALTA Chairperson Professor Rosalind Mason.

2. Minutes from 65th ALTA AGM held 6th of July 2010, Level 0, Owen G Glenn Building, University of Auckland.

2.1 Rosalind Mason informed the group that an email had been sent with the minutes of the 64th AGM to all ALTA Members and proposed to accept the draft minutes.

Resolved: Moved by David Barker, seconded by Michelle Sanson, passed.

3. 2010-11 President’s Report – Professor The Hon. Michael Lavarch

3.1 Michael Lavarch reported on the success of the 66th Annual ALTA Conference. He expressed that the Conference was lively and interesting, and that the theme, ‘My Lawyer Rules: assuring legal and education standards’, was appropriate in its current context for research and teaching.

3.2 Michael Lavarch reported that although financial details had not yet been finalised, there had been 172 registrants and an approximate income of $27,000 which indicates that there is a possible profit from the Conference.

3.3 Michael Lavarch expressed his thanks to everybody involved in the organisation and participation in the Conference.
4. **Report from the Chair of the Council of Australian Law Deans** – Professor The Hon. Michael Lavarch

4.1 Michael Lavarch reported that CALD had held a meeting on Sunday 3 July, discussing a range of issues. Michael Lavarch noted that there is a current and remaining focus upon regulatory relationships, particularly with the Australian Research Council and LACC.

4.2 Michael Lavarch noted that CALD is currently seeking a stronger, permanent Secretariat to support its intention to have an influential capacity.

5. **Chairperson’s Report** – Professor Rosalind Mason

5.1 Rosalind Mason expressed her thanks to everybody involved in the 66th Annual ALTA Conference.

5.2 Rosalind Mason thanked all external bodies involved with ALTA, particularly publishers who have recently sponsored the *Journal of the Australasian Law Teachers Association* and the *Legal Education Review*, as well as the ALTA Awards and Editions of the ALTA Newsletter. Rosalind Mason also thanked the Judging Panels for the Lexis Nexis-ALTA Award for Excellence and Innovation in the Teaching of Law and the CCH-ALTA Best Conference Paper Awards, as well as the entrants.

5.3 Rosalind Mason expressed the beneficial relationships between ALTA and its Key Associations for members and thanked CALD for providing an opportunity for the ALTA Chairperson to attend their meetings.

5.4 Rosalind Mason sincerely thanked the members of the General and New Zealand Executive, various Editorial Committees, Advisory Boards and Administrators.

6. **Treasurer’s Report** – Emeritus Professor David Barker

David Barker expressed Helen Anderson’s apologies for being unable to attend the AGM and explained that he provided the report on Helen’s behalf. David referred to the deficit/surplus figures on the financial documents.

6.1 David Barker explained that this year’s finances were significantly different compared to last year’s as 2011 finances noted a surplus of approximately $34,000. David clarified that this difference was due to a minimisation of costs for publications and the confirmation of sponsorship of the LER and JALTA meant that publications costs dropped from $60,714 to $24,543. In addition, there was a difference because of the one off cost of the AustLII backsets project in 2010 which increased the publication spending last year.
6.2 David Barker explained that at the recent ALTA Executive meeting, the Executive discussed a redesign of the current ALTA website with estimated costs between $8,000- $10,000. Members would be notified once a new website is finalised.

6.3 David Barker sought approval from the AGM for an Honorarium to be paid to the Conference Committee for the sum of $1000 as well as for an Honorarium to be paid to the ALTA Honorary Treasurer for the sum of $2000.

Resolved: Moved by David Barker, seconded by Robin Woellner, passed.

6.4 David Barker expressed his sincere thanks on behalf of the Executive to Helen Anderson as General Treasurer, explaining that she is a remarkable asset to the Association.

7. Constitutional Amendments – Professor Michael Adams

7.1 Michael Adams explained that the Constitutional Amendment which has been presented is the request for the Suspension of Clause 6: “That in the case of no other nominations in the Election, for Chairperson and Secretary be renominated for an additional year of their normal term of office”. Michael explained that this Amendment addresses the need for Succession Planning for the ALTA Executive as no other nominations for the Election of the Chairperson and Secretary had been received for 2011-12.

7.2 Michael Adams emphasised that this suspension would only be for this term and in these exceptional circumstances.

Resolved: Moved by Michael Adams, seconded by Michelle Sanson, passed.

8. Election of Office Bearers on General Executive & New Zealand Executive

General Executive

Chairperson: Professor Rosalind Mason
Deputy Chairperson (Designate): Professor Dale Pinto
General Secretary: Emeritus Professor David Barker
General Treasurer: Associate Professor Helen Anderson
Editor in Chief of LER (Designate): Dr Michelle Sanson
Editor in Chief of JALTA (Designate): Professor Dale Pinto
Editor in Chief of ALRS (Designate): Professor Michael Adams
Executive Member (3): Professor Michael Coper

Professor Stephen Graw
Associate Professor Jennifer Corrin
9. **Report by NZ Executive**
Rosalind Mason advised that there will be a report from the New Zealand Executive in the upcoming Edition of the ALTA Newsletter.

10. **Report on ALTA publications**
Rosalind Mason advised that updates on all of the ALTA publications would be published in the next Edition of the ALTA Newsletter.

11. **ALTA Interest Groups**
11.1 Rosalind Mason expressed her welcome to newly appointed Conveners and thanks to all current Conveners.
11.2 Rosalind Mason proposed two changes to ALTA Interest Groups which were endorsed by the meeting:
- Combination of Practical Legal Training and Clinical Legal Education Interest
- Change of name for Commercial & Consumer Protection to Competition and Consumer Law
12. ALTA School Representatives

12.1 Rosalind Mason explained that the ALTA School Representatives Initiative had been implemented, with 38 School Representatives confirmed from Institutional Member Schools, with a report to be included in the upcoming Edition of the ALTA Newsletter.

12.2 Rosalind Mason advised that an ALTA Interest Group Conveners and School Representatives Cocktail Function was held on Sunday Evening, which was well attended. Rosalind thanked the newly appointed School Representatives for their commitment to ALTA.

13. Venue for future Annual Conference

13.1 Rosalind Mason confirmed that the 2012 ALTA Conference will be held at The University of Sydney from the 1st to 4th of July 2012. The Conference theme and other details are to be confirmed at a later date.

13.2 Rosalind Mason advised that the 2013 ALTA Conference hosts are yet to be confirmed.

*The meeting was closed by ALTA Chairperson Professor Rosalind Mason at 2.00 pm*

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