

**AIPPI AUSTRALIA INC.**  
**2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
15 October 2017

**AGENDA**

**OPENING**      4:30pm

1. Attendance
2. Apologies & Proxies

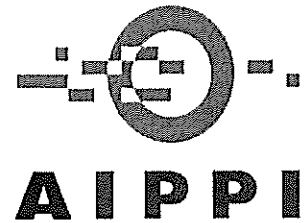
**ORDINARY BUSINESS**

3. Confirmation of Minutes of 2016 Annual General Meeting
4. Business Arising
5. Election of Office Bearers and Committee Members
6. President's Report
7. Treasurer's Report
8. Secretary's Report

**SPECIAL BUSINESS**

9. AIPPI Australia activities for 2018
10. Next Committee Meeting
11. Any Other Business

**CLOSE**



## AIPPI Australia AGM 2017 President's Report

Dear Members,

This completes my fifth and last year as President of AIPPI Australia. I am pleased that I can step down from the Presidency in this Congress year so that my successor can take over with an expanded and invigorated membership.

There have been two Committees operating in tandem this year, being the normal AIPPI Group Committee, and the Congress Organising Committee.

In respect of the normal Committee, I express again my gratitude for the extremely competent and efficient roles that Carolyn Harris and Clare Cunliffe play in our secretarial and treasurer roles. I am very pleased to see that both Carolyn and Clare are renominating for their positions as the Group is very safe in their hands.

The Organising Committee will disband after the Congress this year but it will disband with the knowledge that it has handled a difficult job with aplomb. I make particular reference to Damon Henshaw as Chair of the Organising Committee and to Peter Franke as Treasurer, as their roles have been the most difficult of the Committee and the most time-consuming.

At the time of writing this report, I note that, despite the large distance most Delegates need to travel to participate in the Sydney Congress, we have reached our budgeted number of Delegates (with a strong showing from our local Australian group), while the Congress is also on budget financially. The Congress should not only be a wonderful event for the local Australian group, it should also be a memorable event for all of our international guests.

A major focus for the year ahead, post-Congress, will be the retention of the new members we have secured this year. The Committee is already working towards a framework for increased AIPPI activities of benefit to our members and I am confident that our new members will find reason to retain AIPPI membership beyond this Congress year.

Finally, Damon Henshaw will succeed me as President of the Australian group and I wish him all the very best to lead the group forward.



Andrew Massie  
President  
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## **AIPPI Australia AGM 2017**

### **Honorary Secretary's Report**

Dear Members,

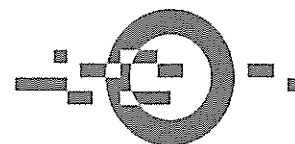
2017 has been a busy year for AIPPI Australia in anticipation of the Congress we are currently attending. Besides the necessary activities in preparation of the Congress we continue to be involved in the ongoing work of the international organisation.

1. We saw good participation in the preparation of the Group's reports to the Study Questions proposed by the Bureau. The Group's reports were on:
  - a. Patentability of Computer Implemented Inventions
  - b. Bad Faith – prior third party use or filing
  - c. Quantification of Monetary Relief
  - d. Protection of Graphical User Interfaces
2. We held a Question Forum to celebrate World IP Day and to discuss the Study Questions on 26 April.
3. The delegates for the Study Questions in Sydney are: Richard Brown, Clare Cunliffe, Matthew Swinn and Tom Reid. They represented Australia's views in the working committees which finalised resolutions for approval at the Executive Committee sessions. The final resolutions will be circulated to relevant organisations within Australia after the Congress.
4. During the year the Group prepared responses to:
  - a. Questionnaire on Geographical Indications;
  - b. Questionnaire on Inventor Remuneration.

The Group also provided topic and speaker suggestions for the Sydney Congress.

We have over 20 people on various international committees.

5. We currently have over 140 members, including three life members, an increase from the 2016 Financial Year where we had 77. Membership numbers increased significantly as we approached the Congress in Sydney.
6. We have continued to host functions to help raise awareness and promote the work of AIPPI through our own Forums and co-hosted events. On Tuesday and Wednesday, AIPPI will support the Francis Gurry Lecture on IP presented by Benoit Battistelli, the President of the European Patent Office. It is unfortunate that many of us will not be able to attend as we are currently at this Congress.



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7. The Committee meets regularly by teleconference throughout the year and will continue to do so next year. It will continue to promote and market AIPPI and contribute to various committees and government bodies on both local and international levels.

Regards,

**Carolyn Harris**

Honorary Secretary

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## AUSTRALIA

### AIPPI Australia AGM 2017

#### Honorary Treasurer's Report

Dear Members,

In 2017, AIPPI Australia (AIPPI) has taken important steps to ensure that it is on a sound financial footing, and prepared for the years ahead.

