

## DRAFT ONLY

### Minutes of the 2008 Annual General Meeting of the Australian and New Zealand Law and History Society.

The Annual General Meeting of the Society was held at the University of Adelaide on 13 December 2008. The president, Andrew Buck, chaired the meeting.

**Attendees:** Jeremy Finn, David Williams, Alun Brooks, Bruce Kercher, Shaunnagh Dorsett, Wilf Prest, Grant Morris, John V Orth, Warwick Gullett, John McLaren, Tony Earls, Pamela O'Neill, Mark Lunney, Rob McQueen, John Williams, Geoff Lindsay, John P Hamilton, Lisa Ford, Peta Moore, Dave Campbell, Graeme Dunstall, Tony Buti, Andrew Buck, Diane Kirkby, Dave ?? [indecipherable], Libby Connors.

**Apologies:** Cathy Coleborne, Tim Castle.

**Minutes of the last AGM.** These were disseminated to the committee by email and also available on the society's web page. Hard copies were available at the meeting. Acceptance was moved by the president. No dissent.

#### **Finances.**

##### *Australian accounts.*

Diane reported that the Australian funds comprised a healthy \$13 000 in a term deposit. The current account was \$1200.00. Expenses incurred during the year included the e-newsletter and the Kercher scholarships.

##### *New Zealand accounts.*

Jeremy Finn reported that the New Zealand account stood at about \$800.00 as there had been payments for the society's e-journal. A number of New Zealand members were behind in their subscription with only six members currently financial. A transfer from the Australian account may be necessary for next year's Wellington conference.

#### **Election of the 2008-09 Committee**

Andrew Buck announced that he was not going to stand again for president.

Jeremy Finn moved, Libby Connors seconded that Cathy Coleborne be elected President. No dissent.

David Williams was then nominated for Vice-President and elected without dissent.

David then took the chair and moved a vote of thanks to Andrew as outgoing president.

Following discussion the following positions were declared elected.

## Results:

President	Cathy Coleborne
Vice-President	David Williams
Secretary	Libby Connors
Aust Treasurer	Diane Kirkby
NZ Treasurer	Jeremy Finn
Committee members	Andrew Buck, Grant Morris, Wayne Rumbles, John Weaver, John McLaren, Tim Castle, Lisa Ford, Shaunnagh Dorsett, Stuart Banner, John Orth, Tony Earls.

## **2009 and 2010 annual conferences**

The 2009 conference is to be held at Victoria University in Wellington. Grant Morris had agreed to host it and reported that he had secured a NZ Law Foundation grant to fund Stuart Banner from UCLA as keynote speaker. A conference committee has been established and has already generated lots of professional interest. Date is not yet finalised but is likely to be in December.

Diane reported that it is Melbourne's turn to again host conference in 2010.

John McLaren reported that he had had preliminary discussions with the American and Canadian Legal History societies about hosting a joint conference with ANZLHS. He pointed out that an ideal location would be the University of Hawaii or the North American west coast. Owing to timing of their society meetings such a conference is likely to require 2-3 years advance notice so the earliest such a meeting could be held is probably 2011.

## **Essay competition**

There was one submission this year. As the Forbes Society now has a successful essay competition and ANZLHS is offering the Kercher Scholarships, it was agreed that 2008 would be the last year of the competition.

## **E-newsletter**

The first issue of the society's newsletter was published in July. The second was due in December. Cathy Coleborne has asked for items. It was agreed that Tim Castle be asked to send in a report on the Kercher Scholarship winners. Also agreed that an item on David Philips' contribution to the society should be included.

## **David Philips motion**

Wilpf spoke of the loss of David Philips to the field of law and history and his contribution to society conferences. He then moved:

That the society record its regret at David's passing and its appreciation of his unique contribution to the society.

Passed unanimously.

Secretary to write to his family accordingly.

## **E-Journal**

David Williams encouraged paper givers to again offer them for the e-journal which would not preclude them also being sent for publication elsewhere; they should be submitted to Wilpf Prest and John Williams as this year's conference organisers.

***Business arising from the E-Journal:***

***Conference Protocols Committee***

Wilpf Prest voiced his concern about the collecting and refereeing of the conference papers as he had been unaware that this was a part of the conference organising.

He emphasised the need to establish protocols governing relations between the executive and the annual conference organisers. These needed to include funding, the Kercher scholarships process, the collecting and refereeing of conference papers for the E-Journal and the timing of conference.

Discussion followed about the dependence of the society's funds on the annual conference and the cost of the new Kercher scholarship scheme.

It was agreed to set up a committee which Wilpf would chair and which would include both Australian and New Zealand treasurers as well as the president and vice-president. It was agreed that they would finalise their decisions before the next conference.

**Bruce Kercher Scholarships**

It was agreed that the committee again be authorised to spend up to \$2000 to cover students' participation at the 2009 conference.

Diane expressed concern at the drain that this could represent on the society's funds and moved that in future the scholarships should be funded through the annual conference registration. It was agreed that this issue would be discussed by the Conference Protocols Committee.

Grant Morris moved, David Williams seconded, that when New Zealand hosts the conference the ratio of postgraduate student support be reversed to 3 NZ postgrads and 2 Aust postgrads. No dissent.

**Success of the 2008 Conference**

A vote of thanks for Wilpf Prest and John Williams' organisation of this year's conference was moved by David and agreed to by acclamation.

*Minutes taken by Libby Connors*