

Annual Report 2009



The Australasian Institute of
Judicial Administration Incorporated

for the year ended 30 June 2009

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Hon Justice Christine Wheeler



My predecessor, Justice Virginia Bell wrote in the 2008 Annual Report of the work which had been conducted by the Institute and its international consortium partners on the Framework for Court Excellence. The Framework was presented at a Court Quality Forum convened by the Institute in Sydney from 21-23 September 2008. Apart from the formal presentation of the Framework document, the Forum was designed to provide an opportunity for courts generally, but particularly for courts in the developing world, to learn about and become involved in a process which will improve the quality of justice and court administration in their jurisdiction. The Framework document is designed to

enable courts to test their performance in seven areas relating to court excellence. The document is to be found on the AIJA website.

It is pleasing that one of the significant initiatives that was to come out of the Forum was a commitment by the Institute to facilitate discussion in relation to current court statistical measures. The AIJA agreed to act as a facilitator in relation to the consideration of current statistical measures for courts maintained by the Productivity Commission. An invitation was extended to Mr Lawrence McDonald, Assistant Commissioner, Productivity Commission and Ms Catherine Andersson, Research Manager of the Commission, Victoria, to attend a meeting of the AIJA Council which took place in November 2008. At that meeting there was a wide ranging discussion in relation to the statistical measures maintained by the Productivity Commission.

Consequent to the Council meeting, correspondence was received from the Chairman of the Productivity Commission, Mr Gary Banks AO, inviting dialogue in relation to ROGS statistics. It was decided by the AIJA Council that this dialogue would be assisted by a seminar to which representatives from each court jurisdiction, judicial and administrative, would be invited. That seminar is to take place on 24 July 2009.

It is hoped that the meeting of 24 July 2009 will identify matters which might be the subject of study and subsequent referral to the Productivity Commission. The Institute is pleased that it is able to facilitate this exercise.

Several educational programs have been conducted throughout the year and are referred to more fully in the Annual Report. They have included a lecture on International Family Justice given by Lord Justice Thorpe, Court of Appeal, England and Wales, on 30 October 2008 with the assistance of the Family Court of Australia, the

4th AIJA Appellate Judges' Conference held in Melbourne from 6-7 November 2008, a conference on the Use of Interpreters in Courts and Tribunals held in Fremantle from 12-14 March 2009, a lecture by Madam Justice Louise Otis of the Québec Court of Appeal on Judicial Mediation held in Melbourne on 12 May 2009, the Australasian Court Administrators' Conference held in Melbourne from 14-15 May 2009 and the 12th AIJA Tribunals Conference held in Sydney from 4-5 June 2009.

The AIJA Project and Research Committee, convened by Deputy President, Patrick Keane, has been active throughout the year and has overseen the completion of two Bench Books, namely, the Child Witnesses' Bench Book and Solution-Focused Judging Bench Book which will be launched in the first part of the next year.

The AIJA was pleased to welcome Ms Judith Bellis, General Counsel and Director, Judicial Affairs, Courts and Tribunal Policy, Department of Justice, Canada, to the Institute in April 2009. Judith will provide general assistance in relation to the work of the Institute and will be working on a project "Access to Court Records".

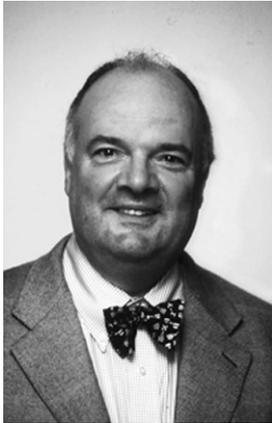
Congratulations are extended to Virginia Bell, my predecessor, who was sworn as a Justice at the High Court of Australia in February. Virginia has made a valuable contribution to the administration of justice during her term as President of the Institute.

I am grateful to all the staff at the Secretariat and particularly the Executive Director, Professor Greg Reinhardt, for their work during the year.

