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ANZSLA ELECTS FIRST FEMALE PRESIDENT

The twenty second annual conference of the Australian and New Zealand Sports Law Association was held in Perth, Western Australia between 17 and 19 October 2012. The theme of the conference was 'Boom Time: Exploring the future of law in sport'. The conference was a resounding success, having attracted the highest number of delegates in ANZSLA's history. The Hon Terry Waldron MLA, Minister of Sport and Recreation; Racing and Gaming officially opened the conference, held at the Pan Pacific Hotel.

At the twenty first Annual General Meeting of ANZSLA, held at the Pan Pacific Hotel on Thursday, 18 October 2012, Venetia Stewart, Senior Associate, Middletons was elected as the first female President of ANZSLA.

Venetia Stewart thanked Ian Hunt, Litigation Partner, Young Hunter, Christchurch who had decided not to re-stand as President for a further term after five years; and Andy Gibson, who after eight years as Finance Director, had also decided not to re-stand.

John Philp, formerly of Queensland Cricket was elected as Finance Director and Stuart Corbishley, Senior Legal Counsel, Football Federation Australia, stepped into the role of Secretary to the Board in the wake of Venetia's appointment as President.

New Zealander Paul David, an Auckland based Barrister and Martin Ross, Partner, Hall & Wilcox Lawyers, Melbourne were re-elected as (Ordinary) Directors of the Association. Martin and Paul join current Australian based Directors Tony O'Reilly, Tim Holden and Amelia Lynch.

ANZSLA also announced that the 2013 Annual Conference will be held in Brisbane, Queensland from 16-18 October 2013.

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