

**Minutes of Annual General Meeting – Wednesday, 14 October 2015, 8.30pm
Held at the Chatswood Club, 11 Help St. Chatswood NSW**

<i>Attendees:</i>	32 members as per the attached attendance sheet
<i>Apologies:</i>	Two apologies were received
<i>Chairman:</i>	Mr W Shirley
<i>Distribution:</i>	AIA Board, Website, Chris Kesting, Donna Meadows

<i>Item</i>	
1.0	ATTENDANCE
1.1	The chairman opened the meeting and welcomed those present. The chairman advised that 24 proxies had been received and these were tabled by the Secretary. A copy of the Annual Report and Accounts was also tabled.
2.0	CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
2.1	<p>Mr. Shirley then addressed the meeting noting that all work apart from two paid staff was done by volunteers. He touched on the Association's strategic alliances, Share Gift Australia, Student Membership, the profit of \$26,000 for the past year, the update to the website, the move of the office to Helensvale and social media. He specifically noted that there had been over 4,100 attendees at 180 events organised in the states and the 2014 conference had attracted 274 attendees.</p> <p>The question of what was being done to recruit new members was asked. Mr. Shirley advised that at the Board meeting held that day the Board had resolved to endeavour to recruit 600 new members over the next few years. AIA was not the only association hemorrhaging members, AIR, ATAA and ASA were too.</p> <p>A further question was asked as to could the Association spend some of its reserves so as to grow the Association going forward. Mr. Shirley advised that the accumulated funds of \$280,000 were needed to cover a bond to the Marriott each year of up to \$100,000 and further monies were needed to cover our commitment for bed nights. There is some money that can be used and it will be. Some years ago the AIA had used professionals to achieve this goal at a cost of \$4,000 per month but had terminated the arrangement after 9 months, because of its failure.</p> <p>The organisation of Investors Voice is being revamped to improve its quality and we hope to source articles from other organisations.</p>
3.0	ELECTION OF DIRECTORS
3.1	<p>Mr. Shirley advised that 7 Directors were seeking re-election and that he was retiring.</p> <p>As the constitution provided for 10 Directors and there were only 7 nominations, he declared that Graeme Bottrill, Jolyon Forsyth, Jon Kalkman, Russell Lees, Brian Spies, John Venn and Adrian Vorbach be re-elected as Directors of the Company for the ensuing year.</p>
4.0	OTHER
4.1	No other business

5.0	CLOSE
5.1	Mr Shirley thanked everyone for their attendance. Mr. Bottrill briefly addressed the meeting thanking Mr. Shirley for his efforts since 2011 and many years of service as a Director. Mr. Shirley closed the meeting at 8.58 p.m.
	Signed as a correct record:
	 Bill Shirley, President Date: