

From the WIA Board Table

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Editorial

This newsletter covers the WIA Board meeting held on Norfolk Island on the Sunday following the AGM.

At each meeting after the AGM we welcome the new Directors, select the Office Holders, register potential conflicts of interest, and agree on some major areas of focus for the next 12 months. It was a pleasure to welcome our newly elected Directors Andrew Smith VK6AS and Paul Simmonds VK5PAS.

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 Board Executive for 2016

The first Board action is to appoint the executive officers and appointees. For 2016 these are:

President: Phil Wait

Vice President: Fred Swainston

Secretary: Jim Linton

Treasurer: Murray Leadbetter

As Murray is our acting

Treasurer the Board is looking for a volunteer to fill this role on an annual appointment.

2. Disclosure Statements

At the first Board Meeting each Board member makes a disclosure in relation to possible personal conflicts of interest, which are recorded. Board members are also required to step aside from decisions should any conflicts of interest arise throughout the year. This is routinely undertaken at the commencement of each Board meeting and is largely dependent on the agenda topics.

3. Governance Training for Board Members

The WIA Board has decided that all Board members are to undertake and complete a governance training program. Even though a number of Board members have already completed this training it is an opportunity to establish this practice for the future. Courses have been identified and the selection of a course will occur in the next few weeks.

4. AGM and Open Forum Live Streaming

This has had a good response with complimentary comments received in relation to the way the information was presented.

The Board will review the process and methodology with the view to have the AGM and open forum live streamed in the future.

The review will include consideration into how questions submitted in advance will be managed and the possibility of a word limit to each question.

5. Band Plan Discussion

There was a brief discussion in relation to the WICEN allocated frequencies as well as the use of cross band repeaters.

These issues have been noted and will be considered by the Board after consultation has taken place with the appropriate committees.

6. 2016 Key Areas of Focus

Three key areas of focus for the strategic development of AR and the WIA have been identified.

The areas for are:

1. STEAM/STEM

Young Australians are being encouraged to pursue an interest and/or career in science

and technology. Secondary school students will be delivered a series of learning modules throughout the year (in Science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics). The WIA believes a basic introduction to wireless technology should be incorporated into the engineering module and is developing a concept proposal.

2. Membership

The WIA Board will develop and improved membership process, participation and involvement to build a stronger WIA.

3. The Committee System

The WIA Board have commenced a review of the committee system. Some committees are working very well and others not so well. The committees are key to both consultation and implementation of the various facets of WIA activities.

7. Policy on Membership Refunds

The WIA Board have continued the policy of not providing membership refunds. This has required advice from a corporate lawyer to ensure the policy conforms with current corporations law.

8. Wrap UP of WIA AGM Norfolk Island

There were many firsts for the WIA AGM on Norfolk Island.

Some of these are:

- Video Streaming of Proceedings
- Awards for activations
- Many radio related activities
- First UHF repeater on NI
- Follow-up foundation licence training and existing licence renewal for 3 people on NI.
- Many other firsts

A trend we plan to continue into the future.