

2025 ALPMA QLD/NT ANNUAL BRANCH MEETING MINUTES



Details	Attendees	
Date: Wednesday, 20 August 2025 Time: 2 pm AEDT Location: Queensland Law Society, just after the Trust Account Update event .	Maureen Schull Nicole Anderson Kelly Phelps Sandra Pepper Anthony Palella Greg McClure Shantel Reid Lauren Ball Alicia Horner Amanda Stinson Deanna Allen Graeme McFadyen Jane Turner Young Jennifer Grady Jessica Faull Juan Barba Karen Short Liani Anderson	Chair Deputy Chair & Treasurer L&D Representative L&D Representative Partnerships Representative National Board Representative Committee Member Committee Member Branch Member Branch Member Branch Member Branch Member Branch Member Branch Member Branch Member Branch Member Branch Member Branch Member Branch Member
	Minutes: Claudine Emmerick (CE) ALPMA Administration Assistant Apologies: Micaela Chomley – Chomley Family Law Wendy O'Donnell – MurphySchmidt Solicitors Shane Ostenfeld – de Groot's wills and estate lawyers Lynn Wheeler – Naughton McCarthy Family Lawyers Mary Hockaday – MBH Consulting Pty Ltd Kassey Fechner – Cridland & Hua Lawyers Sharon Johnston – Fisher Dore Lawyers	

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

- 1.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 2 pm, welcomed and thanked present ALPMA QLD/NT members for attending.
- 1.2. Apologies – as listed above.

2. PROXIES

NAME APPOINTED	PROXIES RECEIVED
Maureen Schull - Chair	Micaela Chomley – Chomley Family Law Wendy O'Donnell – MurphySchmidt Solicitors Shane Ostenfeld – de Groot's wills and estate lawyers Lynn Wheeler – Naughton McCarthy Family Lawyers Mary Hockaday – MBH Consulting Pty Ltd Kassey Fechner – Cridland & Hua Lawyers

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ABM

Minutes from the QLD/NT Annual Branch Meeting held on 16th of October 2024 were circulated and a motion was moved by the Chairperson that the minutes be accepted as a true and correct record.

- Accepted by Nicole Anderson - Bell Legal Group
- Seconded by Anthony Palella - PHV Law Solicitors & Consultants
- Approved by all in attendance

4. COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Only current members are eligible to vote at the meeting. A quorum of members is required for the ABM and is 10% of Branch members with voting rights.

To meet this requirement, **18** members must be in attendance at this ABM.

With those in attendance together with proxies held, that requirement was met.

4.1. CONTINUING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Under the constitution members only need to be re-elected every 2 years.

Members continuing on the Branch committee are:

- Monica Smith - WGC Lawyers
- Sarah Sparkes - MacDonnells Law
- Shantel Reid - Hartley Family Law
- Micaela Chomley - Chomley Family Law
- Kelly Phelps - Travis Schultz & Partners
- Maureen Schull - National Family Law Manager
- Nicole Anderson - Bell Legal Group
- Sandra Pepper - Queensland Law Society

The quorum of members in attendance was asked there are any objections to these continuing committee members - None were made.

4.2. MEMBERS STANDING DOWN FROM THE COMMITTEE

- No members stepping down.

5. NOMINATIONS

5.1. MEMBERS RE-NOMINATING

Members at the end of their current two-year term, who are eligible and standing for re-election for a further two-year term are:

- Anthony Palella - PHV Law Solicitors & Consultants
- Greg McClure - McCarthy Durie Lawyers

The quorum of members in attendance was asked if there were any objections to these nominations - None were made.

The Chairperson moved that the nominations were accepted.

- Accepted by Nicole Anderson - Bell Legal Group
- Seconded by Sandra Pepper - Queensland Law Society
- Approved by all in attendance

5.2. MEMBERS STANDING TO FILL VACANT POSITIONS

Nominations for the filling of vacant positions have been received from:

- Lauren Ball - Maurice Blackburn Lawyers
- Chris Dormer - Trilby Misso Lawyers

As there were no vacant positions available, the Committee has resolved to co-opt the nominees onto the Committee.

The Branch Charter allows for up to 10 members; therefore, the Committee has resolved to co-opt the nominees onto the Committee.

The new committee is confirmed with all 10 members, and 2 co-opted members with no vote necessary.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

- No other business was raised.

7. CLOSE

- The Chairperson called the meeting to a close at 2:05 pm.

Signed as a true and correct record.

Signed: Maureen Schull Date: 26/8/25

Maureen Schull - Chair

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Attendees			Signatures
1.	Annette Todd	Branch Member	
2.	Anthony Palella	Partnerships Representative	
3.	Deanna Allen	Branch Member	
4.	Graeme McFadyen	Branch Member	
5.	Greg McClure	National Board Representative	
6.	Jane Turner-Young	Branch Member	
7.	Jessica Faull	Branch Member	
8.	Karen Short	Branch Member	
9.	Kelly Phelps	L&D Representative	
10.	Maureen Schull	Chair	
11.	Nicole Anderson	Deputy Chair & Treasurer	
12.	Shantel Reid	Committee Member	
13.	Tracie McIntyre	Branch Member	
14.	BRENDAN FELSTEAD	SPONSOR	
15.	ALICIA HORNER	Branch	
16.	Niann Anderson	Member	
17.	Deanna Allen	Member	
18.	LUAN BARBA	Member	
19.	Amanda Stinson	member	
20.	Sandra Papp	Member	
21.	Lauren Ball	Member	
22.	Jennifer Grady	Member	
23.	Jane Turner Young		
24.	JUSTINE KELLY	member	
25.			
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