

# From the WIA Board Table

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## Editorial

This Board meeting continued the discussion in relation to the restructure of the WIA Office.

It is with sadness that we must say farewell to Dianne now that she will be moving on and leaving us next week. We cannot thank Dianne enough for all her effort and assistance provided over the past 9 years. We hope that we hear Dianne's call on air during her planned travels, listen out for VK3FDIZ.

The Board agreed at this meeting to review the office position descriptions and while this is taking place Dianne's role will be filled using an employment agency temporary person. ACMA has been advised. The temporary person will commence next week 29<sup>th</sup> June and is expected to be with us for about 8 weeks, after which we expect a permanent contract position will be filled.

This newsletter will provide a brief overview of the identified WIA Board's priority areas.

For more information on any of these issues check the WIA web site [www.wia.org.au](http://www.wia.org.au) or email the WIA Office. [nationaloffice@wia.org.au](mailto:nationaloffice@wia.org.au)

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## 1 Members Resignation Process

Due to an unusual request for information the Board were required to consider the process involved when a member of the

WIA is a silent key or for other reasons resigns.

These discussions resulted in differing points of view with no definitive policy or procedure when this situation arises.

The Board are now in the process of seeking statutory advice and from this will develop an appropriate policy and procedure.

## 2. Callsign Recommendations

This issue has arisen again. We have had some members request callsigns at a level when they do not have the qualification (certificate of proficiency) to hold a callsign indicating that level.

At the Board meeting a Board member was tasked with following this issue up including seeking input from ACMA. This follow-up has taken place.

The outcome is clear, that the WIA is obliged to make callsign recommendations at the level of qualification equivalent to the qualification of the applicant.

## 3. Proposal for Norfolk Island AGM for 2016

The AGM proposed that the 2016 AGM be held on Norfolk Island and is now moving to the next phase. There are now over 130 expressions of interest. The Board will continue to develop the concept and will identify the final cost of packages for travel and accommodation.

Depending on the outcome of the packages the Board will move forward with preparations for this event.

The Board will be seeking to live stream the AGM and Open Forum from the Island.

## 4. Foundation manual Reprint

By the end of 2015 the WIA will be very close to running out of Foundation Manuals. A reprint of the manual is required and prices for the reprint are being sought.

The Board will balance the reprint number against the timing of the remake of the LCD, however, sufficient numbers of manuals will be available for all prospective foundation licence candidates.

## 5. Strategies for 2015/2016

The Board reviewed the current status of our issues and activities spreadsheet. Many of our 2014/2015 issues had been resolved and these were removed and others prioritised.

The key strategies for 2015/2016 are:

- Committee policies
- WIA On Line+presence
- Communications
- Spectrum planning review
- LCD remake
- Maker groups
- Succession plan

## 6. Reciprocal Licence Qualifications

The WIA has conducted a review of reciprocal and overseas licence applications as a part of the review process. The majority of applications come from:

- South Africa
- New Zealand
- UK
- USA

The review continues.