*The Hon Justice Christine Wheeler
President, AIJA*

REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Professor Greg Reinhardt



Reference is made elsewhere in the report to the wide range of educational programs which took place during the year and to the research currently being undertaken or planned. I draw attention particularly to the Court Quality Forum held in Sydney from 21-23 September 2008 and acknowledge, particularly, the work of my personal assistant, Ms Delwyn Gillan in relation to the organisation of that event. The Forum included representatives from a wide range of countries in the Asia Pacific region and the organisation associated with their attendance was considerable. Thanks were also due to Deputy President, Laurie Glanfield, for his extensive assistance in relation to that event.

I have been involved in a Roundtable established by the Human Rights Commission which is looking at the way in which the Islamic community in Australia can be drawn more fully into the Australian justice system. This is not concerned with any change in substantive law, but rather with questions such as the significance of alternative dispute resolution within the Islamic community, particularly, in the area of family law. The Roundtable has drawn upon experience in both the Islamic and Jewish communities where alternative dispute resolution is undertaken in a religious or cultural context. This development arises from matters discussed at the AIJA Conference on Cultures and the Law held in September 2007 in Melbourne. It is pleasing that this conference should provide the vehicle by which the Human Rights Commission initiative is being carried forward.

In late March/early April 2009, the Institute was pleased to host two Roundtables (in Melbourne and Sydney) for representatives of the Civil Justice Council, England and Wales, headed by Lord Justice Rupert Jackson, Court of Appeal, England and Wales. Lord Justice Jackson has been appointed by the Master of the Rolls to conduct a fundamental review of the rules and principles governing the costs of civil litigation with a view to making recommendations to promote access to justice at proportionate cost. I would like to acknowledge the assistance of Institute member, Ms Nerida Wallace, and the Law Institute of Victoria, in relation to the Victorian Roundtable. Other members of Lord Justice Jackson's group were Senior Costs Judge Peter Hurst, High Court of Justice, England and Wales, Mr Robert Musgrove Chief Executive and Mr Michael Napier CBE QC, member, Civil Justice Council, England and Wales.

Lord Justice Jackson's report is to be published in the latter part of 2009. Significantly, as it seems to me, cost has become one of the great challenges in contemporary judicial administration. It is central to the question of access to justice. The large

number of litigants in person is largely driven by the cost of justice. Elsewhere in this report is information concerning the Institute's project on proportionality and the cost of justice.

Again, I have undertaken a number of speaking engagements during the year. I continue to edit the *Journal of Judicial Administration* and to teach both at Monash University and the University of Melbourne.

I would like to extend my thanks to all at the Secretariat who have worked so diligently during the year, namely, Ms Delwyn Gillan, Mrs Kathy Jarrett, Mrs Heather Sevald and Mrs Mary Young. Thanks are also due to Ms Judith Bellis, General Counsel and Director, Judicial Affairs, Courts and Tribunal Policy, who provided considerable assistance during her leave of absence from the Canadian Department of Justice.

Professor Greg Reinhardt
Executive Director, AIJA

COUNCIL

The AIJA is governed by its Council, which has 29 elected and appointed members. They are drawn from a broad spectrum across the field of judicial administration, including representatives of the judiciary (including the magistracy), tribunals, court administrators, the legal profession, academia and government service. In addition to attending four regular Council meetings each year, all Council members are expected to serve on at least one Committee. A list of Council members as at 30 June 2009 appears at the front of this report.

Retiring from Council this year were Justice Virginia Bell, Justice Ron Young and Ms Anne Sullivan.

Following this year's Annual General Meeting, Council appointed Justice Mark O'Regan as a member of Council in the category of Judicial Members to fill the position vacated by Justice Ron Young, Justice Ian Gzell as a member of Council in the category of Judicial Members to fill the position vacated by Justice Virginia Bell and Mr Steven Stevens as a member of Council in the Professional Members' category to fill the position vacated by Ms Anne Sullivan

OVERSEAS REPRESENTATION ON COUNCIL

As a reflection of the close ties between the Australian and New Zealand judiciaries, there is a permanent position on the AIJA Council set aside for a judicial representative from New Zealand, nominated by the Chief Justice of that country. That position is currently held by Justice Mark O'Regan.

