

Committees

There have been some changes in the composition of the Academy's committees.

Justice Alan Robertson succeeds Professor Don Chalmers as Chair of the Membership Committee and Professor Michael Adams succeeds me as Chair of the Website and Publications Committee.

I am sure that all Fellows wish to record our appreciation of Don Chalmers' work as Chair of the Membership Committee over approximately the last four years. Don will continue as a member of that Committee as well as the Website and Publications Committee.

Professor Ros Croucher continues as Chair of the Projects Committee.

The membership of the three committees is as follows:

Membership Committee: Justice Alan Robertson (Chair); The Hon Kevin Lindgren (ex officio); Professor Don Chalmers; Justice Marcia Neave; Professor Paul Fairall; Professor David Weisbrot; Dr Melissa Perry; Mr Glenn Ferguson and Professor Michael Coper.

Projects Committee: Professor Ros Croucher (Chair); The Hon Kevin Lindgren (ex officio); Mr Henry Burmester; Justice Mark Weinberg; Justice Stephen Gageler and Justice John Digby.

Website and Publications Committee: Professor Michael Adams (Chair); The Hon Kevin Lindgren (ex officio); Emeritus Professor David Barker and Justice Alan Robertson.

Members of the Academy are invited to contact me if they would like to join one of the Committees. The meetings are held by teleconference as and when business requires.

Review of the Fletcher/ Wessels report to the American Law Institute on Cross-border Insolvency

The research team at the Queensland University of Technology under the supervision of Professor Ros Mason is proceeding with this work which is funded in part by the Academy. The result will be a report to the Academy and by the Academy to the Council of Chief Justices of Australia and New Zealand.

The purpose of this work is to identify any advantages that might be derived for Australia from the report that was presented to the ALI last year by Professors Fletcher and Wessels.

Support for delegate from the Australasian Law Students Association to attend the Commonwealth Legal Education Association in Durban

The Board of Directors resolved to support a one-off grant of \$2,500 to fund the attendance of a delegate of the Australasian Law Students Association to attend the Commonwealth Legal Education Conference that is being held in Durban this year.

Projects

The February Newsletter ([2013] No 1) reported on the events planned for Perth, Brisbane, Sydney and Darwin. The details will not be repeated here. Organising Committees are also in the course of being

established in Melbourne and Adelaide for events to be held there. More details of all of these events will be reported in the next Newsletter.

American Law Institute

Our friends in the American Law Institute (ALI) are not able to make the visit to Australia to explore collaboration later this year. Professor Liebman says that it will have to wait until 2014 because of heavy commitments involving officers of the ALI. I will continue to correspond with him and will keep members of the Academy advised of progress.



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