

2025 ALPMA WA ANNUAL BRANCH MEETING MINUTES



Details	Attendees	
Date: Tuesday, 23 September 2025 Time: 12:30 pm – 12:45 pm AWST Location: The College of Law, 263 Adelaide Terrace, just before the ALPMA 2025 Summit Wrap-up Event .	Karen Cogoli Paul D'Angelo David George Carmen Maughan Clair Newson Elise D'Angelo Garth Brown Holly Hewes Justine Woodrow Karen Wishart Zoe Richmond	Chair and Partnerships Representative Deputy Chair & Treasurer National Board Representative L&D Representative Branch Member Branch Member Branch Member Branch Member Branch Member Branch Member Branch Member
	Minutes: Claudine Emmerick (CE) ALPMA Administration Assistant Apologies: Jai Saunders Membership Ambassador	

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

- 1.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 12:55 pm, welcomed and thanked present ALPMA WA members for attending.
- 1.2. Apologies – as listed above.

2. PROXIES – A TOTAL OF 8 RECEIVED

NAME APPOINTED	PROXIES RECEIVED
Karen Cogoli – Chair	• Jai Saunders – Brand Barristers & Solicitors • Sarah Taylor – Perth Family Lawyers • Carolyn White –DCH Legal Group • Cory Brecknell – Lynn & Brown Lawyers • Felicity Hampson – Steedman Stagg Lawyers • Julie Visser – Klimek & Wijay Family Lawyers
Carmen Maughan – L&D Representative	• Courtney Smith – Bennett Law • Lauren Oates – Bennett Law

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ABM

Minutes from the WA Annual Branch Meeting held on 2nd 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 David George - McCabes Perth
- Seconded by Paul D'Angelo - D'Angelo Legal
- 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, 8 members must be in attendance at this ABM. With those in attendance, this 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:

- David George - McCabes Perth
- Paul D'Angelo - D'Angelo Legal

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

- Elani Maas (resigned 18/08/2025) Bromfield Family Law
- Jeanna Brady (Resigned 08/05/2025) - Bennett Law
- Myra Quatermaine (Resigned 14/05/2025) - Valenti Lawyers

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:

- Karen Cogoli - Solomon Brothers

5.2. MEMBERS STANDING TO FILL VACANT POSITIONS

- Carmen Maughan - Bennett Law
- Jai Saunders - Brand Solicitors
- Kirsty McPhee - Clairs Keeley Lawyers

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

The Chairperson moved that the nominations were accepted.

- Accepted by David George - McCabes Perth
- Seconded by Elise D'Angelo - D'Angelo Legal
- Approved by all in attendance

With the ongoing, and renominated members, we have a total of 6.

As the Branch Charter allows for up to 10 members, no vote was necessary.

The new committee is confirmed with all 6 members.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

- No other business was raised.

7. CLOSE

- The Chairperson called the meeting to a close at 1 pm.

Signed as a true and correct record.

Signed:  Date: 23/09/2025

Karen Cogoli – Chair