



NEW SOUTH WALES
BAR ASSOCIATION

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BAR COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Thursday 11 September 2014
in the Boardroom of the New South Wales Bar Association
at 4.30 pm

PRESENT: Needham SC; Moses SC; McHugh SC; Temby QC; Game SC; McGrath SC; Traill; Morris; Stone; Callan (by phone); Hunt; Gleeson; Hyde Page; Dobraszczyk

APOLOGIES: Hutley SC; Toomey; Terracini SC; Loukas SC; Walker; Healey; Khandhar

IN ATTENDANCE: Executive Director; Deputy Executive Director; Director, Professional Conduct (for professional conduct matters)

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of 28 August 2014 were confirmed, subject to a minor amendment.

MEMBERSHIP

The following were admitted as Class A – Local Practising Barrister – unless otherwise shown:

Margaret Ashford – B	6 St James Hall
Nathan Avery-Williams	Edmund Barton Chambers
Mitchell Davis	Nine Selborne Chambers
Yvonne Frost	Frederick Jordan Chambers
Michelle Giacomo	Chalfont Chambers
Manal Hamdan	Maurice Byers Chambers
Rodney Hooper – B	John Toohey Chambers, WA
David Larish	5 Wentworth Chambers
Georgina Lewer	Forbes Chambers

Elizabeth McLaughlin
 Daniel McMahon
 Surya Palaniappan – B
 Carmen Randazzo – B
 Bilal Rauf
 Jacinta Reid
 Peter Tierney
 Michael Wilson – B
 Kevin Zhu

Hunter Street Chambers
 Elizabeth Street Chambers
 ACCC, Sydney
 Isaacs Chambers, VIC
 State Chambers
 Martin Place Chambers
 Elizabeth Street Chambers
 Owen Dixon Chambers, VIC
 Henry Parkes Chambers

FOR CONSIDERATION

Memorandum to the Bar Council dated 1 September 2014 from the ADR Committee – Mediation accreditation – David Flynn

RESOLVED to approve David Flynn’s accreditation as a mediator with the New South Wales Bar Association until 28 October 2014 to coincide with the 2014 round of accreditations, and that the relevant courts be requested to amend their mediation lists to reflect Mr Flynn’s status as a practising barrister.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- (a) The President noted that Temby QC had submitted a memorandum regarding possible motions in respect of the draft Drug Reform Policy Brief, which will be included in the Bar Council papers when the matter is next listed for consideration. The President asked that other Bar Councillors with proposed motions submit them in writing prior to Bar Council’s further consideration of the issue.
- (b) The Treasurer noted that the Chair of the Practice Development Committee and the Deputy Executive Director had met with Urbis earlier in the day to discuss further work required in relation to the analysis of the 2014 Bar Survey. He indicated that a small amount of further funding would be required in respect of this additional work.
- (c) The Executive Director advised that a Tenancy Security Review of the Association’s premises had been undertaken.
- (d) The Bar Council noted the appointment of Mr Dale Boucher as the inaugural Commissioner for Uniform Legal Services Regulation under the National Legal Profession scheme.

FOR INFORMATION

Memorandum to the Bar Council dated 26 August from the Policy Lawyer – barristers’ Professional Indemnity insurance- Aggregated claims information for period ended 30 June 2014

RESOLVED that the Executive seek advice from the Professional Indemnity Insurance Working Group with a view to engaging the four professional indemnity insurers in negotiations regarding premium reductions and that it consider other possible measures regarding the cost of insurance premiums.

The Executive will report back to the Bar Council on these matters.

Criminal Law Committee - Report on activities for the 2013 financial year.

Noted.

Equal Opportunity Committee – Report on activities for the 2013 financial year.

Noted.

Indigenous Barristers’ Strategy Working Party report.

Noted.

ADR Committee Annual Report contribution 2013 – 2014.

Noted.

Law Council of Australia – Agenda for Meeting of Directors – 6 September 2014.

Noted. The Junior Vice-President reported on the Law Council of Australia Directors’ meeting held in Adelaide on 6 September. The draft minutes of the meeting will be distributed to Bar Councillors when available.

The following papers were circulated via e-mail prior to the Council meeting.

- Email to the Bar Council dated 9 September 2014 from Executive Director – Law Council of Australia – Policy on Asylum Seekers.

The meeting closed at 5.45pm.

Confirmed as a correct record:

Jane Needham SC

President

Date: