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Minutes of Council Meeting of the Executive

Held: 5.15pm on Tuesday 14 March 2017
 Hall Rm
 Gadens Lawyers
 L 25
 600 Bourke St, Melbourne

Attendees: Lucy Line (Chair), Shannon Finegan, Alex McGee, Campbell Thomson, Carlo Delora, Isabelle Skaburskis.

AGENDA

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1	Apologies – Glenn McGowan, Justice Bromberg, Marty McGuinness, Emily and Max Associates of the SCV	McGowan
2	Minutes of meeting February 2017 – to be consolidated and circulated.	McGowan
3	Matters arising from last minutes	McGowan

4	<p>Student Project: Alex McGee drew the ICJV’s attention to the Sentencing Advisory Council report on “Swift Certain and Fair Approaches to Sentencing and Managing Family Violence Offenders” – the Council is asking for submissions to their discussion paper. Should ICJV draft a submission? We agreed we should.</p> <p>Second project proposed – VACRO has a campaign regarding children of parents who are sentenced for criminal offences – there is a campaign regarding the children affected. We could promote this campaign to our membership. Alex and Shannon will attend VACRO to discuss this matter and invite VACRO to attend our next monthly meeting.</p>	Finegan, McGee
5	<p>OLY 2018 organization</p> <p>Julie Peet volunteered to organize this in 2018. A meeting will occur at the LIV with Julie Peet around April/May to begin discussions about the event. Shanon envisages a monthly meeting for this organization team.</p> <p>John Dever of Devers List is keen to sponsor \$3000 for the 2018 event.</p> <p>Carlo Delora still needs invoices from the 2017 event. Shannon will forward these.</p>	Finegan

6	<p>Annual Fundraising Dinner 2017</p> <p>It was held in October 2016 – possible speakers – James Edelman J, Chief Justice French. Bob Brown, Stan Grant, Lynda Burnie, Senator M McCarthy – first/second Aboriginal senator in NT, Chansey Peach.</p> <p>Shannon is happy to organize this event or to find someone to assist. RACV is an excellent venue. Happy to reuse RACV. Melbourne Lawyers' Orchestra were excellent.</p> <p>We think Thursday night possible nights are 12 October or 19 October, but will let the guest choose the date.</p>	McGowan
7	<p>Request for Support of Jenny Hocking re 'The Palace Letters'</p> <p>Jenny Hocking is challenging in the Federal Court the decision not to allow the public to see the communications with the palace in our archives. The money will be used to pay for costs, if costs are ordered, or to set up a scholarship for a PhD student.</p> <p>The matter has been publicized on our website about 2 or 3 weeks ago.</p>	Line

8	<p>Indonesian Bar Reader 2017</p> <p>Possibility of sourcing someone from Timor-Leste in conjunction with Vic Uni. Last year we approached Tim Lindsay who is an expert in criminal justice in Indonesia. There should be an application process be set up on our website and publicize it – draft to be run past Bromberg J. No need to be constrained to Indonesia – candidate in principle could come from any country with a developing justice system. Having criteria makes the process legitimate and transparent. There could also be a document on the website re what is expected of the successful candidate.</p> <p>It would be useful to get the previous successful candidate to summarise his experience for advertising purposes on the website – what he gained from the program.</p> <p>Prior to the form being drafted, we need to meet with Bromberg J to get his opinion about what should form part of the criteria.</p> <p>Previously, the Vic Bar did not charge the successful candidate but the spending money for this candidate was paid for by the ICJV.</p>	Finegan
9	<p>ICJV Constitution Update</p> <p>Held over to next meeting</p>	McGowan
10	<p>Succession planning – positions available on the executive</p> <p>The advertising of the Secretary General position and the Admin assistant has gone live this afternoon. It will also be advertised on social media. Move to abolish the Assistant Treasury position and merge it with Assistant Secretary position and make it an Executive Officer position – subject to the constitution being revised – Tony Lang to be updated regarding this change.</p>	Line
11	<p>President’s report</p> <p>Held over</p>	Bromberg J
12	<p>Chairman’s report</p> <p>Held over</p>	McGowan

13	Secretary General's report Lucy Line stepped down as Secretary General.	Line
14	Financial report – treasurer's report circulated. Our funds are good – over \$20,000 so we have sufficient to pay for the Bar Reader ourselves without crowd funding at the Vic Bar and we can claim the program as our own at the Annual Dinner. The issue with money still going periodically to Erin Hill (former treasurer) is still being resolved – Carlo is liaising with NAB to have this sorted out. Erin Hill will remit the payments back to us once this is sorted out.	Dellora
15	General business – Isabelle will attend a book launch re West Papua and ICJV at the end of April.	

Council meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 5.15pm, generally in the Neil Forsyth Room, 1st floor, Owen Dixon Chambers East, 205 William St, Melbourne, however currently works on that floor make that venue unavailable.

The remaining meetings for 2017 are:

- 11 Apr
- 9 May
- 13 Jun
- 11 Jul
- 8 Aug
- 12 Sep
- 10 Oct
- 14 Nov