

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
AUCKLAND DISTRICT LAW SOCIETY INC
HELD ON 12th March 2009

Present: Anna Fitzgibbon, Keith Berman

Confirmation

of Members: Keith Berman confirmed the register circulation for ADLS Inc Members.

1. Apologies

2. Keith Berman Report:

No formal report was tabled, however Mr Berman advised the meeting that:

It is important to look forward to ADLS Inc, with the following pertinent points:

- This has been a challenging time for Council, staff and members.
- A tribute was made to Council for their work during this controversial year.
- A tribute was also extended to staff who, despite this having been an uncertain year, have continued to work hard and achieve.
- There is a positive future for ADLS Inc / NZLS.
- Future governance: the Council of 17 or 18 members will be replaced by a smaller council with a Board of Directors managing the Society and Council taking a different governance role.
- Departures:
Margaret Malcolm has made an incredible contribution to ADLS for nearly 20 years. (Those present acknowledged MPM.)
Helga Arlington has also made an incredible contribution to ADLS with 23 years service, and was instrumental in the growth of the library.

3. New President declared.

4. Vision of ADLS Inc.

- New organisation will be different from the old.
- Member focused, service delivery nationwide.
- No need to be involved in regulation, allowing for a readjustment of Council. (Council vs staff.)
- Need to review internal structure to ensure efficiency.
- NZLS relationship – The incorporation decision has been made but communications are still required to build relationships in order to work together for the future.

5. Thanks to Margaret Malcolm / Marcus Martin and all.

6. Call for nominations:

Susan Styants – Proposed by Gary Craig
(Counties Coromandel) – Seconded Stephen Styants

7. Auditors: Deferred until the Council meeting.
Seconded: Keith Berman

8. Community Law
Centre:

Piers Davies withdrew his motion in light of Government funding announced on 12/3/09 totalling approximately \$11m for 2009 plus a review for 2010.

Piers Davies thanked ADLS and members for its CLC support over the years.

9. General Business:

Question from Rae Nield regarding regional membership numbers. Marcus Martin responded that hundreds have applied from out of region.

Question from Roger Donnell regarding exclusive member access to CLE? No, due to lots of non member practitioners attending but still paying.

Question from Roger Donnell regarding the REINZ form. Keith Berman responded with an update.

Question from Cliff Lyon regarding ADLS business plan for the future. Anna Fitzgibbon responded, brochure outlining services. Nola Dangen also responded, that incorporation has only been around for a few weeks, and the President for 20 minutes, please give them support and a chance.

Question from Cliff Lyon, regarding why was there a turf war and urgency for incorporation? Let's liaise with the profession for ideas. Anna Fitzgibbon responded – Yes, let's, for ongoing focus and activity.

Question from Owen Vaughan, regarding dialogue with NZLS. Anna Fitzgibbon commented there was good dialogue with top firms, gradually joining up.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 6.05pm