

# From the WIA Board Table

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## Editorial

For the first time in very many years, certainly within my time as a WIA Director, we are seeing a real difference in opinion between Directors concerning the integrity of the Board, and how the WIA should be administered.

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)

## Phil Wait WIA President



There were two Board meetings in August.

**Board meeting 1<sup>st</sup> August 2016**, was called by a Director wishing to propose a motion to appoint an independent person or organisation to audit the “structure, performance, governance, practices and procedures of the Board....”.

Robust input ranged concerning the necessity for an external review, should the governance training recently approved happen first, or can training and an audit occur at the same time, the unknown cost of a review, the selection of a provider, and the absence of a detailed submission.

In the end, the Board agreed that an external review could be helpful and decided to appoint an organisation or individual.

No other business was discussed at that meeting.

**Board meeting 16<sup>th</sup> August 2016**, was held on the regular night of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month.

The first item of business, following a review of action items

from the previous June meeting, was to consider a motion of no-confidence in the Board brought by a Director.

Although he thought the motion could be challenged, the President decided to allow the motion in the interest of open discussion.

The Director moving the motion expressed the view that he was very concerned the Board was not acting in the best interests of the WIA, and therefore proposed that in view of its incapability of acting properly, it should resign, an independent administrator be appointed to run the business of the WIA, and elections be held.

The President had previously released financial information that shows the WIA is tracking slightly behind the financial position of last year but has a good opportunity to improve that situation, (please see the President’s Comment in September AR Magazine for more information).

The motion was put and defeated 2 for, 5 against.

The President agreed that all Directors should be concerned about correct processes, and stated that a top priority at the meeting was moving ahead in finding a new WIA Treasurer without delay.

The meeting then continued to deal with other regular business as follows.

## **1. Young Australian’s and Amateur Radio**

The Board discussed and approved a STEAM symposium, to be held in November this year, with the intention of bringing together those radio amateurs who are interested or already have involvement in youth

education. It is hoped that by sharing ideas we can develop some workable ideas for Amateur Radio involvement in the STEAM program in schools.

## **2. WIA Special Purpose Grants**

The board approved the recommendation of the Special Grants Committee and it pleased to announce the successful applicant is the Geelong Amateur Radio Club.

The Grant of \$770 is for the funding of stage-2 of the erection of a mast in the grounds of the Queenscliff Maritime Museum, both for club activities and as an additional public and educational attraction for the Museum.

Notification has also been sent to the unsuccessful applicant.

## **3. Opt-out option for paper AR Magazine edition**

The board resolved to move ahead with the development of an optional paper edition opt-out for AR magazine.

At this meeting the board was briefed on the mechanics of the proposal and it was determined that there are no serious impediments.

The Board resolved to introduce the opt-out system as soon as practical. Members who still wish to receive the paper edition will not be affected.

## **4. ANZAC Publication**

Work is continuing on an ANZAC publication for release towards the end of this year.

The meeting ended with the President expressing the hope that all Directors can work together positively into the future.

