

ANNUAL MEETING IN SYDNEY

President's Report to Members

It is with very much pleasure that I present the report for the year ended 31st December 1982, but before formally moving the motion that it be received there are several matters which should be commented upon.

We are fortunate in having a Treasurer who through Council, balances expenditure in a manner necessary for a growing Institute. Council believes that consolidation has been achieved and that controlled expenditure of funds is necessary for developing closer links with chapters, further publicity of our Institute in our Region and the establishment of libraries in our chapters. The accounts show a surplus of income over expenditure of \$11,698 and the accumulation account of members stands at \$79,901 as at 31st December 1982.

The growth of our Institute in the main has been based on the voluntary work of many of our members, assisted by the Chief Administrative Office and the Administration Officers of chapters. At the Institute continues to grow a greater work load will be placed on members and the Administrative Officers and the increasing work load is already being felt. Because of this it was necessary during the year to increase the membership fees. The annual fees are now \$85 for Fellows and \$65 for Associates.

The past year was again a busy year for Council and the Executive Committee. The several committees of Council worked in the following areas:

- Publications
- Constitution
- Panels and Grading
- Education
- Membership
- Legislation
- Ethics

Membership

At 31st December 1982 there were 713 members—an increase of 27 from last year; consisting of 4 Honorary Fellows, 283 Fellows and 426 Associates.

Membership Chapter:	
N.S.W. and A.C.T.	277
Vic. and Tasmania	199
Queensland	71
South Australia	51
Western Australia	69
Northern Territory	11
New Zealand	13
Overseas	18
Honorary Fellows	4
Total	<u>713</u>

Administration of Institute

Mr. Stanley Guilfoyle, our immediate Past President made comment on this matter when he was President. It is worth repeating. The Institute of Arbitrators is a

company limited by guarantee, not having a share capital and registered in Canberra under the Australian Capital Territory Companies Ordinance 1962. This being so its policies and administration by necessity must emanate from Council. We are not a Federation with State rights. Any function or activity carried out by any Chapter Branch is done on behalf of the Council of the Institute. It is true many of these functions are delegated to Chapters, for example by the document "Chapter Rules" and also by direction of Council. Another example, it is essential that the gradings of arbitrators be on a National basis to ensure a common standard, particularly if a graded arbitrator moves from one State or Territory to another.

Education

The New South Wales Chapter conducted a "General" Course during August 1982 and an "Advanced" course during December. Both were held at Sydney University. Council has already complimented the Chapter on the standard and conduct of these courses.

The Queensland Chapter has agreed to conduct both courses this year. They will be held at St. John's College, University of Queensland. The "General" course will be held during July 1983. The subjects and budget have been approved by the Executive. Like all chapters they are enthusiastic and expect their year of education to be a resounding success. It is hoped that arbitrators from the Northern parts of Queensland will avail themselves of the opportunity to attend.

A firm date has been fixed for annual examinations. This date is published in each issue of the Journal.

Commercial Arbitration Bill—a uniform Bill.

The Standing Committee of Attorneys-General have met twice during the year. It is understood there have been many submissions from various organisations and that the Standing Committee will meet again in July of this year to consider a further draft. There have been changes of government in some States, however it is believed that towards the end of this year a Bill will be introduced into the Victorian Parliament.

Visits by President

During the year I have met with members of the New South Wales Chapter while at the education courses. Queensland invited me to one of their chapter meetings and afterwards to an evening where Mr. D. Jones presented a paper on costs. This interchange between Council and chapters is of the utmost importance in an Institute such as ours and where there are great distances between each chapter or region.

International Arbitration

Some of our Grade 1 arbitrators have been involved in arbitration in the Pacific region. We have published a list of International Arbitrators who belong to this Institute.

Future

We need to look and work towards an increasing professionalism, an understanding that an arbitration is a private matter, not one which we should discuss with others or wax lyrical in text or voice. We should be ever searching to educate ourselves in all the byways of arbitration; and this really is what the Institute is about.

Acknowledgements

May I suggest, that until you have been President of this Institute you will not really become aware of the support, the guidance, and the friendship that the Council, its Executive and Chapters offer. I thank them for it. Our Chief Administrative Officer Mr. Howard Grant and his staff have been at times at the beck and call of myself and Council; they give dedicated service. I express the appreciation of myself and Council for the friendship and assistance received from

Mr. Grant and his staff. Chapter administrators have also been most willing to assist me. Thank you Chapters.

Mr Stanley Guilfoyle, our immediate Past President, who during his three year term as President further developed the Institute with his administrative skills and understanding. I acknowledge the very great contribution he has made to this Institute.

I call for a motion that this report for the year ended 31 December 1982 be received. ■

ADVANCED COURSE FOR ARBITRATORS

Members are reminded that the final course being arranged by the Institute this year is as follows:

Advanced Arbitration Course:

Registration 5-30 p.m. 8th September till noon 11th September, 1983

Venue: St Johns College, University of Queensland, St Lucia, Brisbane, Queensland.

Please note that:-

The number of registrants is being limited to 40 and that those wishing to attend must have previously attended a General Arbitration Course.

Details of the program and enrolment form have already been mailed to members. Additional programs and enrolment forms may be obtained from your local Chapter Administrator. For addresses see inside back cover. ■