



Intl. Management & Delegates Meeting (IMDM)
Virtual Meeting
17 May 2020

LESI Society Fact Sheet

Thank you for completing this LES Society Fact Sheet. This information helps us share your annual activities with the LESI Board and the Membership Committee. We have also included additional (optional) data questions as an appendix (while helpful, we appreciate that not all societies might have this data).

SOCIETY INFORMATION

SOCIETY NAME: LESANZ

CONTACT PERSON

(This person is responsible for communication with & timely submissions to the LESI Office. You may alternatively update your information directly on the website [here](#) and indicate below that it is up to date)

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CURRENT SOCIETY OFFICERS

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Secretary: Michael Cossetto

Treasurer: Catherine Boxhall

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Term of Current Society Officers/ Date of Next Change of Officers: 8th April, 2021
(please notify LESI with a complete list of officers when the change takes place)

Annual Membership Dues AU\$: \$321 – Individual \$290 YMC – International member \$300
(please note currency and any categories of membership)

MEMBERSHIP DATA

Category	Total Number	% Change from last year
Total Number of Members: <i>(please note any categories of membership)</i>	213 (now)	18% down

SOCIETY ACTIVITIES

Date and Location of Next Annual General Meeting (AGM): 8th April, 2021 - Christchurch, New Zealand

Notable Society Activities / Educational Events during the past year:

(please include the date, purpose and number of attendees)

March 2020 (two sessions) 1st successful webinar as a result of COVID-19, reaching all states and territories on "Lessons from 2019" case and legislative updates.

ACCC engagement around the repeal of ss51(3)

LESANZ invited ACCC representative Parnos Munyard, Director of Advocacy and Law Reform with the Australian Competition & Consumer Commission to speak at our 2019 Conference in Brisbane. From that introduction, LESANZ then engaged a law firm to provide a submission on behalf of LESANZ to the ACCC on the repeal of ss51(3). Engagement with the ACCC has provided an opportunity for LESANZ to advocate on members behalf and improved the communication channels between each organisation.

Please List Your Professional Committees (e.g., Education, Life Sciences, Transportation):

No actual committees, however, Trustees at Large each hold a portfolio for Education, Marketing and Communications, International relations, Collaboration and Membership.

Does your society have (or plan to start) a Young Members Congress (YMC)? Would your Society be interested in becoming more involved in WILA? If so, please provide a contact for each.

Yes, we already have a YMC membership category, but not a specific representative at this time.

Yes, WILA – Judith Miller is already our WILA representative from Wrays in Sydney.

How can LESI or other LES Societies further support you?

Better access to online publications to share via our own website for members that have been created in other chapters (USA/Canada), particularly in the current world climate.

Report completed by : _____ Beth Benson _____

Date : 29th April, 2020

Appendix

Additional LES Society Membership Data

If known:

	Total Number	% Change from last year
Lawyers or patent agents in – 65%		
private practice:		
law/patent firm:		
production or sales company (goods and materials):		
IP consulting or transaction entity (NOT production/sales):		
Non-lawyers/non-patent/trademark agents in – 35%		
law/patent firm:		
production or sales company (goods and materials):		
IP consulting or transaction entity (NOT production/sales):		
Other members (please define): 5%		
Women Members: Gender is not requested at this time		
Young Members (< 40 years of age):	22	