



WIAA Annual General Meeting

Cumberland Country Golf Club

248 Old Prospect Road Greystanes

Thursday 29 November 2018

Commencing 9.00am

Minutes of the Meeting

1. Attendance & Apologies

Attendance

Darren Putland, Rick Shortland, Adrian Kavo, Mario Xuereb, Marcus Malt, Jamie Connolly, Wayne Bradcock, Paul Fiumanta, Eduardo Rodriguez, Brian Johnson, Phillip Moraitis, Peter Simonis, Wes Sheriff

Apologies

Dean Chambers, Craig Bury, Rodney Mace, Richard Bourne,

2. Guest Speaker

Paul McMullen, Sector Manager – Calibration, National Association of Testing Authorities (NATA)

Paul McMullen presented the major changes in relation to new standard ISO / IEC 17025 - General Requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories. The main change is the reduction in

documentation which now requires it to be sufficient to ensure compliance rather than the previous prescriptive requirements

Validity and metrological traceability are now fundamental requirements for the need for calibration

There was a discussion regarding the difference between calibration and adjustment in relation to the standard

It was noted that the major tenet is the requirement to educate customers

For decision rules there are free downloads at JCGM 106 and OIML G19

All information regarding the standard can be found on the website at:

<https://www.nata.com.au/accreditation-information/accreditation-criteria-and-guidance/nata-accreditation-criteria-nac-packages/laboratory-accreditation-iso-iec-17025/category/11-calibration>

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

Phil Moraitis summarized the main points for the previous year's meeting and asked that they be adopted:

Confirmed – Peter Simonis

Seconded – Darren Putland

4. The Association Specialists

Francis Child at the request of the Chair presented the series and brief history relating to The Association Specialists (TAS) who have been contracted to provide support services to the WIAA. The Chair thanked Francis and noted the WIAA is looking forward to working with TAS moving forward to assist with the growth of the Association

5. Correspondence

Darren Putland summarized the latest developments relating to the Measurement Law Reform. WIAA has submitted its position regarding the first consultation paper - Scope of Australia's Measurement Law. Further papers were expected in 2018 addressing traceability, measurement instruments, transactions based on measurement, third-party

arrangements, and compliance arrangements. The first three of these were to be released prior to Christmas 2018 but this may now be deferred. The industry has requested at least 8 weeks' notice to submit.

Darren Putland noted WIAA will be responding to the discussion papers on behalf of the members but also urged all members to make individual submissions if possible

Mario Xuereb noted the strength of WIAA will be developed by compiling industry response for papers of this type.

6. President's Report – Phil Moraitis presented the President's Report for 2018 copied below

This year kicked off with a flurry of activity for the association with the Australian Government through the NMI beginning the review of the Australian Measurement Law and services it provides, their agenda for the change in the style of regulation from a perspective regulatory approach to a principals based approach and the agenda of cost recovery by the NMI for services, this brought about a series of meetings and consultation papers, these were handled by our committee on behalf of our membership.

The Measurement Law review will be on going and need the input of all members as it affects us all, either as a business owner or an employee.

The representation of companies in the WIAA membership impacted on the NMI in the consultation process, the WIAA's history and knowledge of the market place was a big factor in some of the decisions that were made by the NMI in respect to the outcome and decisions of cost recovery, the consultation papers on the Australian Government law review will be ongoing over the next 2 years and need the input of all the members, the next 2 papers are due before Christmas 2018.

2018 saw the adoption by the NMI of the international CS1 one certificate certification principal, an OIML driven certification process for obtaining Pattern approved instruments by international laboratories accredited to ISO 17025 testing of the instruments following the OIML guidelines and ISO 17065 pattern approval documentation acceptance.

This can only benefit our membership in cost reductions with many Overseas weighing equipment suppliers using other countries testing laboratories, including those that were previously accredited under the NMI mutual acceptance pattern testing agreement.

NMI Legal metrology department through its new head Darryl Hines conducted a compliance review during the year and the results were not very good with an average 38% of instruments found not to comply, this could be an advantage to the Australian Weighing industry as we continue to push the NMI for mandatory verification periods to alleviate the noncompliance brought about by reduction in Govt spending on inspectors and compliance in the market place. NMI is continuing to collect data, based on the ongoing compliance in various market sectors to assist in the law reform review.

This year the committee has taken the decision to change the providers of the Management of the WIAA to TAS (The Association Specialists) in a move to provide more communication and benefits to our members for Association Membership.

TAS have over 60 associations under management and specialise in associations requirements and marketing and I look forward to their input to bolster our association and awareness of the WIAA in the Australian Market.

Finally, to complete, 2018 will be remembered as a special historical year in the international measurement field with the approval for the new definition for the international standard kilogram. (Currently it is a shining platinum iridium cylinder stored in a locked vault in the bowels of the International Bureau of Weights and Measures (BIPM) in Sevres, France since 1875). the traceability of all our weights used in measurement stems back to this standard.

Scientists redefined the new kilogram for the 21st century by tying it to a fundamental feature of the universe — a small, strange figure from quantum physics known as Planck's constant, which describes the smallest possible unit of energy used to lift a value of 1 kg. This constant used with a special balance (known as a Watt balance) will ensure the international standard is defined and stable as a value of physics and the calculations behind them.

On behalf of your committee, I thank you for your support in 2018 and urge all members to contact the association to assist in any matters that may impact on your business and affect other members in the market place.

Thankyou

Phillip Moraitis

President.

7. Financial Report – Phil Moraitis summarized the financial report for 2018 noting the WIAA is in a reasonable healthy position with \$40K in the bank currently. He noted the need to collect fees from unpaid members as a priority. The WIAA is now raising additional funds through banner advertising on the website which is available to all members

Proposed – Brian Johnson

Seconded – Phil Moraitis

8. Membership 2018/19

It was noted there are 20 paid members but another 20 who need to be followed up for renewal. Phil Moraitis and TAS will be doing this in the New Year as a matter of urgency as well as confirming all member details.

9. Election of Office Bearers

Phil Moraitis noted he had not received any prior applications from PKF for Board positions so declared the Board vacant for submissions from the floor. The following nominations were accepted:

President – Phil Moraitis

Vice-President – Darren Putland

Board Member – Rick Shortland

Board Member – Mario Xuereb

Board Member – Brian Johnston

Board Member – Rodney Mace

Board Member – Peter Simonis

Board Member – Wes Sheriff

It was noted there is one further vacant position to be filled as deemed fit by the new Board

10. Other Business

Darren Putland requested that the new Board consider a change to the traditional AGM venue in Sydney. Darren suggested the next meeting might be in Melbourne. To be considered by the new Board

Wes Sherif noted the need for WIAA to re-visit and articulate its purpose and to update the current Constitution. It was noted the appointment of TAS would help with this.

11. The meeting was closed at 11.18am and Phil Moraitis thanked the Board for their support in 2018