

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The Board of the Leukaemia Foundation of Australia (LFA) applies a sound governance framework to the conduct of the Board. This framework is applied throughout LFA, ensuring the funds donated by the public are used in the most effective possible way to deliver the organisation's Vision to Cure and Mission to Care.

The Board

Role of the Board

The Board is responsible for guiding and monitoring the Leukaemia Foundation's business affairs, including approval for the distribution of funds. The Board sets the strategic direction of the Leukaemia Foundation and the framework in which it operates. The LFA Board holds seven meetings a year in addition to providing specific advice to LFA from time to time.

Financial Management

In accordance with the LFA Constitution of March 2006, the Board ensures

- the organisation does not carry on business for the purpose of profit or gain to its individual members;
- that all the monies of the organisation is banked in the name of the organisation;
- that proper books and accounts are kept and maintained to ensure the relevant accounting and auditing requirements of the Corporations Act 2001 are complied with and appoint and retain an auditor.

Membership

In relation to LFA membership the Board is responsible for:

- approving or refusing the application of any prospective member;
- admitting new members in accordance with the LFA's Constitution and the Corporations Act 2001;
- holding an annual general meeting in accordance with the provisions of the Corporations Act 2001;
- distributing to all members copies of the financial year profit and loss statements.

Board Composition and Appointment

There is a maximum of 10 Directors on the Board. This must include:

- one Medical Consultant who is a practicing haematology specialist/physician
- one elected by NSW members
- one elected by SA members
- one elected by VIC members
- one elected by WA members

- one nominated by the Board of Directors of the Leukaemia Foundation of Queensland
- up to four independent directors appointed by the Board.

A Director's term of office runs for three years. A Director may be appointed at any time by the Board. A Director may resign at any time or be removed from office by a special resolution passed by the ordinary members at a general meeting convened for that purpose.

Remuneration

All members of the LFA Board are volunteers who freely donate their time, energy and professional expertise to the LFA.

Current Board Members

Robert Yeo – Chairman

After many years as senior partner and Chairman in the Melbourne firm Hall Chadwick Chartered Accountants, Robert is now a consultant to the newly formed accounting practice McLean Delmo Hall Chadwick.

Robert's area of expertise is audit, due diligence and business reviews. Robert is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia and is Chairman or Committee Member of various Boards.

Lucio Di Giallonardo – Treasurer

Lucio has been a partner of HLB Mann Judd Chartered Accountants since 1996 and heads up the firm's Corporate and Audit Services division in Perth. In 1990 Lucio spent time working with the firm's affiliated office in Toronto, Canada. Lucio is a member of The Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia and holds various other memberships.

Phillip Bradley – Secretary

Phillip has been the Commissioner of the NSW Crime Commission since 1989. Phillip holds a Bachelor of Law degree from Sydney University (1974) and a BA from Macquarie University (1978) and was admitted to practice as a lawyer in 1975.

Donald Perrett – Board Member

Don was instrumental in forming the Albany Creek Volunteer Branch of the Leukaemia Foundation in 2001 following his son's diagnosis and treatment for leukaemia. Until his retirement at the end of 2002, Don worked in various administrative roles for the Brisbane City Council, South East Queensland Electricity Board and Energex. Don has been involved in many community activities including local junior cricket, State High School P&C Committee and the Parish Council of the Anglican Church. Don is a Justice of the Peace (Qualified).

David Jacobs – Board Member

David is a graduate of the University of Melbourne Law School (LLB) and his international business career demonstrates a proven capacity for strategic planning and business development. David is Managing Director of his import/export and corporate promotional clothing and merchandise business and has been a Board Member of various groups and Foundations.

Associate Professor Ken Bradstock – Medical Advisor

Ken is a clinical haematologist at Westmead Hospital with over 20 years clinical and research experience in the treatment of blood cancers. He trained as a Resident Medical Officer and Medical Registrar at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital in 1973-1977, and then completed postgraduate training at the Royal Free Hospital in London. He has been a Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians since 1981.

Advisory Committees

National Medical and Scientific Advisory Committee

National Medical and Scientific Advisory Committee (NMSAC) was established in 2000 to provide strategic advice to the Leukaemia Foundation on medical, scientific, research and clinical matters. Most members of the NMSAC are qualified and practicing haematologists but the committee also includes members with clinical, scientific or nursing expertise and a consumer advocate. One representative from each state also performs the role of Medical Advisor in their state. The Chair of the NMSAC is also the National Medical Advisor for the Foundation and is a member of the Leukaemia Foundation of Australia Board.

The NMSAC oversees and guides the National Research Program and the scientific and medical research granting process which is undertaken by an independent panel of experts - the Grants Review Committee (GRC) chaired by Prof Andrew Boyd. The NMSAC makes medical and research funding recommendations to the LFA Board based on advice received from the GRC ensuring that the recommendations are consistent with LFA goals and priorities.

The current Chairman of the NMAC is Assoc Prof Ken Bradstock (NSW) and the other members of the committee are Dr Geoff Hill (Qld), Dr Paula Marlton (Qld), Assoc Prof Andrew Spencer (Vic), Dr Bryone Kuss (SA), Prof Angel Lopez (SA), Ms Julie Wilkes (WA), Dr Richard Herrmann (WA) and Ms Sandy McKiernan (WA).

Grants Review Committee

All applications are reviewed by our Grants Review Committee (GRC). This Committee operates under the direction of, and provides recommendations on ranking and merit of applications to, the National Medical & Scientific Advisory Committee and is chaired by Professor Andrew Boyd (QIMR, UQ). The GRC is an independent panel of leading researchers who review applications and make recommendations to the NMSAC concerning grants, fellowships and scholarships.

Chief Executive Officer

The LFA Board delegates day-to-day management of the affairs of LFA to the Chief Executive Officer and the senior management team.

Organisation Values

LFA is committed to the following values:

- Innovation and best practice
- Integrity and accountability
- Open communication and sharing of information
- Positivity and celebration
- Professionalism
- Resourcefulness
- Teamwork and collaboration
- Trust, care and respect