

ANZELA Vic Chapter AGM 2019

AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND EDUCATION LAW ASSOCIATION LTD

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 29TH MAY 2019 at 6pm

HELD AT THE KELVIN CLUB MELBOURNE

President's Report 2019

Dr Vernita Zigouras

Welcome to our Annual General Meeting as we review 2018-2019 and look ahead to 2020.

My report will cover the following areas including: as measured against the **SIX ANZELA OBJECTIVES:**

- Achievements
- Committee meetings
- Conferences
- Finance
- Membership
- Promotion

OBJECTIVES

1 Promote and encourage research, study, discussion, writing and/or the dissemination of information about issues on laws relating to education. **2** Organize and stimulate participation in conferences and meetings on the laws relating to education.

3 Promote publication, publish or cause to be published articles, newsletters, journals and other literature for the purposes of these objectives. **4** Co-operate and exchange information with bodies (corporate or otherwise) and persons, on the laws relating to education.

5 Affiliate with other associations **6** Develop policies on the laws relating to education.

Achievements:

The Victorian Chapter together with the National Board, organized an excellent Conference held in CAIRNS QUEENSLAND. Well done to all. This was the first Conference run by the National BOARD OF ANZELA. We congratulate Katharine O'Donnell and Jason Newman together with other Board members for this achievement. This ticks the boxes for many of the objectives of ANZELA. The Conference was well attended in the far north, with a new approach to sessions and speakers. Our Chapter contributes Katharine, Jason and Kevin to the National Board.

Further, the Victorian Chapter is hosting the 2019 Annual Conference to be held in Melbourne in October. Preparations are underway, thank you to all for helping with special tasks-getting quality speakers, arrangements with Rydges Hotel, and other functions. All will be revealed in October only 16 weeks away.

Finance:

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Chapter Finance has been very capably managed by our Treasurer Leanne Newson, who has kept our finances in a good position. Thank you to Leanne, for her diligent care and report. Please see her report submitted to this meeting.

Committee Meetings:

Regular and as needed meetings have been held over the past year. Due to the Conference-a Committee planning day was held in Melbourne at Rydges Hotel in February with the National Board. Further, telephone link ups have been organized-thank you to Jason and his team. Thank you to committee members for allowing me to represent you. I value the role and continue to be very interested in the role and purposes of ANZELA.

Membership:

Our membership remains at an even level, however I would like to see an increase where possible. Thank you to members who remain with ANZELA, we do appreciate your commitment. Recently I sent out a one page letter concerning our upcoming events and meetings. I was surprised to get responses from members out of their offices. This has demonstrated just how busy people are. However I did receive interest from a member willing to join our committee-Kirsten Beagley, who will join us soon. In addition an apology from Judy Connell (will be in Canberra) from the Catholic Education in Melbourne. Her interest concerns-"disability and the intersect with duty of care and OHS in determining what is "reasonable" in terms of adjustments."

Conferences:

Next Conference is to be held in New Zealand. The New Zealanders are busy preparing for this in 2020.

Promotion:

Seminars have had limited response in the immediate past. However teachers and principals do attend whole day programs presented by LAW SENSE (our preferred professional development providers – thanks to Jacqueline and Joe KOUPER and thank you to members Lisa, Jason and Steven) and Legalwise. In the coming months a new ANZELA newsletter will be established. The acting editor will be ROSS MC SWAN from the Queensland Chapter with each Chapter to provide a subeditor. I have undertaken this role for our chapter for the next period in lieu of eNewsletter. This supports Objective number 3

Thanks

To Margot, Leanne, Jason, Steven, Kevin, Lisa, Jo and Katharine-both travelling to join us each meeting, Well done ladies. I look forward to a very successful Conference in October.

Vernita