

WOMEN BARRISTERS FORUM

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2017

HELD: Wednesday, 31 May 2017 at 4.45pm
PLACE: Conference Room 2, NSW Bar Association,
Selborne Chambers, 174 Phillip Street, Sydney

Present:

Michelle Painter SC (Chair), Carol Webster SC, Kate Richardson SC, Kate Morgan, Zoë Hillman, Trish Hoff, Brenda Tronson, Sophie Anderson (by phone), Brin Anniwell, Madeleine Ellicott, Kavita Balendra, Renée Bianchi, Catherine Hamilton-Jewell, Kellie Edwards, Rosalind Winfield, Carol Webster, Bridie Nolan, Susan Phillips, Larissa Andelman

The meeting opened at 4.45pm.

Apologies and proxies

Kate Eastman SC, Kerri Leotta provided their apologies.

Kellie Edwards submitted a proxy for Sophie Anderson.

Brenda Tronson submitted proxies for Karen Jones, Monique Cowde, Lyndelle Barnett and Janet McDonald.

The Chair submitted a proxy for Victoria Cha.

Kate Morgan submitted proxies for: Stephanie Patterson, Justine Beaumont, Anna Mitchelmore, Zali Steggall, Victoria Brigden, Ann Bonnor, Julie Granger, Catherine Gleeson, Penelope Abdiel, Kristina Stern SC, Michelle Rabsch, Vanessa Whittaker, Vanessa Bosnjak, Surya Palaniappan, Julia Roy, Sera Mirzabegian, Amy Munro, Juliet Curtin, Jennifer Single, Jane Taylor, Emma Bathurst, Celia Winnett, Chloe Burnett, Melanie Cairns and Louise Hulmes.

The Chair then tabled the Annual Report of the WBF and spoke to the contents of the Report.

Resolutions passed:

- 1. Resolved that the Minutes of the AGM of 23 June 2016 be approved with the name "Zoë Hillman" being corrected.**

Proposed: Brenda Tronson

Seconded: Zoë Hillman

Passed unopposed

- 2. Resolved that the Annual Report of WBF be accepted.**

Proposed: Zoë Hillman

Seconded: Brenda Tronson

Passed unopposed

3. Resolved that the Financial Report of the Treasurer for the financial year ended 30 June 2016 be approved.

Proposed: Zoë Hillman
 Seconded: Brenda Tronson
 Passed unopposed

4. A resolution that the Financial Report of the Treasurer as at 31 May 2017 be approved.

Proposed: Zoë Hillman
 Seconded: Brenda Tronson
 Passed unopposed

5. Nomination and election of office bearers: the following persons were elected unopposed to the following offices.

The Chair stated that she would not stand for Chair of WBF again this year, her 3 year term having coming to an end.

The following were elected as office bearers of the WBF for 2017:

Chair: Kate Richardson SC
 Co-Vice Chair: Brenda Tronson
 Co-Vice Chair: Zoë Hillman
 Co-Secretary: Caroline Dobraszczyk
 Co-Secretary: Elizabeth Picker
 Treasurer: Rosalind Winfield

Information Technology Officer: Kavita Balendra
 WLNSW Liaison: Larissa Andelman
 CPD Coordinators: Madeleine Ellicott
 Brin Anniwell

6. A vote of thanks was given to Michelle Painter SC for her three years of service as Chair of the WBF with personal votes of thanks from Brenda Tronson and Zoë Hillman.

General business

Kate Richardson SC was welcomed to the role of Chair of WBF.

Michelle Painter SC noted that Victoria O'Halloran has provided her with the details of a clothing drive for Fitted for Work and encouraged all women of the NSW Bar to support the drive.

Michelle Painter SC wished Kate Richardson SC well for the year ahead for WBF.

The President of the NSW Bar Association, Arthur Moses SC, congratulated Kate Richardson SC on her election as Chair of the WBF.

There being no other matters of business, the meeting closed at approximately 5.45pm