Under a special provision in the AIJA Rules, Council has also granted observer status on Council to the Papua New Guinea judiciary, another country with which the Institute has close ties. The current PNG representative is Justice Gibbs Salika CSM OBE, Deputy Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Papua New Guinea, who replaced Justice Sir Salamo Injia Kt. upon his retirement as Deputy Chief Justice in June 2009.

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

Supervision of the day-to-day management of the Institute is the responsibility of the AIJA Board of Management. The Board consists of the President and two Deputy Presidents, or the President Elect and Deputy President, together with the Convenors of the AIJA's three Standing Committees – the Education Committee, the Project and Research Committee and the Communications Committee. The Board can also co-opt other members of Council to serve on the Board.

As at 30 June 2009, the members of the Board of Management were Justice Christine Wheeler, AIJA President, Mr Laurie Glanfield AM, Deputy President, Justice Patrick Keane, Deputy President, Dr Andrew Cannon AM, Convenor of the Education Committee, Justice Mark O'Regan, Convenor of the Communications Committee and Justice Michelle May.

LIFE MEMBERS

The AIJA award of Life Membership is given to members or others in the judicial administration community who are judged to have made a significant contribution to the AIJA's work or to the administration of justice generally. Council recognised the efforts this year of the Hon Geoff Eames, retired Justice of Appeal, Victorian Court of Appeal.

Mr Eames has convened the Advisory Committee for the AIJA Juries Project and has been a long term member of the Indigenous Cultural Awareness Committee. In the latter role he has been actively involved in the organisation and staging of educational events involving Indigenous people and generally in relation to Indigenous cultural awareness. It is indeed appropriate that his work be recognised with life membership of the Institute.

CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PROGRAMS

The AIJA's education program includes conferences, workshops, lectures and seminars designed for judges, magistrates, tribunal members, court administrators, lawyers and others with an interest in judicial administration. It includes regularly scheduled events and additional seminars and conferences on particular topics. The program is overseen by the AIJA's Education Committee, convened by Dr Andrew Cannon AM, Deputy Chief Magistrate, South Australia.

All AIJA education programs are conducted on a fee-paying basis, which requires registration fees to be set at a level that covers costs. The Institute also attempts to achieve a 20% profit on each education activity which is channelled to its Research Fund used to fund research into judicial administration.

2008-2009 programs included:

- **AIJA Court Quality Forum, 21-23 September 2008, Sydney**

The conference was attended by 125 delegates.

The principal purpose of the conference was to present the Framework for Court Excellence designed by the Institute and its international consortium partners. The Forum was designed to provide an opportunity for courts to learn about and become involved in a process designed to improve the quality of justice and court administration. The Framework document is designed to test the performance of courts in seven areas relating to court excellence. Sessions included:

- Court Performance in an International Context
- Panel discussion on the International Framework for Court Excellence addressing the background, content and application of the Framework including a presentation of the Framework document
- Courts, the Community and Clients
- Developing Practical Court Performance Measures

- Court Evaluation and Research

Papers and presentations from the Forum are available on the AIJA Website at <www.aija.org.au>

- **Lecture on International Family Justice, 30 October 2008, Melbourne**

The lecture given by The Rt Hon Lord Justice Matthew Thorpe, Lord Justice of Appeal, England and Wales, was attended by 49 people and concerned the need to maintain and strengthen the common law/Commonwealth bonds in international family justice, the Hague Conference on Private International Law and Brussels II. The lecture was jointly convened with the Family Court of Australia. The assistance of Chief Justice Diana Bryant is gratefully acknowledged.

- **4th AIJA Appellate Judges' Conference, 6-7 November 2008, Melbourne**

The Conference was attended by 48 delegates.

The Conference was designed to provide opportunities for appellate judges to gather to discuss matters of common interest. Sessions included:

- The Role of the Intermediate Appellate Court after Farah Constructions
- 'Miscarriage Of Justice' and the Proviso
- Statutory Interpretation and the Courts
- Oral Tradition and Decisions 'On the Papers'
- Video Recording of Proceedings
- Human Rights and Appellate Courts
- Simplifying Jury Directions

Papers from the conference are available on the AIJA Website at <www.aija.org.au>

- **The Use of Interpreters in Courts and Tribunals, 12-14 March 2009, Fremantle**

The Conference was attended by 76 delegates.

