

Minutes of CLANT AGM

6 November 2015

NAAJA Conference Room, Smith St, Darwin

Meeting commenced 5.05pm

Present:

1. Russell Goldflam (Chair)
2. Lyma Nguyen (Minutes)
3. David Morters
4. Adele Bogard
5. Felicity Gerry
6. Jared Sharp
7. Suzan Cox
8. Georgia McMaster
9. Ambrith Abeyasekara
10. Sarah Gibbs
11. Robert Welfare
12. Giles O'Brien-Hartcher
13. Nicola MacCarron
14. Mark Thomas
15. Richard Coates (returning officer)
16. Elizabeth Morris
17. Marty Aust
18. Klarin Aust
19. Louise Bennett
20. Helena Blundell
21. Matthew Hubber
22. Travis Jackson
23. Shaleena Musk
24. Catherine Voumard
25. Julia Kretzenbacher
26. David Woodroffe
27. Franky Bain
28. Crystal Triggs
29. Laura McDonough
30. Grainne Marsden
31. Paul Morgan
32. Rory Pettit
33. Tim Farhall
34. Sandra Wendlandt
35. Lachlan Cowley
36. Sarah Barnaart
37. Naomi Loudon
38. Tass Liveris
39. Ruth Brebner

Apologies/proxies:

1. Isabella Maxwell-Williams
2. Alison Crouch
3. Sheetal Balakrishnan
4. Shane McMaster
5. Chrissy McConnel
6. Ian Read
7. Clement Ng
8. Beth Wild
9. Rex Wild
10. Jodi Truman
11. Alistair Wyvill
12. John Nader QC
13. John Neill
14. Suzi Kapetas
15. Carly Ingles
16. Helen Edney
17. Sophie Parsons
18. Simon Lapinski
19. Hugo Moodie
20. Jonathon Hunyor
21. Mark O'Reilly
22. Tamara Grealy
23. Marilyn Lester
24. Damien Jones
25. James William Stuchberry
26. Sandy Lau
27. Paul Usher
28. Stephen Geary
29. Peter Clayton
30. Olivia Campbell
31. Leonique Swart
32. James O'Brien
33. Ian Rowbottam
34. Shane McGrath
35. Anna Swindley
36. Jill Goddard
37. Dodie Roden
38. Bradley Dittmar
39. Steward Bryson
40. Candice Maclean
41. Mary Chalmers
42. Peter Maley
43. Wojieca Karczewski

1. **Confirmation of Minutes of CLANT AGM 19 November 2014**

Moved: Robert Welfare

Seconded: Adele Bogard

Resolved: minutes confirmed

2. **Acceptance of Financial Report 2014/2015**

Treasurer Nicola MacCarron reported an overall loss of about \$13,000 in 2014/15, which was normal in a “non-conference year”, due to donations and expenses.

CLANT’s current bank balance is \$201,286.25.

Moved: Marty Aust

Seconded: Robert Welfare

Resolved: Financial report accepted

3. **Committee Report**

Russell Goldflam acknowledged the work of the 2015 committee. Retiring members, particularly the Secretaries, thanked for their service. CLANT has continued to play an active role contributing to public debate on various policy issues.

The 2015 conference was difficult because of controversy over whether to hold it in Bali again in the context of the executions of Andrew Chan and Myuran Sukumaran. After much discussion and consultation with members, the CLANT committee unanimously decided to keep the conference in Bali. The forced change of venue (due to the closure of the Bali Hyatt for renovations) was also challenging. Attendance was down, but the conference was successful and generated a \$37,000 profit to CLANT.

Moved: Felicity Gerry

Seconded: David Morters

Resolved: Committee report accepted

4. **Honorary Life Membership: Lyn Wild**

Russell Goldflam reported that the committee recommended that Lyn Wild, for her contribution to the organisation of 11 CLANT conferences over 22 years, be bestowed honorary life membership. It was noted with regret that Lyn was unable to attend the meeting.

Moved: Russell Goldflam

Seconded: Susan Cox

Unanimously resolved by acclamation: Lyn Wild be made an Honorary Life Member of CLANT.

5. Life Membership: Richard Coates

Russell Goldflam reported that the committee recommended that Richard Coates be made a Life Member for exceptional and meritorious services to CLANT. In addition to having served as Principal Legal Officer of CAALAS, a Magistrate, Director of NTLAC, CEO of the Department of Justice, the DPP, and a CLANT Committee member over many years, Richard had presented papers at CLANT conferences, including two of particular importance, on: (1) [mandatory sentencing for murder](#), delivered jointly with Rex Wild QC (2001), which paved the way for the 2005 murder sentencing reforms; and (2) the [escalating indigenous prison population](#) in the NT (2011).

Moved: Russell Goldflam

Seconded: Elizabeth Morris

Unanimously resolved by acclamation: Richard Coates be made a Life Member of CLANT

6. 2016-2017 COMMITTEE

a. President

Nominations received from Russell Goldflam and Georgia McMaster. The meeting resolved to appoint Richard Coates as returning officer and to vote by secret ballot. Members voted in person and by proxy. Each candidate spoke briefly in support of their nomination.

Declaration: Russell Goldflam elected as President (49/33)

b. Ex officio position: immediate past President

Russell Goldflam noted that, in accordance with the decision of the 2013 AGM, John Lawrence SC retains this position

c. Vice Presidents

Russell Goldflam noted that up to 3 Vice-Presidents can be elected

Nominations received from Felicity Gerry QC and Lyma Nguyen
No further nominations received

Declaration: Felicity Gerry and Lyma Nguyen elected as Vice-Presidents

d. Secretary/Public Officer

Nomination received from Isabella Maxwell-Williams
No further nominations received

Declaration: Isabella Maxwell-Williams elected as Secretary/Public Officer

e. Treasurer

Nomination received from Nicola MacCarron
No further nominations received

Declaration: Nicola MacCarron elected as Treasurer

7. Committee Members

Russell Goldflam noted that up to 10 Committee members can be elected.

Nominations for Committee Members received from: Matthew Hubber, Julia Kretzenbacher, Marty Aust, Adele Bogard, Robert Welfare, Helena Blundell, Beth Morrisoe , Louise Bennett, Catherine Voumard and Sarah Gibbs.

No further nominations received

Declaration: The above-named nominees elected as Committee Members

Meeting closed 6.15pm