President’s Report

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# Report on Motions from Sep-15 SGM

**Motion to change the dates for ALSA Councils**

Refer constitutional amendment AMD01.

**Dan’s Motion – to change the notice period for Constitutional Amendments**

My reading of s249H and s249L *Corporations Act 2001* (CTH) would be that we must have 21 days notice for all Constitutional Amendments so as I said in Sep-15 Council we are legally stuck with this notice period.

No further action taken.

**Motion for State Based ALSA’s**

Setup in all states and territories (except Tasmania and NT for obvious reasons) ALSA State based contacts as follows;

**Queensland**: Lachlan Robb & Grace Norris, an ALSA planning meeting has already occurred

**NSW**: The pre-existing NSWYL Committee for Presidents essentially serves the same function as the proposed ALSA State meetings so Andreena Kardamis is attending these as the ALSA Rep.

**Victoria**: In 2015 a Victorian Presidents Committee was formed, ALSA attends as a nonvoting member, Paul Melican & Cass Page are the ALSA Reps.

**SA**: Michaela Olson is the state representative and has been in touch with LSS/A’s

**Tasmania**: No meeting, as there is only one LSS/A in Tasmania, Andrew Lonergan is the ALSA Rep.

**NT**: No meeting, as there is only one LSS/A in NT, Paul Melican is the ALSA Rep.

**WA**: Chris Burch is the ALSA representative who has been in contact with all LSS/A’s

# What has happened so far...?

We have all been busy working away at preparation for Feb-16 Council, advocacy and planning for 2016. As all of what I do is covered in other portfolios I shall not restate is covered elsewhere so at a high level;

* 2016 Plan
* State based LSS/A’s
* Commenced Knowledge sharing forums
* Sponsorships look like they are going to have a great year
* Appointed Risk & Policy Officers
* Feb-16 Council
* Made contact with our international partners in NZ LSA, AsiaLSA, and Europe LSA (Czech Republic).
* I have written two articles that have been published by Lawyers weekly.
	+ One on why year 12 students should consider law
	+ And the other on the benefits of doing Paralegal work whilst studying

# What you plan to do between now and July Conference

Most of what we have is covered off in the Plan that I hope you have all seen, a few specific initiatives that I would like to pursue are;

* Trying to work out how many law students there are that are studying out of state, and what we might be able to do to engage with them
* Push the advocacy agenda, attempt to meet with federal MP’s around Educational and Tax issues and generate more discussion by getting more articles published.
* Article for the Australian Law Journal
* Complete overhaul of the ALSA By-laws so they make sense with our newly appointed Policy Officer
* Final bits around closing down the old incorporated association
* Push for more GD activities as Conference
* Formalise the risk process and action the outstanding items from the risk review conducted last year with our newly appointed risk officer