



ANZELA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
2020 Annual General Meeting
Agenda

11 am, 22 December 2020

By Zoom

1. Attendance:

Katharine O'Donnell, Jo Spencer, Carol Howard, Tony Houey, Kevin Moloney, Peter Christie, Alan Knowsley, Virginia Goldblatt, Joanna Ernenwein, Margot Brenton, Jason Newman, Andrew Knott, John O'Brien, Vernita Zigouras, Leanne Newson, John Orr.

2. Apologies:

3. Acknowledgement of Country

ANZELA respectfully acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the land on which we individually meet and pays respect to their Elders, both past and present.

4. Minutes of last AGM

A correction was made to the NZ report.

Moved Seconded

Endorsed

5. President's Report

Katharine reported that ASIC has provided an extension of time to companies in which to conduct their AGM's.

Katharine noted the pandemics impact on:

- ANZELA activities this included the cancellation of the NZ conference. She congratulated and thanked NZ Chapter for their organisation prior to the cancellation.
- The current outbreak of Covid 19 NSW.
- Difficult time for members out of work; working from home; children learning at home; different social challenges.

- Thanked Jo Spencer for keeping things moving.

Noted:

- we are still weathering the storm.
- Joan Squelch and Tryon Francis working on new online journal.
- ANZELA financially sound
- loss of members,
- thanked Board members
- Looking at new web page,
- hoping face to face Conference sometime in the future
- Adelaide conference cancelled and that SA Chapter had made a difficult decision.

Wished a safe and happy Christmas and hoping to see everyone 2020!

6. Financial Report

Andrew reported that ANZELA appeared to be in a sound position.

He gave figures for each State and National Body.

GST due late March. NZ will be dealt with a nominal value.

A system will be in place for next year AGM.

Financial report available early next year. Auditor wants a set format.

7. Chapter Reports

NSW: Report tabled

Carol reported:

- March 22 Seminar cancelled as shutdown occurred weekend before. 49 people had registered.
- NSW had a new committee member Tryon Francis who is hoping to encourage membership from ACT as he has now moved there. Also, Tryon is on the editorial team of the *International Journal of Law and Education* with Professor Joan Squelch. This publication is now freely accessible on AustLII, including back issues of the Journal 2009 - 2017.
- The Chapter noted the contribution of Sue Hammond, previous Board member, Treasurer of the Board and previous President and Treasurer of the NSW Chapter resigned from the committee although is staying a member of ANZELA.

SA:

Tony reported no written report as the group has gone into hibernation with pandemic. It was a very difficult decision to cancel the conference. Tony studied the situation with conference venue coordinators, the financial position of school budgets, sponsors, hotels etc and have all been pessimist about conducting a conference during this period.

Tony reported that numbers down in Legalwise seminars and all day presentations have not been viable.

Katherine noted problems identified.

VIC: Report tabled.

Katharine read report from Veneta.

- Chapter will meet Jan 2021.
- 2019 conference in Melbourne very successful.
- Seminar and sponsors education law expanded in the state.
- Covid 19 seminars abandoned institutions closed.

Thanked secretary and listed committee members.

QLD Report tabled

- John O'Brien reported no meetings just chats between some members
- Their day of Legal Studies Teachers Conference was cancelled and will try to go ahead 2021.
- An ANZELA chapter email address was created
- Two committee members resigned; Ross McSwan and Cathy Sawtell . Cathy a member of some 15 years. They are looking for a nomination for treasurer and elected a new committee member. QLD hoping for virtual events next year.

NZ Tabled

Virginia reported the fact they didn't have a conference and not in a position to conduct conference in 2022.

6. Election of Committee Members.

9 vacancies 9 nominations received:

Alan Knowsley

Andrew Knott

Jason Newman

John O'Brien

Katharine O'Donnell

Kevin Moloney

Virginia Goldblatt

John Orr

Carol Howard

Appointed to positions and elected to positions.

7. General Business:

None

Katharine closed meeting noting difficulties of the year.

Katharine and Jo thanked for their hard work.

Meeting Closed: 11.36

Board Meeting 11.38

1. Election of Executive Positions.

President Katharine O'Donnell. Moved Carol Seconded John O'Brien

Vice President Jason Newman. Moved Katharine Seconded Carol

Secretary Carol Howard. Moved Katharine Seconded Kevin

Treasurer Andrew Knott. Moved Katharine Seconded John Orr

2, Next Meeting.

Probably difficult to meet in person. Tasmania may be able to hold a meeting in 2021 Venue would be available for free.

20 January Jo and Katharine will be in Victoria so 4 committee members would be able to meet in person. A recommendation was made that another Board meeting to be held on either 19 or 21 January by Zoom. Members asked to check diary for availability.

Andrew noted that John Orr received the Ann Shorten Scholarship and has completed his thesis. Congratulated him on his achievement

John O'Brien asking about Chapter financial year Jan to Dec whereas Board July to June. A calendar year for Constitution but difficult for Chapters. Need to be addressed in the next National Board meeting.

Jo thanked John O'Brien for organising ANZELA email addresses and zoom meeting.

Alan commented that Ross Swan resigned and he was the person in charge of the planned national newsletter. Carol advised them that Lucy York NSW was available to assist when further assistance was required

Meeting Closed 11.52 am

