



Minutes of Annual General Meeting

Held at Sydney and by teleconference at 5.00 pm AEDT on Tuesday 11 July 2017

1. Welcome from Chair

2. Present:

Matthew Bell	(MB)
Marianne Rose	(MR)
Kara Vague	(KV) (Chair)
Rebecca Dickson	(RD)
Basil Georgiou	(BG)
Sean Brady	(SB)
Jaclyn Smith	(JS)
Jennifer Galatas	(JG)
Andrew Robertson	(AR) (Deputy Treasurer)
Melissa Yeo	(MY)
Marko Misko	(MM)
Paul Tobin	(PT) (Treasurer)
Phillip Greenham	(PG)
Robert Fenwick Elliott	(RFE)
Ian Bailey	(IB)
David Ulbrick	(DU)
Cathie Witcombe	
Michael Gibson	
Conrad Pereira	
Brent Turnbull	

3. Apologies:

Donald Charrett
Laina Chan
Karen Wenham
Gillian Cottle

4. To receive and consider the Treasurer's Report and the Chair's Report

The **Treasurer's report** was taken as read. It was noted that there was also an Addendum to the Treasurer's Report dated 7 July 2017.

The Treasurer noted that income is significantly higher than usual as we have not yet incurred expected conference expenses which will be paid over the next month or two.

It was observed that we continue to meet our financial obligations and audit and reporting requirements. SoCLA is currently investigating whether it will need to register as a charity and is obtaining legal advice and reviewing the tax implications.

The Treasurer thanked Cathie Witcombe for her support.

Kara Vague PROPOSED to accept the Treasurer's report. SECONDED: IB and PG.

The **Chair's report** was taken as read.

5. To note the election of Board Members

5 vacancies, 17 nominees.

Sean Brady, Jaclyn Smith, Andrew Robertson and Paul Tobin were congratulated on their re-election.

David Ulbrick was congratulated on his election to the Board.

Jeremy Chenoweth did not stand for re-election and the Board thanked him for his tenure on the Board.

6. General Business

Cathie Witcombe was thanked by the chair and several of the Board members (in particular PT, MR and MB) for all of her support throughout the year.

7. Vote on the resolution to vary clause 3 of the Constitution

Kara Vague proposed and MM and IB seconded that Clause 3 of the Constitution be varied as follows.

Resolution

Current objectives of SOCLA

The current wording for our objects is:

3. Objects of the company

The objects of the company are to:

- (a) promote education, study and research (and publication of the useful results of such research) in the field of construction law and related subjects both in Australia and overseas for the benefit of the public and construction

industry;

- (b) advance and encourage the study of construction law and related subjects by any appropriate means including without limitation giving prizes, rewards and scholarships; publishing journals, lectures, newsletters or other content by any means; and providing or fostering conferences, lectures, seminars and other training activities;
- (c) consider, originate and promote changes in the law and government policy as it may relate to construction law and related subjects and in respect of the construction industry generally;
- (d) establish relationships and associations with other bodies in Australia and overseas with similar or related objects to that of the company and exchanging information and studies and results with such bodies;
- (e) acquire and take over any surplus assets and undertakings of the Society on the winding up of the Society and to generally carry on the functions and objects of that body;
- (f) admit as members of the company those members of the Society on the winding up of the Society;
- (g) take any steps or proceedings, and support any person, as deemed expedient to further the other objects of the company;
- (h) generally carry out such other functions and purposes which are necessary or incidental to the other objects of the company.

Proposed clause 3 of the Constitution

3 Vision and Objects of the company

3.1 Vision

The Vision of the company is to:

- (a) promote the education, study and research in the field of construction law and related subjects in Australia and overseas.
- (b) provide a forum for industry participants and thought leaders to connect and together initiate positive change in the construction industry for the benefit of the construction industry and public as a whole by influencing changes to legislation, policy and practice.

3.2 Objects

The objects of the company are to:

- (a) **thought leadership**: provide a forum for industry professionals and thought leaders to connect and

together initiate positive change in the construction industry for the benefit of the construction industry and public as a whole both in Australia and overseas;

- (b) **education:** promote education, study and research (and publication of the useful results of such research) in the field of construction law and related subjects in Australia and overseas including by the giving of prizes, rewards and scholarships; publishing journals, lectures, newsletters or other content by any means; and through conferences, lectures, seminars, sponsorship and other training activities;
- (c) **national and international relationships:** support, participate in and establish relationships with other groups (whether formal and informal) in Australia and overseas with similar or related objects to that of the company and exchange information and studies and results with such bodies;
- (d) **charity:** establish, sponsor, donate to and support charities related to the construction industry;
- (e) **general:** generally carry out such other functions and purposes which are necessary or incidental to the other objects of the company.

Reasons for the amendment

The proposed amendments will clarify the vision and objects of the Society and bring it in line with the current role and future direction of the Society.

Resolution

The members resolve to amend clause 3 of the Constitution in the above terms.

8. Close of meeting

Meeting was closed at

Signed by the Chair as a true record of the meeting.

Chair

Date