

Minutes of CSA Annual General Meeting 2025

Held: **In Person** at KWM, Lvl 61 Governor Macquarie Tower, 1 Farrer Place, Sydney
Online via Zoom

On: **31 March 2025**

At: **5.30 pm**

Present In Person: *Adam Flynn, Alida Stanley, Benjamin McDermott, James Lawrence, Joel Barrett, Luke Hawthorne Marlia Saunders, Megan Evetts Sarah Kelshaw, Raphaella Revis*

Present Online - *Alasdair Doctor, Alexandra George, Anna Spies, Annie Watts, Emma Johnsen, Georgina O'Farrell, Imogen Loxton, Peter Carstairs*

Apologies *Damian Rinaldi, Kaelah Ford, Rebecca Smith*

1. Welcome (Alida Stanley)

Alida Stanley shared an acknowledgement of country and welcomed members and observers of the Copyright Society of Australia to the 2024 Annual General Meeting.

2. Approval of new members (Alida Stanley)

APPROVED, subject to any additions the members by shared by Committee

3. Approval of Minutes of the preceding Annual General Meeting (Sarah Kelshaw) and Extraordinary General Meeting

Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting, held on 26 March 2024 were APPROVED. There were no matters arising from the minutes.

Minutes of the Special General Meeting, held on 30 April 2024 were APPROVED. There were no matters arising from the minutes.

4. Presidents Report (Alida Stanley)

The President of the Copyright Society of Australia, Alida Stanley delivered the Presidents Report (attached as Schedule A to these minutes) and provided an overview of the Copyright Society of Australia's key activities in 2024.

Particular thanks Emma Johnson for her service as Vice President of the CSA over the last 6 years. and noted the significant contribution of Daniele Del Monaco over 2024.

The Committee NOTED the report.

5. Treasurer's Report and Audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 (James Lawrence)

The Treasurer of the Copyright Society of Australia, James Lawrence spoke to the Audited financial statements and noted the following:

- the CSA recorded a surplus for calendar year ending 2024;
- the CSA maintained its cash reserves of approximately \$250,000
- as 2024 was a 'non symposium year', the bulk of expenses regarding the symposium will be recorded in 2025

MOTION: moved that the financial statements be approved. Motion CARRIED

6. Auditor (Alida Stanley)

The Members approved the re-appointment of DFK Lawence Varnay of Suite 1, Level 12/222 Pitt St, Sydney NSW 2000 as the Society's auditors and set the remuneration at \$2000 (excluding GST)

MOTION: the Committee approved the appointment of DFK Lawence Varnay for the financial year 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025. Motion CARRIED

7. Management Committee Elections

The following members were elected:

1	Adam Flynn	aflynn+csa@airpost.net	Alexandra George	Louise Buckingham	Member
2	Alasdair Doctor	doctor@bhf.com.au	Ben John	Dougal Phillips	Member
3	Alexandra George	a.george@unsw.edu.au	Adam Flynn	Louise Buckingham	Member
4	Alida Stanley	alidastanley@yahoo.com	Sarah Kelshaw	Jerome John	President
5	Anna Spies	anna.spies@gmail.com	Julian Munro	Daniel Ansley	Member
6	Annie Watts	annie.watts@minterellison.com	Alida Stanley	Sarah Kelshaw	Member
7	Benjamin McDermott	benjamin.mcdermott@twobirds.com	Joel Barrett	Alasdair Doctor	Member
8	Damian Rinaldi	drinaldi@soniclawyers.com	Alida Stanley	Sarah Kelshaw	Member
9	Emma Johnsen	emmaj@marquelawyers.com.au	Marlia Saunders	Alida Stanley	Member
10	Georgina O'Farrell	george@bygeorgelegal.com.au	Sarah Kelshaw	Alida Stanley	Member
11	Imogen Loxton	Imogen.Loxton@ashurst.com	Antia Cade	Alida Stanley	Member



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12	James Lawrence	james.lawrence@addisons.com	Alida Stanley	Sarah Kelshaw	Treasurer
13	Joel Barrett	Joel.Barrett@allens.com.au	Ben McDermott	Alasdair Doctor	Member
14	Kaelah Ford	kaelah@canva.com	Alida Stanley	Sarah Kelshaw	Member
15	Luke Hawthorne	luke.hawthorne@au.kwm.com	Maggie Chan	Cate Nagy	Vice President
16	Marlia Saunders	msaunders@tglaw.com.au	Emma Johnsen	Alida Stanley	Member
17	Megan Evetts	m.evetts@nigelbowen.com.au	Alasdair Doctor	Luke Hawthorne	Member
18	Peter Carstairs	PCarstairs@gtlaw.com.au	Alida Stanley	Sarah Kelshaw	Member
19	Rebecca Smith	RSmith@gtlaw.com.au	Michael Williams	Siabon Seet	Member
20	Sarah Kelshaw	skelshaw@apra.com.au	Jerome John	Chris Johnson	Secretary

8. Any other business

James Lawrence formally acknowledged the work of Alida Stanley throughout 2024

Annual General Meeting 2025 closed at 6.25pm

SCHEDULE A

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President's Report

Welcome and thank you Luke Hawthorne and King & Wood Mallesons for generously hosting the CSA's AGM this afternoon. I would also like to acknowledge the traditional owners on the lands on which we are meeting. For those here at KWM, the Gadigal people of the Eora nation and those first nations peoples on the lands from which our online colleagues are joining and their elders past, present and emerging.

