



## **AIFLAM 2022 AGM**

The 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Institute was held on 27 October 2022, online via zoom. This is the third time we have held our AGM entirely in a virtual environment, and with a number of members in attendance (and several more by proxy) there were no technology hiccups, and the live polling of all motions was seamless.

My Chair's report was tabled at the meeting. A full copy is available [here](#) for those members who were unable to attend. I commend it to members as a helpful summary of another busy year. Other documents tabled at the meeting are also available in the members portal of the website.

## **AIFLAM Board**

While this was not an election year for the AIFLAM Board, I would like to take this opportunity to record my sincere gratitude and appreciation to all Board members for their ongoing dedication and commitment to AIFLAM. In particular, I would like to acknowledge our committee chairs and office bearers:

- Bruce Tilley, Deputy Chair and member of the Executive Committee (with myself, the Treasurer and Executive Director)
- Emma Swart, Treasurer and Chair of the Mediation Committee
- Claire Naidu, Chair of the Member Services Committee

- The Hon Steve Strickland KC, Chair of the Arbitration Committee (while no longer on the AIFLAM Board, Steve has continued to give his time as an external Chair).

During the year we farewelled Nicola Watts as one of the representatives of the Family Law Section of the Law Council of Australia, and welcomed back Philip Looney KC, in that capacity. I also thank Nicola for her commitment to the AIFLAM Board and wish her the best of luck as she focuses on her role as Chair of the 24<sup>th</sup> National Family Law Conference Organising Committee (to be held in Perth in 2024).

The commitment to a role on the AIFLAM Board is significant and I very much appreciate the support provided by those members.

### **AIFLAM in 2023**

Our program for 2023 has been finalized and will be released early next week, with most courses and CPD now open for registration. As a result of feedback from our members, it is a mix of face-to-face courses (in interesting locations), as well as courses conducted online via zoom. We are also pleased to confirm that, as a result of the success of our recent Advanced Specialised Course for Family Law Arbitrators, we will be running this course again in 2023. Send an early expression of interest to [mail@aiflam.org.au](mailto:mail@aiflam.org.au) to ensure you have a place, as there was a waiting list for this course in 2022.

There will be several new additions to the program, including a member only program of “Lunchtime Learnings” for AIFLAM mediators.

Finally, we hope to run an AIFLAM Conference in 2023. A short, sharp program of topical sessions over a weekend in September. Next week’s newsletter with the launch of our 2023 courses will also have a link to a short survey, seeking your views on location and topics. It will only take a few minutes to complete, and I urge you to do so as it will enable us to tailor an event where you want it, and to include the program you are looking for.

### **Christmas wishes, thank you and acknowledgements**

As we head towards the Christmas break, and the end of what has been another busy year with new challenges, I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank the ongoing support and commitment of the many people who continue to give their time and energy to AIFLAM.

I express my sincere appreciation to the AIFLAM Board, who have worked tirelessly in 2022 to adapt to the challenging and constantly changing environment in which we continue to find ourselves. We are also grateful to many others who support us, particularly in the delivery of our training programs.

Thank you also to our members for your ongoing support. In particular, to those who regularly communicate with us on particular issues influencing their practice, and to provide insight and contributions on matters of interest in the areas of family law arbitration and mediation.

I wish you all a safe and merry Christmas.



Andrew Davies  
AIFLAM Chair

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