

**THE MARITIME LAW ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA  
AND NEW ZEALAND**  
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**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
Minutes of Meeting**

**Date:** 18 September 2015 at 5pm WA time

**Place:** Parmelia Hilton Hotel, 14 Mill Street, Perth, Western Australia

**Present:** M Hockaday, A Duffy, G Nell, M Taylor, J Martens, A Cahalan, P McQueen, M Holmes, C Keane, M Harvey, N Beadle, P Saraceni, P Baxter, C Forrest, K Lewins, P Dawson, I Maitland, C McKenzie, N Gaskell, A Stewart, K Hibbard, J Kavanagh, S Hetherington, R Salter, M McCarthy, A Tulloch, J Morris, P Griffin, C Street, Q Rares, , K Webster, N Slingsby

**Apologies:** S Derrington, P Davies, M Fisher, M White, N Cecil, P Murrell, A English, G Metcalf, D Maybury

1. **Minutes of meeting** of 12 September 2014 (Annexure A)

Resolved they be approved - Charles Street

Seconded - Angus Stewart

Carried

2. **Presidents report (available on website)**

M Harvey - report avail website, NZ VP position passed from Neil Beadle to Kerryn Webster on 1 May 2015, recited board members, thanks to Peter Dawson for all his efforts. Resigned and Neil Beadle took up role.

Administrator Annie Chawan, fabulous job getting membership lists up to date. recited membership details, total 337. Panel of arbitrators continues. Thanks to Craig Forrest for work on Law Journal. Kate Lewins, thanks for work on IMLAMoot, fantastic event. Hope MLAANZ will continue to support.

Stand down as Chair. Thanks to board. Delighted Neil has agreed to run for Chair. Timely for NZ chair. Thanks to Annie Chawan and Linda Boyce, bookkeeper.

Moved to accept report - Ian Maitland

Second - K Lewins

Carried

3. **Treasurers report (available on website)**

Paul Baxter - report on website, auditors cleared our finances. Effectively a break even outcome with a profit \$389. Total equity remaining at approx. \$279,000. This is consistent with a conscious objective of the Board not to continue to grow equity any further and a number of initiatives to increase membership and member engagement.

The Queenstown conference ran at a loss of \$13,500 due to a discounted conference fee and reduced numbers but that was not unexpected and balances out some of the previous conference profits in more heavily attended venues.

Subscriptions income remained fairly level at \$41k but income from branch activities was up (\$13k from \$7K). The board has effected the resolution to rebate some of each States membership subscriptions to encourage increased branch activity.

In summary the Association remains in good financial health with sufficient working capital to fund ongoing operations. The Association is grateful to its generous sponsors who make the continuance of a high quality but affordable conference possible. As always input from members on specific initiatives is always welcome and will be considered consistent with the aims of the Association.

Moved to accept report - Ron Salter

Second - Angus Stewart

Carried

## **6. Office bearers**

M Harvey - read out the nominations. no contested positions. elected as nominated

President - Neil Beadle

Australian Vice President - Pat Saraceni

Secretary - Paul Baxter

Treasurer - Nathan Cecil

Directors - Danella Wilmshurst and Clinton McKenzie

## **5. Branch reports (available on website)**

NZ - K Webster - number of activities and events. Event for Judge Broadmore. Drinks in April farewell Paul Magu gone to a new role Singapore. Branch conf May. Going forward Function in Nov to report back on conference. Met with Ministry of Transport to increase discussion and consultation. Annual conf Lake Taupo in April

Victoria - Nick Slingsby - 4 functions. June Developments in Victorian Admiralty Jurisdiction.

NSW - C Street vice Chair - apologies for M Lynch chair, - Bowral conference, Justice Allsop key address, number of other events. Next year half day conference in February 2016

QLD - Adrian Duffy - some functions not many. Find difficult generating interest and activity engaging the industry. Other industry groups competing events. Efforts to combine with groups. Activity is down commensurate with industry activity. Kick start it for next report.

WA - Pat Saraceni - number of seminars, highlight Martin Davies recent round up of developments in Australia, UK and USA. Main focus getting conference organised. Thanks to WA committee members. Trying to get sessional passes for industry participation.

MH - thanks to Pat and WA for organising a fabulous conference

PS - combined LegalWise seminar in November

SA - Ian Maitland - thanks to Vic and NSW branch for keeping me informed

ACT - Clinton MacKenzie - lots of maritime lawyers in Canberra, challenge is getting managerial approval for meeting participation.

Moved to accept reports - Peter Dawson

Second - Quentin Raries

Carried

## **8. General Business**

Peter McQueen - why not every branch event be advertised because we are mobile

Pat Saraceni - thanks to Ron Salter as a conduit

Ron Salter - agree, use the website for this purpose

MH - send to Annie, she will put it up or can send an email. Each branch chair please notify Annie.

Neil Beadle - MH enjoyed his CMI trips but has been stalwart in raising our profile there.

Lawyers have time pressures, need to spread the load, must extend our thanks to Matthew as president. Affable, so successful, captivating presentation style. Very fortunate to have his skills, advocate without peer, gets things done, deals with difficult issues in most constructive way.

Ian Maitland - CMI strong view important we be represented, association should be prepared to fund reps from Australia and NZ.

MH - I think it's imperative we be represented at CMI and MLAANZ should support that

N Beadle - agree

S Hetherington - CMI event every year recently, next few years will be less. new York 2016, Genoa mini event

2017 Colloquium, not every year.

Ian Maitland - other expense IMLAM moot is very worthy. we should sponsor.

MH - currently sponsor the prize \$500

Meeting closed - 6.00 pm

