
Chair: Dr Christopher Ward

In attendance: Patrick Wall (taking minutes), Margaret Brewster, Greg Marks, Andrew Byrnes, Chris Michaelsen, Stephen Tully, Érika Hansen, Kelisiana Thynne, James Renwick, Natalie Klein, Jo Delaney, Keith Suter, Vera Lee, Darryn Mullins, Nick Siatakas.

Apologies: Ivan Shearer, Jean-Louis Potgeiter, Emily Arnberg, Amor Sexton, Brian Dunleavy, Michael White, Andrew Farran, Reuben Ray.

A quorum was declared and the meeting was opened at 5:02 pm.

1. Minutes of the Previous Annual General Meeting

1.1 C Ward asked for any comments on or corrections to the minutes of the 2012 Annual General Meeting. No issues were raised.

1.2 The minutes of the 2012 Annual General meeting were adopted (proposed by K Suter, seconded by M Brewster).

2. Business Arising

2.1 There was no business arising from the minutes of the 2012 Annual General Meeting.

3. President’s Report

3.1 C Ward gave a report of the activities of the Australian Branch in 2013 and gave his views on the future of the Australian Branch.

3.2 He said that the Australian Branch had a positive year and had fulfilled the mandate of the International Law Association.

3.3 He noted that there had been many small functions (but fewer larger ones) and that these had been successful.

3.4 C Ward noted that, internationally, the committee structure of the International Law Association was going from strength to strength and that there are Australians on all committees. He also noted that many Australians served as Chairs and Rapporteurs on international committees.

3.5 Looking forward, C Ward noted that the ILA Biennial Conference will be held in 2014 in Washington, DC. The conference will be a joint venture between the ILA and the American Society of International Law.
3.6 C Ward noted that his recent call for expressions of interest for the proposed reinvigorated domestic committee structure had been very successful. He noted that there would be a call for members and initial meetings soon. He explained his vision for the reinvigorated committees, consisting of reports, conferences and seminars.

3.7 C Ward noted the Australian Branch’s continued support for the Jessup Moot (through the Harold Snelling Award for the winning team) and the Nygh Internship.

3.8 C Ward also noted that the State- and Territory-based chapters are thriving. Queensland and Victoria are now well-established and chapters in the ACT and South Australia are developing. Lawyers from Western Australia are keen to get going. C Ward noted his hope for active chapters in all States and Territories in the near future.

3.9 C Ward noted that the Australian Branch continues to produce the Australian International Law Journal with the University of Sydney. The journal continues to be of high quality and is highly regarded.

3.10 C Ward also noted that the finances of the Australian Branch are in good health.

3.11 C Ward noted that the Australian Branch will host the biennial conference in 2018 and that it will be necessary to ensure that the finances are not diminished by the conference.

3.12 C Ward closed his report by expressing his thanks to the committee for all their hard work during the year, noting that it was a amicable and harmonious committee. He thanked in particular the outgoing Secretary—Catherine Gascoigne—and the outgoing Treasurer—Reuben Ray—for their service.

4.  Treasurer’s Report

4.1 C Ward noted that, due to other commitments, Jean-Louis Potgeiter was unable to be in attendance. The accounts were, however, available and circulated.

4.2 C Ward noted that there was one unusual feature to the accounts, namely that there are substantial and unusual current liabilities (p. 6). These are predominantly amounts owing to the University of Sydney in respect of the journal and to ILA HQ in respect of affiliation fees. There has been a delay in the payment of these due to administrative issues and they will be paid shortly. The Australian Branch will have no difficulty in paying these fees.

4.3 Beyond that matter, C Ward noted that there was nothing unusual about the accounts.

4.4 C Ward asked if there were any questions. Andrew Byrnes asked how many members there were. C Ward noted that there were some uncertainties about this because of issues with the new website, but that there were in excess of 110.

4.5 The Annual General Meeting resolved to approve the contents of the accounts and the balance sheet (proposed C Ward, seconded K Suter).

4.6 The Annual General Meeting authorised C Ward to sign and authorise the accounts and the balance sheet (proposed K Suter, seconded C Ward).
5. **Election of Office Bearers**

5.1 P Wall noted that the following nominations had been received for the ILA Committee of Management:

- President: Christopher Ward (proposed M Brewster, seconded P Wall)
- Vice President: Natalie Klein (proposed C Ward, seconded P Wall)
- Treasurer: Jean-Louis Potgeiter (proposed C Ward, seconded P Wall)
- Secretary: Patrick Wall (proposed C Ward, seconded M Brewster)
- Director of Studies: Keith Suter (proposed D Sturzaker, seconded P Wall)
- General Committee:
  - Damian Sturzaker (proposer K Suter, seconded P Wall)
  - Stephen Tully (proposed C Ward, seconded P Wall)
  - Joachim Delaney (proposed C Ward, seconded P Wall)
  - Emily Arnberg (proposed C Ward, seconded M Brewster)
  - Margaret Brewster (proposed C Ward, seconded P Wall)
  - Greg Marks (proposed C Ward, seconded P Wall)
  - Catherine Heyworth-Smith (proposed C Ward, seconded P Wall)

5.2 The following persons were nominated from the floor:

- Alexander Kunzelmann (proposed C Ward, seconded M Brewster)
- James Renwick (proposed C Ward, seconded P Wall)

5.3 P Wall noted that, in the circumstances, there was no need for a ballot. He asked if there was any opposition to any of the nominated persons. No objection having been raised, he declared the nominated persons duly elected.

6. **Other Business**

6.1 C Ward asked if there was any other business.

6.2 A Byrnes asked about the state of preparations for the hosting of the biennial conference in 2018. C Ward said that the organisation was in the preliminary stages. He noted that the Australian Branch had conducted preliminary negotiations with the Australia-New Zealand Society of International Law to co-host (just as the 2014 conference is being co-hosted with the American Society of International Law). He said that he wanted to see how the 2014 joint conference goes before deciding on co-hosting the 2018 conference. One possible stumbling block is that ANZSIL alternate between conferences in New Zealand and Australia; 2018 is currently set to be a New Zealand conference and the Australian conferences are usually held in Canberra.
6.3 M Brewster asked whether it was C Ward’s intention that the conference should pay for itself. C Ward replied that he would be hoping that the conference makes a profit for the Australian Branch.

6.4 A question was raised about the time of year that the conference would be held. C Ward replied that he anticipated a date in August or September. A Byrnes noted that the date should be set to accommodate academic calendars in both hemispheres.

6.5 M Brewster noted that the Australian Branch’s appreciation of the assistance provided by Baker & McKenzie and Marque Lawyers should be noted. C Ward added Allens to the list.

7. Next Meeting

7.1 The next Annual General Meeting will take place on a date to be determined.

8. Close

8.1 The meeting closed at 5:25 pm.

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Signed as a true record
Chair, Chris Ward