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Minutes of the 2009 Annual General Meeting of the Australian and New Zealand Law and History Society.

The Annual General Meeting of the Society was held at Victoria University on 13 December 2009. The president, Cathy Coleborne, chaired the meeting.

Attendees: Jeremy Finn, David Williams, Alun Brooks, Wendy Robinson, Shaunnagh Dorsett, Wilf Prest, Grant Morris, John V Orth, Noel Cox, John McLaren, Tony Earls, Craig Collins, Peter Moore, Ann Hunter, Janine Rizzetti, John Hamilton, Peter Moore, John Weaver, Michael Belgrave, Peter Prince, Graeme Dunstall, Andrew Buck, Diane Kirkby, Cathy Coleborne, Libby Connors.

Apologies: John Williams, Pamela O'Neill, Tim Castle, Bruce Kercher.

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.

President's Report

The society had made a submission opposing the closure of NZ archives. Concern was also expressed re plans to close a number of state offices of the National Australian Archives. A number of other matters will be covered under other agenda items.

Cathy closed by moving a formal vote of thanks to Grant Morris, and to other members of the conference organising committee (Shaunnagh Dorsett, David Williams) for hosting such an excellent 2009 conference. Passed by acclamation.

Finances.

Australian accounts.

Diane reported that the Australian funds comprised a healthy \$14 000 in a term deposit. The current account was \$2553.00. Expenses incurred during the year included the e-newsletter and the Kercher scholarships. The 2008 Adelaide conference had made a healthy profit of about \$5000 which is still to be added. A seeding grant of \$600.00 has been paid to the 2010 conference hosts to set up the 2010 conference website.

New Zealand accounts.

Jeremy Finn distributed a summary of the New Zealand accounts. The BNZ account was \$1093.82. Income for the year comprising subscriptions and interest was \$589.32. Expenditure consisted of \$300.00 reimbursement to David Williams for the e-journal website and 2007 conference proceedings.

Grant Morris reported that the 2009 conference was likely to return a profit including covering the Kercher Scholarships. Two were awarded to New Zealand postgraduates and two to Australian. The scholarship winners will be announced in the newsletter.

Jeremy proposed that the society consider more varied options for membership subscriptions such as a three year membership subscription, family membership and institutional affiliation. It was agreed that these ideas and appropriate fee structure should be referred to the executive for consideration and implementation.

Electronic banking

Jeremy reported that it was now possible for NZ memberships to be paid electronically directly into the society's account and that the membership form had been amended accordingly. However electronic withdrawals were not possible and payments from overseas attracted a large fee.

Conference protocols

These were distributed to the meeting.

John Hamilton moved & John McLaren seconded the adoption of the conference protocols that had been circulated.

Wilf Prest proposed an amendment - accepted by the mover, John Hamilton.

Passed without dissent.

Cathy to incorporate into her document.

David Williams reported on *ANZLH E-Journal*. He was disappointed that the 2008 conference proceedings had not been completed before this year's conference but he reassured the meeting that they had been refereed, edited and were ready for publishing in the e-journal. He requested that the society establish an editorial board to assist him with management of the e-journal. It was agreed that this should be referred to the executive committee for action.

Upcoming conferences

Diane Kirkby reported that organising for the 2010 conference in Melbourne was underway. An organising committee of Diane and Janine Rizzetti has been established and a conference website is running. Diane disseminated to the meeting the call for papers which will close 1 March 2010.

John McLaren provided an update on his proposal for an International Conference on the Legal History of the British Empire for either 2011 or 2012. John Hamilton moved and Diane Kirkby seconded that ANZLHS be a sponsor of the conference. Passed without dissent.

Discussion followed as to whether ANZLHS should host its own conference the year of the international conference. Agreed to reconsider this issue at the 2010 AGM.

Andrew Buck reported that Nancy Wright would like to host the 2011 conference at the University of Western Sydney. Accepted with acclamation.

Future possible research collaborations in Law & History

John Weaver agreed to write something on this for the society enewsletter.

E-newsletter, website and e-journal

Next issue is due. Cathy has been editing it but would like some help with it and called for volunteers. Requested items and that they be sent in Word not in the text of an email.

Discussion about refreshing the appearance of the website.

Election of the 2009-10 Committee

Cathy stepped aside from chairing the meeting. Diane Kirkby took over at this point and called for nominations for president.

Cathy Coleborne was re-elected President without dissent and with acclamation.

Cathy Coleborne resumed chairing.

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

Following discussion the following positions were declared elected.

Results:

Secretary	Libby Connors
Aust Treasurer	Diane Kirkby
NZ Treasurer	Jeremy Finn
Committee members	Andrew Buck, Grant Morris, Wayne Rumbles, John Weaver, John McLaren, Wendy Robinson, Nancy Wright, Shaunnagh Dorsett, Janine Rizzetti[postgrad rep], John Orth, Wilf Prest.

General Business

Members were reminded that the Francis Forbes Society has a successful essay competition which is offered at both high school and bachelor degree level and were urged to give it their support.

Minutes taken by Libby Connors