

UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND LAW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD AT SIR GERARD BRENNAN BOARDROOM, TC BEIRNE SCHOOL OF LAW

29 NOVEMBER 2017

Present: Margaret Brown
Shen Chow
Michelle Delport
Randall Dennings
Professor Sarah Derrington (Dean of the Law School)
Bianca Kabel
Dr Jeff Mann
John McKenna QC (President)
Shane Montgomery
Georgina Morgan
Dr Michael White QC

Apologies: Justice Debra Mullins
Judge Brian Devereaux

The meeting was opened by the President at 5:30pm.

Annual Report and Financial Statement

The President tabled the First Annual Report and the Financial Report for the period ending 30 June 2017. The meeting expressed its thanks to MinterEllison for generously assisting in the formation of the UQLA.

Resolved that the First Annual Report and the Financial Report be adopted.

Operations

The programmes of the UQLA were discussed.

It was noted that the Orientation Week Programme was very well attended by students and well received, with the Dean recommending that it continue in its current format.

It was noted that the Statute Law Programme was not well attended by students, with the Dean recommending that it be discontinued.

It was noted that the Criminal Trial Programme was very well attended by students, with the Dean recommending that it continue in its current form until live streaming of selected proceedings was possible. The meeting expressed its thanks to Justice Boddice and Soraya Ryan QC for their generous assistance with this programme.

It was noted that the Barristers Work Experience Programme was well received by students, with the Dean recommending that it continue in its current form.

It was noted that the Textbook Programme had commenced, with the Dean recommending that it continue in its current form. The meeting expressed its thanks to Sam Walpole for his work in establishing this programme.

It was noted that the Bar Association of Queensland had generously assisted in establishing a further micro-scholarship in the Scholarship Programme. The meeting expressed the wish that the UQLA could develop a wider membership base, to maximise alumni participation in the scholarship programme through the aggregation of many small donations.

It was noted that the Video Programme had not developed to the extent hoped for during the year. The Dean suggested that short videos be prepared in which practitioners explain the practical importance of the subjects offered by the Law School, and offer guidance about suitable subject selection for different career paths.

It was noted that the Teaching Programme now involves numerous alumni who are lecturing in their specialised area of practice, including in Succession, Insolvency, Civil Procedure, Family Law and Planning and Environment Law. The Dean recommended that the practitioner-in-residence facet of this programme be revived and that alumni support the mentoring programme organised by the BEL Faculty. The meeting expressed the willingness of the alumni community to participate in discussion forums to answer student questions about career issues.

The meeting expressed its thanks to Shane Montgomery for his work in developing the UQLA website, and the wish that membership of the UQLA can be substantially expanded during the course of the following year.

Election of Directors

The following eleven candidates for election to the Board were elected to fill the eleven vacancies:

- Margaret Brown
- Michelle Delport
- Luke Furness
- Christian Jennings
- Bianca Kabel
- Jeff Mann
- John McKenna
- Shane Montgomery
- Georgina Morgan

- Samuel Walpole
- Florence Chen

The President thanked members for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 6:45pm.