This Conference was designed to facilitate discussion on the issues confronting courts and tribunals in working with interpreters and to examine issues of concern to interpreters in their interaction with the judicial system. Sessions included:

- Working with interpreters effectively in the courtroom
- Indigenous Interpreting for courts
- Aspects of Inter-cultural communication, new media and languages
- Preparation for court: what interpreters need to know and what courts need to know
- Communication diversity within the disability sector

Papers from the conference are available on the AIJA Website at <www.aija.org.au>

- **Lecture: Judicial Mediation: When Judges act as Mediators for the benefit of Citizens and Lawyers, 12 May 2009, Melbourne**

The Lecture was delivered by Madam Justice Louise Otis, Québec Court of Appeal and was attend by 65 people.

- **Australasian Court Administrators' Conference, 14-15 May 2009, Melbourne**

The Conference was attended by 193 delegates

This was the first conference convened for sometime designed specifically to identify and discuss matters of interest to court and tribunal administrators. The theme of the conference was Court and the Public. Sessions included:

- Courts and the Public
- Courts, the Media and the Public
- Innovation in Courts and Tribunals
- Funding the Courts
- Some Questions of Privacy
- Challenges for Unrepresented Litigants in Courts and Tribunals
- The Neighbourhood Justice Centre – The Experience to Date
- Courts and the Public – Where does the role of running a Court of Tribunal interact with the Community needs and expectations.

Papers from the conference are available on the AIJA Website at <www.ajja.org.au>

- **12th AIJA Tribunals Conference, Sydney, 4-5 June 2009, Sydney**

The Conference was attended by 168 delegates.

The theme of the conference was 'Being Fair, Being Quick and Being Inexpensive'.

Sessions included:

- Tribunal Craft - Being Fair, Being Quick and Being Inexpensive – what it means to achieve these things and what a Tribunal has to do
- Compulsory Conferences, Expert Conclaves and 'Hot Tubs'
- Disability, Education, and the United Nations Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
- The Implications of Privacy for the Work of Tribunals
- Deciding Disputes by Investigation rather than Adversarial Methods: the experience of New Zealand's Employment Relations Authority
- Some Recent Developments in Administrative Law
- The Effectiveness of Guardianship and Administration Appointments: Client Satisfaction and Implications
- Employment Screening Decision-making and the Concept of Exceptional Case
- Participants' Impressions and Experiences in the Social Security Appeals Tribunal

Papers from the conference are available on the AIJA Website at <www.ajja.org.au>

Other Education Activities

During the past year, the AIJA also contributed to a number of other education events run by other organisations. These included participation in the National Judicial Orientation Program at Broadbeach, Queensland from 3 to 8 August 2008 and at Aitken Hill, Victoria from 15 to 20 March 2009 (the AIJA has three representatives on the Steering Committee for the Program, as well as the Executive Director of the AIJA).

STRATEGIC PLAN AND PROJECT THEMES

The AIJA Strategic Plan provides for the AIJA Council to set the themes that will direct the Institute's work. Council has approved a strategic plan for 2008-2011 which identifies several themes to guide the AIJA's activities:

- Cost of litigation
- Procedure (including caseflow management):
 - civil
 - criminal
 - appellate
- Court performance and accountability
- Disadvantaged & self-represented litigants
- Alternative approaches to justice, including alternative dispute resolution and problem-solving justice
- The impact of technology on the justice system

Council reviews these themes on a regular basis to ensure that new or emerging issues are quickly accommodated.

RESEARCH

The AIJA Project and Research Committee considers proposals for funding research projects from the AIJA Research Fund and makes recommendations to Council for approval of new projects. The Committee, convened until August by Justice Robert Nicholson and subsequently by Justice Christine Wheeler has met regularly throughout the year. The Research Fund consists of profit earned on AIJA conferences and seminars.

