

# Election time: consider your vote (AGM 2004)

As this article is being written, the Secretariat is finalising arrangements for the Annual General Meeting to be held at the Holiday Inn Esplanade (formerly the Carlton) on 13 October 2004 from 4.30pm.

The Annual Report for 2003-2004 is also being finalised. This document will reflect the busy year experienced by the Law Society Northern Territory.

The next Council year also looks like being very busy, with the biggest challenge being the enactment of a new Legal Practitioners Bill (or Bills) incorporating provisions of the national model bill and local provisions. This will have a number of administrative and other implications.

## Other issues likely to be facing the new Council include...

Nomination and proxy forms have already been distributed to members. Please contact the Secretariat if you require another copy. Members should seriously consider whether or not they wish to stand for Council. To run effectively the LSNT Council needs members with a wide range of practice experience and Councillors with a commitment to deal with the often complex issues that arise.

All Councillors are elected for a 12-month term. Therefore all positions are available for nominations -

President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Alice Springs Representative, Alice Springs Alternate Representative and six Councillor positions. The Council is also made up of a representative nominated by the NT Bar Association and one nominated by the NT Young Lawyers committee.

For those that do not wish to stand it is important that you vote for your preferred candidates, either when you attend the AGM on 13 October 2004 or by appointing a proxy.

Nominations for Council close on 6 October 2004. Details will be included on the new LSNT members only section of the website, which will be up and running shortly.

Work is proceeding on the Annual Report and it is anticipated we will be forwarding members a copy together with associated documentation relating to the Annual General Meeting by 27 September 2004.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any queries about the above mentioned issues.

I would like to thank all those *Balance* readers who have already



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returned the survey which was distributed with the last edition. A reminder to those readers who have not yet responded, it is not too late, surveys will still be accepted until early October 2004. We are keen to hear your views and look forward to receiving your response. If you require another copy of the survey please contact the Law Society Secretariat on (08) 8981-5104 or via email at [lawsoc@lawsocnt.asn.au](mailto:lawsoc@lawsocnt.asn.au).

The Law Society Annual Dinner is being held on Saturday 2 October at SkyCity Casino in Darwin.

This year's dinner will feature entertainment from talented local band "Itchy Feet" and is sure to be an enjoyable night out.

I encourage all Law Society members to consider attending this annual social event. For tickets, or more information, please contact the Secretariat.①

## THE PRACTITIONER

News & views from the LSNT Secretariat

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