

From the WIA Board Table

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Editorial

This meeting was held over two meeting nights. The first part of the meeting was to discuss the motion for a forensic audit of WIA financial activities. An amendment to the motion was agreed to identify costs. The led to the board moving a motion to call a general meeting of members to consider the amended motion when costs are available. More specific information is to follow on this activity and further information is being prepared.

The second part of the meeting was our usual agenda which was reconvened on the 4th October.

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. Treasurers Position

At the time of writing this report there have been three expressions of interest in this position. These expressions of interest come from VK3, VK5 and VK6.

The Board have allowed a further 2 weeks to receive applications with a closing date of Friday 21st October, 2016. The information will be circulated to the Board in anticipation on the 25th October. The Board are looking forward to having an honorary Treasurer and possibly Assistant Treasurer shortly after.

The WIA's MYOB accounts have been independently reviewed and updated in preparation for the new Treasurer.

2. Annual General Meeting 2017

The Board have had discussions relating to the 2017 AGM held on 20th May 2017 in South Australia. Preparations for this event are well under way and lots more information will be made available shortly.

4 Directors will stand down at this AGM. A call for expressions of interest for the position of Director will be advertised in the December AR.

3. ANZAC Publication

The ANZAC Publication containing the collection of articles already published in AR, along with substantial amounts of updated and additional material is being prepared by the Publications Committee. This publication will be made available for sale and is designed to cater for the broad interests the application of radio in conflicts involving Australia. The Board anticipates having this publication available this year and may seek pre-sales prior to publication

4. Volunteer Charter

Work is continuing on the development of a WIA Volunteer Charter. This is intended to provide structure and guidance for volunteers with the intention of having more of our members actively involved in WIA activities.

5. Opt-out of paper AR

So far we have seen about 100 of our members take the option of not receiving a paper copy of AR, and receive only the digital copy. This initiative is designed to mitigate some of the costs to members for AR. We encourage members to consider this option. The WIA Office can assist in the process to opt-out of the paper copy of AR.

6. STEM

STEM is the acronym for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. This Government initiative is to encourage individuals into technology based careers.

Collectively Australian amateur radio operators hold a vast and diverse wealth of technological skills and knowledge.

The WIA has planned a one day symposium on the 19th November, 2016 from 9am to 3pm to source ideas and suggestions for this very important initiative. The symposium will be held in Canberra.

As it is likely that we will have contributors scattered throughout Australia and who will not be able to attend the symposium we are calling for papers so that the broadest possible range of radio amateur input can be obtained.

The outcome of the symposium will be the establishment of working groups to establish viable innovative STEM based programs.

Information in relation to the STEM program and the WIA involvement is available on the WIA website and further information can be obtained by contacting via email the WIA Office. bruce@wia.org.au

7. ACMA Meeting

The WIA met with the ACMA over the last month to discuss the ongoing contract arrangements and the WIA's suggestions for changes to the Amateur LCD. The meeting was positive and the WIA will be making further submissions shortly on the draft Spectrum Plan and suggested changes to the LCD.

