

Asian Australian Lawyers Association Inc.
Reg. No. A0060052T / ARBN 604 922 812
(the Association)

Minutes of 2019 Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Place: **Corrs Chambers Westgarth (Sydney office)**, Level 17, 8-12 Chifley Square, Sydney NSW 2000

and

Corrs Chambers Westgarth (Melbourne office), Level 25, 567 Collins Street, Melbourne VIC 3000

and

Corrs Chambers Westgarth (Brisbane office), Level 42, 111 Eagle Street, Brisbane QLD 4000

and

Corrs Chambers Westgarth (Perth office), Level 6, 123 Georges Terrace, Perth WA 6000

Date: Thursday, 27 November 2019

Time: 7.00pm AEDT

6.00pm AEST

4.00pm AWST

Welcome and Opening of 2019 AGM

Barton Wu, Secretary of the Association for the 2018-19 Financial Year, welcomed attendees as the **Chair** of the 2019 AGM.

The Chair confirmed that:

- the requirement for the AGM to be held within 5-months of the end of the relevant Financial Year was satisfied; and
- a quorum of voting members of the Association (**Members**) was present.

The requirements for the AGM under the **Constitution** of the Association having been satisfied, the Chair formally declared the AGM open.

The Chair instructed Members on how to vote at the AGM, using the voting cards provided.

Items of Ordinary Business

The Chair advised that Item 2 on the agenda for ordinary business to be conducted at the AGM on the Notice of AGM will be held over to be conducted as the last item of formal business.

1. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 2018 AGM

The minutes of the AGM of the Association held on 4 October 2018 were confirmed.

2. President's Address and Tabling of Reports

Item was held over and conducted as the last item of formal business.

The Chair noted that the 2019 **Annual Report**, including the President's Report, Branch Reports and Financial Report for the Financial Year ended 30 June 2019 (**2019 Financial Year**), was distributed to the Members and tabled.

The President of the Association, gave a report to the Members on the activities of the Association during the 2019 Financial Year, as contained in the President's Report.

The President highlighted and acknowledged:

- Australia Day Honours for Reynah Tang AM, William Lye OAM and Dr Andrew Lu OAM;
- the appointments of new silks: William Lye OAM QC, Cam Truong QC, David Chin SC and Tiffany Wong SC;
- the appointment of tribunal members: Reynah Tang AM and Dr Andrew Lu OAM;
- the 2019 William Ah Ket Scholarship ceremony held at the High Court of Australia with keynote speaker The Hon. Chief Justice Susan Kiefel AC;
- the 2019 Executive Committee Roundtable of the Association; and
- the over 40 events held across Australia by the Association in the past 12-months.

The President thanked the members and other supporters of the Association, including the Association's Patron, the Honourable Michael Kirby AC CMG, Baker & McKenzie, as the Association's Sponsor, and Corrs Chambers Westgarth for hosting the AGM and Branch Meetings across NSW, Victoria, Queensland and WA.

3. Election of Officeholders

The Chair declared all Officeholder positions on the Committee vacant, in accordance with Article 65.1 of the **Constitution** of the Association.

The Chair confirmed that nominations were received for each Officeholder position.

One nomination for **President** was received from Kingsley Liu. As there were no other nominations, the Chair declared Kingsley Liu elected as President of the Association for the 2019-20 Financial Year.

One nomination for **Vice-President** was received from Molina Asthana, who also tendered her apologies for the AGM. As there were no other nominations, the Chair declared Molina Asthana elected as Vice-President of the Association for the 2019-20 Financial Year.

One nomination for **Treasurer** was received from Nai-Yan Yeap, who also tendered her apologies for the AGM. As there were no other nominations, the Chair declared Nai-Yan Yeap elected as Treasurer of the Association for the 2019-20 Financial Year.

One nomination for **Secretary** was received from Matthew Floro. As there were no other nominations, the Chair declared Matthew Floro elected as Secretary of the Association for the 2019-20 Financial Year.

4. Election of Ordinary Committee Members

The Chair noted that, before electing the ordinary members of the Executive **Committee** of the Association (**Ordinary Committee Members**), the maximum number of Ordinary Committee Members on the Committee must be set. It was proposed that the number of Ordinary Committee Members be set at five.

The Chair called Members to vote.

With no votes cast against the proposed resolution, the Chair declared that, by ordinary resolution, the maximum number of Ordinary Committee Members of the Committee for the 2019-20 Financial Year will be set at five

The Chair declared all Ordinary Committee Member positions on the Committee vacant, in accordance with Article 65.1 of the Constitution.

The Chair confirmed that nominations were received from the following persons for Ordinary Committee Member positions:

- John K Arthur;
- Aruna Colombathari;
- Zubair Mian
- Sining Wang; and
- Barton Wu

(Ordinary Committee Member Candidates).

There being no other Ordinary Committee Member Candidates, the Chair declared each Ordinary Committee Member Candidate elected or re-elected (as the case may be) as an Ordinary Committee Member for the 2019-20 Financial Year.

5. Membership Fees

The Chair proposed the structure of the Association's membership fees (**Membership Fees Structure**) for the 2019-20 Financial Year and referred Members to pages 11 and 12 of the Annual Report.

The Chair called Members to vote on the proposed Membership Fees Structure.

With no votes cast against the proposed resolution, the Chair declared that it was resolved as an ordinary resolution that the Membership Fees Structure is approved.

6. Constitutional Amendments

Proposed amendments to the Constitution of the Association were tabled (now attached as **Annexure A** to these Minutes) and considered by members present.

Members present voted, by way of Special Resolution, on the following amendments:

6.1. Change timing requirements for a Branch Meeting (Branch AGM) from 2 hours before a National AGM to up to 14 days prior to a National AGM

With no votes against the proposed resolution, the Chair declared that the change to the Constitution was **approved** by Special Resolution.

6.2. Provide the National Executive Committee with the power to assign portfolio duties to National Executive Committee members by way of Ordinary Resolution at a National Executive Committee meeting

With no votes against the proposed resolution, the Chair declared that the change to the Constitution was **approved** by Special Resolution.

6.3. Provide the Branch Committees with the power to assign portfolio duties to Branch Committee members by way of Ordinary Resolution at a Branch Meeting or Branch Committee meeting

It was moved (and seconded) that the proposal be amended.

With 31 votes for and 23 votes against the proposed resolution, the Chair declared that the amended proposal to change to the Constitution was **not approved** by Special Resolution.

As the Member who proposed the original amendments seconded the amended proposal, the original proposal was not required to be voted on.

6.4. Provide the National Executive Committee with the power to make, alter or rescind bylaws by Ordinary Resolution

It was moved (and seconded) that the proposal be amended from 'Ordinary Resolution' to 'Special Resolution'.

With 22 votes for and 30 votes against the proposed resolution, the Chair declared that the amended proposal to change to the Constitution was **not approved** by Special Resolution.

Members present considered the original proposal.

With 8 abstentions, 16 votes for and 30 votes against the proposed resolution, the Chair declared that the original proposal to change to the Constitution was **not approved** by Special Resolution.

6.5. Correct typographical errors in the Constitution

With no votes against the proposed resolution, the Chair declared that the change to the Constitution was **approved** by Special Resolution.

Meeting Close

There being no further business, the Chair declared the 2019 AGM close at 9.00pm AEDT.

Signed as a correct record



Barton Wu
Chair

18 October 2020

Date