



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Saturday 5th November 2022

Rydges Hotel Townsville & via Zoom

Chairman: Scott Patterson JP(Qual), President

Meeting opened at: 12pm

The Chairman welcomed all present to the Annual General Meeting. The business transacted at the meetings is as follows:

Item	Motion/Notes	Result
1. Members Present, Apologies and Proxies received	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• President welcomed members attending live and via Zoom• President acknowledged indigenous owners and custodians and their elders• Quorum declared	Members present: 16 (a detailed list of Members present is available for review upon request.) 11 Members joined via Zoom (Names have been recorded) 30 Proxies in Total Chairman holds 29 proxies

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<p>Apologies</p> <p>The Chairman advised that as a quorum was achieved the meeting would commence.</p>		<p>Jim Cox Julie Arthur Raj Sharma Lucia Forman Steve Saunders Bruce Glover Ian Thompson Julia Henderson Eldon Bryant Mason McKenzie Hilary McKenzie</p>
<p>2. Minutes of 2021 AGM and Business Arising. Chairman asked for any questions arising from last year's AGM minutes. Minutes were published on the Members website and distributed via the Journal. No questions.</p>	<p><i>Motion 1: That the minutes of the 2021 Annual General Meeting of the Queensland Justices Association, held on Saturday 6th November Pullman Mecure Brisbane (and by videoconference) be confirmed as a correct record.</i></p>	<p>Moved: SG Seconded: SP MOTION CARRIED</p> <p>FOR: 56 AGAINST: 0 ABSTAIN 1</p>
<p>3. President's Report 2021-22</p> <p>Chairman asked for any questions arising from the President's report as published in the Annual Report and distributed by email and post for print subscribers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President talked about challenges for QJA, one being the ageing membership • Need for younger people to provide input and be involved • Diversity needed on board gender, age, experience 	<p><i>Motion 2: That the Presidents Report be received.</i></p>	<p>Moved: SP Seconded: WL MOTION CARRIED</p> <p>FOR: 50 AGAINST: 0 ABSTAIN 0</p>

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<p>Chair called for questions from the floor</p> <p>RT asked if there was any way to compel members to attend meetings and workshops and keep up to date and some are only members because of their job.</p> <p>Response from chair that we can only encourage members to do so as QJA is not the regulator Not all members are able to volunteer in the public programs but are still doing good work in their workplaces and communities.</p> <p>KR What strategies are QJA looking at the arrest the declining Membership and to increase Membership over the next, say 5 years? The chair responded – our members are the best advocates for others to join, discussions with government for awareness of what QJA does – some commitments given to promoting membership. Raising the QJA profile in Queensland and also in Australia such as participating in the ACJA conference. We need all our members to play a part also.</p> <p>JK asked if there was any further discussion on the 5-year appointment for JPs. The Chair responded with no formal consultation has taken place as yet between QJA and the Qld Govt. We need to seriously examine the limited term appointment and renewal and the possible effects to QJA.</p> <p>KR -anecdotally it appears some Branches are struggling to survive and to interest new members to become involved in Branch</p>		

<p>5. Financial Statements 2021-22 Chairman asked for any questions about the Financial Statements report as published in the Annual Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deficit for the year 21/22 • Continuing effects of COVID-19 • Effective reduction in revenue previously supported by Job Keeper subsidy • Continued revenue drop without financial support <p>Chairman called for questions</p>	<p><i>Motion 4: That the Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2022 as set out in the Annual Report, be adopted.</i></p>	<p>Moved: SP Seconded: WL</p> <p>After discussion, MOTION CARRIED</p> <p>FOR: 54 AGAINST: 0 ABSTAIN: 1</p>
<p>6. Constitution Changes Explanation of rationale for both motions was published on the QJA website and advised by email to members Changes bring the QJA constitution in harmony with the Corporations Act 2001 particularly in regard to the use of terminology around “director” and “officer”</p> <p>Chairman called for questions. SG asked if Rule 3 should read “board members” The chair replied that it referred to the “position of” in the singular</p> <p>RT asked if there was a treasurer or secretary. The chair responded that the Company Secretary</p>	<p><i>Motion 5: That the Constitution (rule 3,52,64 and 72) be amended, as detailed in the membership broadcast email message of 24 October 2021, to modify the definitions of officer, director, and board of directors</i></p>	<p>Moved: KM Seconded: EF</p> <p>After discussion, MOTION CARRIED</p> <p>FOR: 45 AGAINST: 0 ABSTAIN 9</p>

<p>is the secretary for the board and the treasurer role is effectively the chair of the Finance committee.</p> <p>RT asked if the directors have to register with ASIC The chair responded that as QJA is a company limited by guarantee it must comply with ASIC and its directors all have director IDs.</p> <p>KR asked if part (b) of Rule 72 should also say “director” WL (company secretary) replied that Company Secretary and key management are also officers under the Corporations Act and that the duty to avoid conflicts of interest still applies.</p> <p>Nil questions asked</p>		
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<p>7. Other Business</p> <p>Questions invited from attendees – nil questions asked</p>		
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Meeting closed at: 12:47pm