

**MINUTES OF THE 28TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE COMPETITION LAW & POLICY  
INSTITUTE OF NZ INC.**

**Date** Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> October 2017, commencing at 5:55pm.

**Venue** Simpson Grierson, Level 27, Lumley Centre, 88 Shortland St, Auckland

**Attendees** Laura Meriluoto (Director), Alicia Murray, Alan Lear, John Land, Anna Ryan, James Craig, Glenn Shewan, Oliver Meech, Alex Sundakov, Geoff Bertram and Donal Curtin

**1. APOLOGIES**

Neil Anderson, Troy Pilkington, and Simon Peart  
John Land has been excused 6:26pm

**2. PREVIOUS MINUTES**

The minutes of the previous annual general meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> August 2016 were confirmed as a true and correct record.

(Moved by Laura/Seconded by Anna)

**3. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

The Director elaborated on her written report about changes this year with the secretarial retiring and the employment of Conference Innovators.

The report was received.

(Moved by Laura/Seconded by Anna)

**4. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND TREASURER'S REPORT**

The audited financial accounts for the year ended 31 March 2017 were presented by Laura Meriluoto.

Laura noted that 2017 was a great year with no competition for the workshop/conference and the fact they were in Wellington.

It was resolved that the audited financial accounts be received and approved.

(Moved by Laura/Seconded by Anna)

**5. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR**

The board discussed the need for having an auditor going forward, as this is not a legal requirement while it is a requirement by the CLPINZ Constitution. It was agreed that it was a good idea to keep the auditor for at least one more year to ensure that the transition in secretarial services is properly accounted for. It was agreed to have a refresh of the constitution as a work stream for the board for the 2017/18 year and as part of that the board would re-consider the need for an audit going forward.

Recommendation by Laura to keep the auditor for at least one more year.

It was resolved that Moore Stephens be appointed the Institute's Auditors for the 2017-2018 year.

(Moved by Laura/Seconded by James)

## 6. ELECTION OF

### a. Director

It was **unanimously resolved** that Laura Meriluoto continue the Director position for the next term.

### b. Secretariat

It was **unanimously resolved** that Conference Innovators would take the secretariat position.

### c. Advisory Board

#### i. Four members of the legal profession

It was **unanimously resolved** that Glenn Shewan, James Craig, Oliver Meech and Anna Ryan be appointed/re-appointed as the four members of the legal profession on the Board.

#### ii. One academic engaged in the field of competition law or economics

Laura Meriluoto could not take up the position as academic for the advisory board due to being the Director as the Director is not a part of the Advisory Board according to the CLPINZ constitution.

It was suggested to approach Richard Meade (Principal Economist at Cognitus Economic Insight, Vice President of Law & Economics Association of NZ and Senior Research Fellow at AUT) and Carol Beaton-Wells (Professor at University of Melbourne). The order of contact was suggested as Carol first, Richard second.

Anna Ryan is to contact Carol.

The academic position for the advisory board will be chosen at the first board meeting after the AGM.

#### iii. One consulting economist

It was **unanimously resolved** that Donal Curtin be re-appointed as the consulting economist on the Board.

#### iv. The immediate past director

It was **unanimously resolved** that John Land be re-appointed as the Immediate Past Director on the Board.

#### v. Co-opted members

It was **unanimously resolved** that Alan Lear, Simon Peart, Neil Anderson, Troy Pilkington and Alicia Murray be co-opted on the Board.

The AGM discussed the fact that all of the members – those formally named as the four representatives of the legal profession and those co-opted – have the same standing on the Board, and that this separation for members and co-opted members is simply a formality to satisfy with the current constitution of CLPINZ.

## **7. GENERAL BUSINESS**

(a) It was noted that Val Browning had been thanked for her 14 years of loyal contribution to CLPINZ.

(b) It was noted that Laura Meriluoto had done a great job as the Director.

(c) It was suggested that a format for the 2018 workshop be Friday Afternoon/Saturday morning.

(d) The 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary was discussed at bringing it back to Christchurch in 2 years' time (where it all began).

(e) Suggestions for guest speakers for the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary were John Feil – Head of Commission, and Alan Pollard.

The meeting closed at 6:37pm