
**MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FAMILY LAW PRACTITIONERS' ASSOCIATION (FLPA)
OF QUEENSLAND LIMITED
HELD ON 28 OCTOBER 2014**

Meeting opened at 5.42pm

Welcome by President, Trent Waller

1. Attendances & Apologies

Apologies:

- a) Phillip Anthony
- b) Anne-Marie Rice
- c) Jennifer McArdle
- d) Joseph Box
- e) Stephanie Wilkinson
- f) Stephen Page
- g) Darren Lewis
- h) Nicky Davies
- i) Peter Haley

Attendances:

- a) Kate Pateman (via phone)
- b) Clare Dart
- c) Deborah Awyzio
- d) Fraser Murray
- e) Bruce Doyle
- f) James O'Neil
- g) James Steel
- h) Clarissa Rayward
- i) Trent Waller
- j) Shannon Daykin
- k) Rebecca Harding
- l) Daniel Bottrell

2. Minutes of Previous AGM

Minutes of the previous AGM were moved by Trent and seconded by Clarissa.

3. Business Arising from Previous Meeting

Trent noted the issue raised by James O'Neil at last year's AGM in relation to the false economy associated with the reduction of Legal Aid funding. Trent noted that a submission had been made at the request of Legal Aid in relation to funding. Trent further noted, however, that unfortunately that submission by FLPA related more to the timing of funding than the quantum. On that basis, FLPA continues to look for opportunities, where appropriate, to support increased Legal Aid funding.

4. President's Report

Trent advised that it had been an honour and a privilege to serve as the President of FLPA for the past 2 years. Trent indicated that he saw the board as the custodian of the organisation and was proud to be a part of the board. Trent thanked his co-board members.

Trent noted that there had been no judicial appointments in the second year of his presidency, which had allowed FLPA more time to focus on continuing legal education of the profession. Trent considered that educating practitioners on how they might become more efficient was an important aspect of FLPA's role given the limited finances of the court.

There were 5 twilights attended by members. The residential had 461 registered delegates. Trent indicated that he was very proud of the residential and thanked specifically the judicial support that the residential received and, in particular, Justice Cronin, Justice Brereton and Justice Thackray.

Trent thanked Steph and Donna from Office Logistics for their assistance throughout the year.

Trent thanked Caroline Thurlow and Merrett Pye from Altitude Public Relations for their assistance. Trent noted that the presentation and quality of the newsletter was in no small part due to Caroline's efforts.

Lastly, Trent thanked all members as they were the basis of the organisation. Trent noted that there were 890 members currently within the organisation.

Trent's President's Report was moved by James and seconded by Clare.

5. Treasurers Report

See **attached**.

Treasurer's Report was moved by Trent and seconded by Fiona.

6. New Board

The new board was announced as follows:

President: Clarissa Rayward

Vice-President: Fiona Caulley

Secretary: James Steel

Treasurer: Peter Haley

Board members: Daniel Bottrell
Joseph Box
Clare Dart
Fraser Murray
Rebecca Harding
Shannon Daykin

Country members: Kate Pateman
Paula Phelan

7. General Business

Bruce Doyle stated that he thought it was appropriate that FLPA continue to lobby the Federal Government for a replacement Federal Circuit Court Judge. Deborah Awyzio supported Bruce's suggestion. James O'Neil raised issues with the Federal Circuit Court generally. Clarissa indicated the board would discuss and consider.

8. Closing of meeting – 6.15pm

Trent thanked in particular Stephanie Wilkinson and Deborah Awyzio who would be leaving the FLPA board this year. Trent made special note of Deborah who was President for over 2 ½ years due to Justice Forrest's appointment to the bench and who Trent credited with being responsible for the modernisation of FLPA in relation to the website and online presence.