

From the WIA Board Table

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Editorial

The Board meeting this month had a very full agenda. This month preparation took place for the AGM at the end of May so there was a lot of housekeeping items to attend to.

We have missed a few newsletters this year but are now on track to produce one every month. We apologise to all those who have asked. It is purely a time issue with so few trying to do so much for members. We are all volunteers as well.

For more information on any of these issues check the WIA web site www.wia.org.au or email the WIA Office. nationaloffice@wia.org.au

Phil Wait WIA President



1 Appointment of a Returning Officer for 2016

A returning officer has been selected by the Board for any and all elections during 2016/2017.

The person selected is Mr J. Marshall a Victorian and Commonwealth electoral officer and lecturer at RMIT. Mr Marshall is not a radio amateur but has agreed to provide this service to the WIA.

Mr Geoff Atkinson our returning officer this year has advised that he would prefer not to carry out this task in the future. The WIA Board thanks Geoff for his excellent service over the past years.

2. Terms of Reference for an Ad-hoc Constitution Reform Panel

The board have initiated a panel of three to review and update

the WIA Constitution. This panel will be made up of:

Mr Peter Young

Mr Peter Wolfenden

Ms Jenny Owen.

The panel have indicated that they will report back to the Board by 30th June 2016.

Any changes to the constitution will be circulated to all members and put to a vote at the 2017 AGM, (possibly in Adelaide).

3. Policy Adopted for Use of WIA Premises by Others

The WIA Board have adopted a policy which will allow the use of the WIA premises by others at commercial rates.

This policy was prepared by Mr Peter Wolfendon for which the Board are grateful.

The policy in full will be available on the WIA web site.

In summary the policy allows, at Board discretion to make available unused space at our Bayswater Factory and Office at a minimal rate of 75% of commercial rates in the area.

4. Security at Bayswater Office

Over the years there have been keys and security passes issued for the Bayswater Office. A review of the key register indicated that some keys had not been accounted for. The Board approved the replacement of all locks and passes and this has now taken place.

5. Secretary Handover

David Williams has advised the Board that he will retire as WIA Secretary from the time of the AGM.

The Board has identified a new Secretary who will be appointed at the first Board meeting after the AGM in Norfolk Island. As David will not be attending NI, Jim Linton has been appointed as Secretary for the AGM.

6. Radio Activities Committee

Paul Simmonds has agreed to take on the Director/Lead role on the Radio Activities Committee.

This role was vacated when Chris Platt resigned as a Director as a result of his work commitments. This very important role covers all hands on Amateur Radio Activities

7. Awards for 2017

The Board are in the final stages of allocating awards for 2015.

We have a number of nominations and will be awarding a GA Taylor Medal, Chris Jones Award, Ron Wilkinson award and the Higginbotham award as well as President's commendations and 10 year assessor badges.

These awards will be presented at the AGM. There may be new awards announced.

8. Club Insurance

Club insurance has now been finalised. This was a very complex job undertaken by our Executive Administrator. This was the first time the WIA Office had been involved in managing Club Insurance. Until now Mr Ted Thrift has very competently managed the Club Insurance. The Board expresses thanks to Ted for his efforts in past years and his assistance again this year.

Next year club insurance will be managed by the Office and will be streamlined.

9. STEAM

The Board have commenced looking at projects for the Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Technology where AR can be involved. More information will be available as this endeavour evolves.