On behalf of the Copyright Society, welcome.

2024 was another great year for the CSA and I would like to take a moment to acknowledge the huge collective effort that has contributed to the CSA's success this year.

2024 is marked by seven stellar events, including one in Melbourne, significant growth in membership, the development of the Copyright Reporter e-publication, introduction of a rolling 12-month membership offer and further enhancement of our back-office administration.

Our commitment to providing a platform for thought leadership in the field of copyright law and practice has delivered consistently high-quality events that attract strong attendee numbers in-person and online.

We are enormously grateful to the many leading experts that have made themselves available to share their insights and experiences on our panel discussions, as well as the law firms that so generously host the CSA's events. Thanks to them, the CSA is able to serve a community of extraordinary copyright professionals, many of whom have been colleagues and friends over many years and others that are new to the field. Regardless, the informed, robust and occasionally cheeky exchange of ideas engenders trust and respect amongst us and contributes to our professional experience.

So to re-cap 2024: We kicked off the year in February with a lunchtime webinar - Copyright Authorisation Liability in Australia: Navigating the Post-Campaigntrack Landscape .

In March alongside our AGM, MinterEllison hosted Let the Games Begin: Copyright & the 2024 Paris Olympics and Justine Beaumont SC from Nigel Bowen Chambers and Bec Barnett at Optus, deftly moderated by Minters Partner, John Fairbairn.

In April, we held a special lunchtime event at Ashurst entitled Generative AI and Author Remuneration - Does EU Copyright and AI Legislation Provide the Right Answer? The presentations from Professor Martin Senftleben, from the University of Amsterdam and Dr Rita Matulionyte, from Macquarie University Law School were chaired by UNSW Law School's Professor Michael Handler UNSW.

In June, Marque Lawyers hosted – the Startup Spotlight: Copyright Conundrums and Compliance featuring Tidal Ventures' Kieran O'Neill, Kaelah Ford from Canva, Marque Lawyers' Nathan Mattock, Simon Barnes from Databricks and moderated by Marque Partner Emma Johnsen.

In August we were delighted to be hosted in Banki Haddock Fiora's new offices for an update on US case law entitled: 'Fair Use in Land of the Free' featuring Professor Jason Schultz in conversation with Professor Isabella Alexander.

In October, the CSA was thrilled to deliver our first in-person event in Melbourne for more than 20 years, hosted by Gilbert+Tobin entitled 'In Search of Copyright' featuring Justice Helen Rofe, Professor Andrew Christie, Stephen Rebikoff SC and G+T Partner, Michael Williams.

Our final event for 2024, 'How Not to Litigate' was generously hosted here at KWM with a humorous, practical series of insights from experts Neil Murray SC, Richard Cobden Sc and our CSA Management Committee colleague Meg Evetts ably moderated by Dr Annabelle Bennett which included ethics and practice management CPD points.

These events featured no fewer than 20 leading copyright experts, including Australian and international academics, members of the judiciary, representatives from industry and government and legal practitioners including a number of the CSA's committed and impressive Management Committee. I would like to extend my thanks on behalf of the Society to all of them for their support.

In addition, 2024 saw the bulk of the planning for the 21st Copyright Law & Practice Symposium: Copyright Now – The New Industrial Revolution which took place on 4 March with the support of Allens. The Symposium's speaker line-up featured some of the world's leading experts on copyright law and practice including WIPO Deputy Director-General Sylvie Forbin as well as a comprehensive schedule of sessions on Copyright and Ai litigation, Text and Data Mining, Views from the Bench, Copyright Deals that changes the world, Global Licensing Solutions, Copyright and Competition Law, Copyright Policy updates, recent cases and more. It was attended by more than 160 attendees in-person and online.

The CSA has also continued to develop its Copyright Reporter e-publication and our membership continues to grow. CSA Treasurer James Lawrence will speak further about the strength of the CSA's financial position but suffice to say that we are

delighted that the CSA is well placed to continue its program of strong growth and sustainability.

Finally, the activities of the CSA would not be possible without the commitment and dedication of its incredible Management Committee. I would like to extend a special expression of gratitude to our Vice-President Emma Johnsen who has served on the Executive for six years.

Additionally, we are very fortunate and grateful for the tireless efforts of our Office, Marketing and Events Co-ordinator Daniele Del Monaco and you, our members and supporters. Thank you for your constant support. We look forward to continuing to serve you in 2025.