1. As the Financial Report indicates, AIPPI made a loss of \$12,671.60 in 2017. However, the facts underlying the figures are more encouraging. In 2016, AIPPI was in default in its membership payments to AIPPI International. The back payments which have been made over 2016 and 2017, account for the operating loss. AIPPI still has satisfactory cash reserves, of \$88,903.63.
2. Nonetheless, AIPPI cannot afford to be complacent about its finances. Although AIPPI has had a significant cash reserve for many years, following on from hosting the last Australian Congress in Melbourne in 2001, it is unlikely that it will realise a significant profit from the Sydney 2017 Congress. Although AIPPI still has significant net assets, it is important to consider how we can ensure AIPPI remains a sustainable organisation, operating efficiently and effectively. Depleting its cash reserves is not desirable.
3. AIPPI will be reimbursed the funds it has expended in relation to the Australian Congress (more than \$50,000, representing payments to Arinex, payments to set up a special purpose financial vehicle, and travel costs for the President). The return of these funds should help ensure AIPPI's financial position.
4. AIPPI also has an opportunity arising out of the Congress. As our Honorary Secretary has reported, AIPPI currently has over 140 members, including three life members, a very significant increase from the 2016 Financial Year where it had 77. Membership numbers increased very significantly as we approached the Sydney 2017 Congress.
5. Grant Fisher and I have been working to consider how best we can ensure that we retain these members (and longer standing members), by offering better value to them. Grant will report on our recommendations at the AGM. Retaining and growing our membership base remains AIPPI's best opportunity for a sustainable future.
6. I, and the other members of the committee, will continue to work to ensure AIPPI's financial fundamentals are consolidated so that AIPPI is in a good position to achieve its objectives.

Regards,

**Clare Cunliffe**  
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## **AIPPI AUSTRALIA INC.**

### **2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 15 October 2017**

**Sofitel Hotel, Darling Harbour  
Sydney Congress 2017**

## **MINUTES**

### **OPENING**

President, Andrew Massie declared the Meeting open at 05:15pm and welcomed Members.

#### **1. Attendance**

Kate Hay, Clare Cunliffe, Carolyn Harris, Adam Hyland, Andre Meyer, Geordie Oldfield, Manuel Schmidt, Peter Treloar, Peter Franke, Grant Fisher, Paul Warden-Hutton, Susan Gatford, Sylvan Browne, Richard Hamer, Michael Dowling, Andrew Massie, Damon Henshaw, Sarah Matheson, Bridie Egan, Matthew Swinn

#### **2. Apologies and Proxies**

No proxies were provided.

### **ORDINARY BUSINESS**

#### **3. Confirmation of Minutes of 2015 Annual General Meeting**

The Minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting were circulated electronically prior to the meeting. Michael Dowling moved that the Minutes be recorded as a true and correct record of the 2016 Annual General Meeting. The motion was seconded by Damon Henshaw and passed unanimously in favour.

#### **4. Business Arising**

Andrew Massie noted there were no matters arising from the 2016 Annual General Meeting that were not addressed in the Agenda.



## 5. Election of Office Bearers and Committee Members

Andrew Massie takes the position of Past President and the Elected Office Bearers are listed below.

### Non-elected Office Bearers:

Past President Andrew Massie

### Elected Office Bearers:

President Damon Henshaw  
Vice President Matthew Swinn  
Honorary Treasurer Clare Cunliffe  
Honorary Secretary Carolyn Harris

### Ordinary Committee Members:

As the number of nominees equaled the positions available, the following ordinary Committee Members were elected.

Grant Fisher  
Peter Treloar  
Tom Reid  
Kate Hay  
Peter Franke  
John Dower

Derek Baigent, Manuel Schmidt and Connie Merlino were invited to join the committee as observers.

Thanks to Rob Wulff and David Tadgell who have retired from the committee.

## 6. Secretary's Report

Andrew Massie referred to a Secretary's Report which was circulated prior to the meeting and was taken as read. A copy is attached.

## 7. Treasurer's Report

Clare Cunliffe spoke to a Treasurer's report and advised that the loss of around \$12,000 was due to a failure to pay subscriptions to the international organization in prior years. Reference was made to a need to manage spending in a sustainable manner noting that there would not be an increase in income from the Congress. It is important to maintain members by providing value for membership.

## 8. President's Report

Andrew Massie referred to a President's Report which was circulated prior to the meeting and was taken as read. A copy is attached.

Peter Franke moved a motion that all three Reports be accepted, which was seconded by Michael Dowling and approved unanimously.



## **SPECIAL BUSINESS**

### **9. Membership Retention**

G Fisher advised there would be activities in 2018 directed to members including a seminar series.

### **10. Next Committee Meeting**

The date of the next Committee meeting is 15 November 2017.

### **11. Any Other Business**

- (i) Michael Dowling observed that it was a fantastic effort to get the Congress to Sydney. He noted that there were not many accompanying persons, that the management of revenue had been done well and that a good impression was being created. He congratulated all involved.
- (ii) C Cunliffe agreed and offered congratulations to the Organising Committee.

There being no further business, Andrew Massie declared the Meeting closed at 5:45 pm.