

Victorian Christian Legal Society Incorporated

Date: Monday 29 May 2017

Location: Offices of Hutchinson Legal (Level 10, 459 Little Collins Street, Melbourne)

Time: 6:15pm to 7:44pm

Chair: Amy Nhan

Minutes Taken by: Amy Nhan

Minutes for Annual General Meeting

- **Welcome:** Derrick Toh
- **Opening Prayer:** Derrick Toh
- **Attendance: 10 people – quorum reached**
 - Joshua Davis
 - Rebekah Wong
 - Annabelle Yap
 - David De Alwis
 - Derrick Toh
 - Amy Nhan
 - Aaron Chan
 - Con Nottas
 - Anne Winckel
 - Nathan Lu (proxy held by Amy Nhan)
- **Formal Apologies:**
 - Paul Holdway
- **Review of the 2016/2017 year:** Report by **Derrick Toh & David de Alwis**
 - *See President's Report for more details*
 - i. Member Registry
 - ii. Referral services
 1. *See VP's Report for more details:* a great thank you to VP for his efforts for the referrals
 - iii. Meet the Professional Event
 - iv. ACLC
 - v. Follow up on ACLC event (Victoria)
 - vi. Christmas Carol Service
 - vii. Preparing for Annual Dinner – pray for the speaker
 - viii. Additional points: Relationship between Melbourne Catholic Lawyers Association has developed well over the years
 - ix. Additional points: NZ Lawyers Conference: 100+ lawyers
- **Review of financial position:** Report by **Aaron Chan**
 - *See Financial Summary by Aaron Chan*
- **Election of Office Bearers/Executive Committee:**
 - **President: position vacant**
 - i. David De Alwis nominated
 - ii. David De Alwis elected
 - **Vice-President: position vacant**
 - i. Rebekah Wong nominated
 - ii. Rebekah Wong elected
 - **Secretary: position vacant**
 - i. Josh Davis nominated
 - ii. Josh Davis elected

- **Treasurer: Aaron Chan**
 - i. Aaron Chan nominated again
 - ii. Aaron Chan elected
- **General Member – Marketing Manager: position vacant**
 - i. Annabelle Yap nominated
 - ii. Annabelle Yap elected
- **General Member – Student Representative (Monash)**
 - i. Nathan Lu nominated again
 - ii. Nathan Lu elected
- **General Member – Executive Advisor: position vacant**
 - i. Paul Holdway “While I will be available to be consulted if needed I feel that due to my inability at present to attend meetings and events (mostly) I should not remain as a formal committee member. I will remain a member of the Society and a supporter and the firm is happy to continue to offer credit card fee payments and facilities and rooms when needed and sponsorship of the Students Dinner and so on.”
 - ii. Derrick Toh nominated
 - iii. Derrick Toh elected
- **CLEAR Representative: Natalie Fielding**
 - i. Natalie Fielding nominated again
 - ii. Natalie Fielding elected
- **CLEAR Representative – Reporting Role: position vacant**
 - i. Derrick Toh nominated
 - ii. Derrick Toh elected
- **New President’s Speech**
 - Thank you to Derrick Toh and Amy Nhan for their services
 - 2017/2018: Focusing on what has been built and reaching out to student members (More details will be provided at the Annual Dinner)
- **CLEAR Changes: Federation of State-based CLS**
 - **Mark Fowler from CLEAR via telephone**
 - New name of CLEAR: Australian Christian Lawyers or similar to reflect the purposes of the organisation which was set up to firstly serve the CLS within each State/ Territory and secondly to provide legal education missions
 - Will retain the CLEAR name as a separate missions arm
 - i. Potentially a shared services of a secretarial role following the surplus from the ACLC
 - Resolution to in principle agree with CLEAR’s position: unanimous decision for the resolution to pass
- **Membership & subscription fees:**
 - \$20 for practitioners and \$5 for students and legal graduates
 - If people join now, their membership fee will roll over into 2017/2018
 - May look at “corporate members”
- **Upcoming Events**
 - Next Annual Dinner
- **Other business:**
 - Anne: Mark Sneddon spoke at CMA Dinner – recommend him for future speaking events

- Derrick received email from Peter Kentley – Dr Rachel Carling-Jenkins would like to present in July/ possibly with MCLA jointly
- **Next meeting:** *TBA*
- **Close meeting/ Prayer:** David De Alwis