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1993-94 Council elected

The Law Society has a new Council following the Annual General Meeting in Darwin last month.

Neville Henwood and Terry Gardner were re-elected unopposed to the positions of President and Vice-President respectively.

Richard Coates is now Secretary and David Anderson Treasurer.

Both gentlemen served on the previous Council.

Max Horton was returned as Alice Springs representative, and John Neill was returned as Councillor.

We have five new Councillors:
Peter Tiffin (Dept of Law)
Eileen Terrill (Terrill & Assoc)
Gordon Kennedy (Cridlands)
Jan Trier (Philip & Mitaros)
Guy Riley (Philip & Mitaros).

John Stirk will retain his ex-officio position of Immediate Past President.

Outgoing Councillors were:
Judith Kelly (Philip & Mitaros)
Diana Elliott (Waters James McCormack)
Alison Cassells (Ward Keller)
Jan Macpherson (James Noonan)
David Farquhar (Cridlands).

KPMG Peat Marwick was appointed the Society's auditor for a 12 month period.

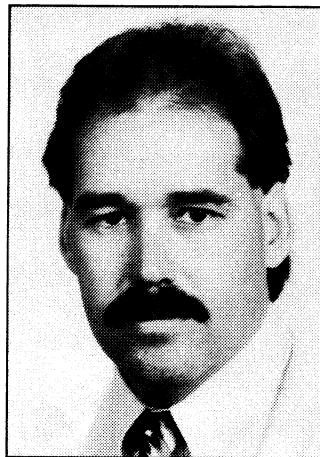
The Constitution was amended to allow Council to determine Associate Membership of the Society.

Prior to the AGM, the Constitution allowed only those who held practis-

ing certificates to be eligible for membership.

The amendment allows academics, non-practising lawyers and law students to join the Society as Associates.

One of the most important issues to be decided at the Annual General Meeting was the Society's membership of the Law Council of Australia.



*President
Neville Henwood*

This followed an alarming rise in the Northern Territory's capitation fee, which will effectively rise from \$68 per member in 1992-93 to \$84 in 1993-94.

This figure compares with a capitation fee of \$47.00 per member applicable to Victorian solicitors who are members of the Law Council.

The President of the Law Society, Neville Henwood, received a letter from the President of the Law Council, Rob Meadows, on the day of the Annual General Meeting and read that letter to the meeting.

Some discussion ensued about the benefits of Law Council membership to the Northern Territory before the following motion was moved:

"That the Law Society of the Northern Territory remain affiliated with the Law Council of Australia for a period of 12 months and that the next Annual General Meeting reconsider the matter in light of the Law Council of Australia addressing the problems of (a) the high cost of membership for Northern Territory practitioners, and (b) entrenched rights on the Executive of the Law Council."

That motion was carried unanimously, so the matter will be considered again at next year's AGM.

The matter of entrenched rights is expected to be addressed, and perhaps resolved, at a meeting of the Law Council in Hobart later this month.

On the Social side, a newly-elected Council member volunteered to take charge of and organise a Law Ball within two months.

In the event that this was a fit of enthusiasm, we won't name the Councillor just yet.

In the event that it wasn't, watch this space.