

**AUSTRALIAN INSURANCE LAW ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE NSW BRANCH OF THE
ASSOCIATION HELD AT 5.00 PM ON 30 OCTOBER, 2014 NORTON ROSE
FULBRIGHT, 225 GEORGE STREET, SYDNEY**

1. ATTENDANCE

John Edmond (Chair)	Kerry Stewart
Peter Backe-Hansen	Chern Tan
Clare Branch	Andrew Thomas
Peter Briggs	Andrew Thomas
Steve Connell	Andrew Bristow
John Dillon	Linda Hamilton
David Gerber	Mathew Harding
Ray Giblett	Susan Vidler
Justine Hall	John Vohralik
Renae Hamilton	Doug Vorbach
John Homberg	Min Yang
David Kearney	Toby Biddle
Angus Kench	John Homberg
Zi Lim	Mikaela Stafrace
Andre Louw	
Daniel Robinson	
Lisa Smith	
Bill Smith	

2. APOLOGIES

Dallas Booth	Rehana Box
Lori Callahan	Marc Chiarella
Robert Crittenden	Frank Hoffman
Mohinder Kumar	David Lee
Lucinda Lyons	Malcolm Lothian
Peter Mann	Pam Madafiglio
Tony Mobbs	Michael Gill

In attendance: Penny Paterson

Chair: John Edmond

John welcomed the members, guests and Judiciary to the Annual General Meeting.

3. MINUTES

The minutes of the 2013 NSW Annual General Meeting had been circulated. No matters arising from the Minutes. Justine Hall moved that the minutes be accepted and Peter Backe-Hansen, seconded the motion which was then passed and the Minutes confirmed.

4. REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON

John Edmond advised that a copy of his report was attached to the Agenda. John thanked those people on the committee for their involvement in AILA. He advised that the NSW committee now has a good mix of industry and lawyers.

John advised that the NSW Chapter works by way of SubCommittees and it is the efforts of these SubCommittees that deliver the seminars and events during the year. These SubCommittees comprise:

1. Education Committee – John advised that Kerry Stewart of Henry Davis York has been the Chair of the SubCommittee and is stepping down from the Committee. John expressed his thanks to her for all the work she has done for AILA and everyone on the Committee for all their work during the year.
2. Twilight Seminar SubCommittee – John congratulated the SubCommittee for presenting another great seminar series. This year the topics were
 - Climate change - risks for insurers
 - Cyber risks: insurance for the digital age
 - Things you may not know about the Civil Liability Act 2002
 - What have you missed in 2014?
 - Insurance brokers e&o - war stories and tips from the top
 - Fault lines in Australian corporate law: Issues for directors's and officers liability and policy coverage

As usual these seminars are very well received. John thanked Minter Ellison for their many years of support in hosting this series.

In addition to the Twilight Seminars, we also presented the following seminars:

- Social Media moves into the Court room
- 2014 Geoff Masel Lecture - The Hon. Justice Kevin Nicholson
- Privacy Act Amendments – Up and Running

It is a great achievement that these seminars are so well presented and received and John congratulated Kerry Stewart and Paul O'Brien who chaired the Twilight Seminar Series. John advised that Kerry Stewart is standing down from the committee this year and Clare Branch of Gilchrist Connell is taking over as Chair.

3. Liaison Seminar SubCommittee – John advised that the members of the committee comprise Robert Crittenden (Chair), Andre Louw, Andrew Thomas, Peter Briggs, Tracey Bryan, Marc Chiarella, David Kearney, Michael Green, Ray D'Angelo, Robert Ryan and Vicky Teichman. The committee is responsible for the Ron Shorter

Award which continues to grow. This award was created in memory of Ron Shorter who was well known in the Industry. This year's finalists were:

- Bradley Meyerowitz, Wotton & Kearney
- Benjamin Briscoe, Allianz Insurance
- Nivedha Thiru, DLA Piper

The Honourable Justice David Lloyd Davies, Supreme Court NSW, Marcus Pearson, Jardine Lloyd Taylor and Jennifer Beard of Polaris Coaching were the Judges for the finals and selected Benjamin Briscoe as winner to receive the Ron Shorter Memorial Award. Our thanks go to Colin Biggers & Paisley for sponsoring this event.

4. Young Professionals Network – John advised that there had been three events this year with most of the events sold out. They were:

- “Autumn”
- Luminaries Dinner
- “Masquerade”

John thanked Norton Rose Fulbright for allowing us to hold the AGM at their premises. He also gave a vote of thanks to everyone involved in the various committees and SubCommittees and our members for supporting the Association. John advised that everyone works on these Committees on a voluntary basis.

John advised that he is also stepping down from the role as Chair and will remain on the Committee as Immediate Past Chair.

John thanked Penny Paterson for all her work in her role as Administrative Co-ordinator of the Branch.

5. REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Chris Ehlers spoke to his report which was attached to the Agenda. He advised that we have about \$95,000 presently in our accounts after the National Conference which took place the previous year. We run at a net loss each year and the proceeds of the National Conference allows us to do this until we host the next National Conference. This year we made a \$15,000 loss against a budgeted 25,000 loss. The seminars raised a profit of \$60,000.00 which is used towards operating expenses. The National Conference made a profit of \$110,000 a proportion of which goes to National and NSW received about \$80,000.

Chris advised that as a Committee they are looking forward to ensure we have sufficient funds to continue to deliver quality educational and networking opportunities for our NSW membership.

Chris Ehlers thanked Penny Paterson for her assistance during the year.

Chris also formally thanked John Edmond for his vision and the Committee for their assistance over the year.

John Edmond advised that the Young Professionals events are always run on a profit or break even basis and members funds are not used towards these networking events thanks to the support of our sponsors.

6. ELECTION OF THE NSW BRANCH COMMITTEE

John Edmond that no election was required. John advised that Angus Kench is taking over as Chair of the Branch Committee and he will assist him as required. The Branch Committee for the 2015 year is:

Chair:	Angus Kench
Treasurer:	Chris Ehlers, MDD Forensic Accounting
Secretaries (Joint)	Linda Hamilton, Hamiltons Lawyers Lisa Smith, APRA
Immediate Past Chair:	John Edmond, Clyde & Co.
Committee:	Joerg Ahrens, Allianz Insurance Peter Backe-Hansen, Allianz Insurance Stephen Brooks, Jardine Lloyd Thompson Robert Crittenden, DLA Piper Edmund Fernandez, General Reinsurance Australia David Gerber, Clayton Utz Ray Giblett, Norton Rose Fulbright Justine Hall, Insurance Council of Australia Matthew Harding, HWL Ebsworth David Kearney, Wotton + Kearney Mohinder Kumar, Suncorp Lucinda Lyons, Lee & Lyons Paul O'Brien, YPOL Andrew Thomas, Cunningham Lindsey Australia

John thanked everyone who had nominated and congratulated them on their appointment. He said that we have a good break up of lawyers and industry on the Committee.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 5.15 pm

Chairperson