Current research projects on hand or concluded during the year include:

- **Jury Charges**

This project, begun in 2003, is supervised by a Project Advisory Committee consisting of experienced trial court judges from all Australian jurisdictions and New Zealand, and until his retirement in July 2007, was convened by Justice Geoff Eames of the Victorian Supreme Court. The project aims to examine jury charges and communication with the jury and to assist in developing

procedures and policies that will enhance judicial communication with the jury. The principal researcher is Professor James Ogloff of Monash University.

The first stage of the project, a survey of trial court judges concerning their communications with juries, is available from the AIJA Secretariat. The second stage of the project, namely interviews with judges is underway, with further stages of the project yet to be determined.

The work initiated by the Institute has been assumed by the Victorian Law Reform Commission under the direction of the Honourable Geoff Eames. Its report is to be tabled in the Victorian Parliament in July 2009.

- **Legal Thesaurus Project**

The project is intended to provide assistance in the task of retrieval of computerised information and to complement the AIJA publication *Guide to Uniform Production of Judgments*. The project commenced in 2000 under the supervision of the project Advisory Committee headed by former AIJA President, the Hon Trevor Olsson AO until his retirement from the Committee in early 2007.

The AIJA Project and Research Committee has considered the best way forward for this project and has identified a commercial publisher as the best way for pursuing the project and discussions are taking place to advance this. Discussions have been undertaken in that regard.

- **Harmonisation of Court Rules**

A sub-committee of the Council of Chief Justices chaired by Council member, Justice Kevin Lindgren, has prepared harmonized rules across jurisdictions in a number of areas, including Corporations Law Court rules, subpoenas and Anton Piller and Mareva orders (search and asset preservation rules). It is working on rules for service outside the jurisdiction (Hague Convention).

The establishment of the sub-committee resulted from initial work undertaken by the Institute. The Institute is represented on the sub-committee by its Executive Director, Greg Reinhardt.

- **Proportionality**

Council has approved as a suitable area of research proportionality as it affects litigation in the area of family provision or testators' family maintenance. Professor Prue Vines, Law School, the University of New South Wales and colleagues from the University are to conduct that research.

- **Framework for Court Excellence**

The Framework for Court Excellence was presented at a Forum in Sydney held on 21-23 September 2008.

- **Bench Book for Children Giving Evidence in Australian courts (*formerly Child Witnesses Benchbook*)**

The project was begun as a follow up to the seminar on Child Witnesses which took place in July 2004. An Advisory Committee chaired by Judge Helen O'Sullivan of the Queensland District Court has been engaged in scoping the project and identifying a researcher. The objective is to produce a benchbook to assist judicial officers in this difficult area.

Work on the Bench Book is nearing completion and it will be launched in the latter part of 2009.

Criminal Conferencing

Council has approved research of criminal conferencing by Dr Fiona Hanlon. This will involve research in both Canada and Australian jurisdictions.

Criminal conferencing may be defined as a process, either voluntary or compulsory, that takes place in addition to other forms of pre-trial criminal case management processes and in relation to which the discussions that take place during the conference are 'without prejudice'.

The report is expected in the first part of 2010.

- **Solution-Focused Judging Bench Book (*formerly Problem Solving Benchbook*)**

Dr Michael King former Magistrate, Western Australia, is responsible for this project, namely, a project for the preparation of a benchbook to assist new and currently serving judges and magistrates

1. by providing essential information concerning key problems confronting offenders – addiction, mental illness and domestic violence; and
2. in the development of judging skills by providing information and techniques in problem solving judging and therapeutic jurisprudence.

The Problem Solving Benchbook seeks to fill a significant gap in the literature and judicial education by providing a comprehensive resource setting out important information concerning key offending related problems and the problem solving judging approach and set out techniques that judges and magistrates can use in their day to day work to enhance their effectiveness.

The suggested outcomes from the benchbook are:

- A more informed and expert judiciary.
- Qualitatively better judging in problem solving courts.
- More uniform problem solving practices between courts.
- A better and more helpful experience for participants.
- More effective problem solving court programs.

It will be published in the latter part of 2009.

- **Research on the Privacy and Publicity Implications of Electronic Lodgment of Pleadings, Affidavits and Other Documents**

This research is being undertaken by Ms Judith Bellis, General Counsel and Director, Judicial Affairs, Courts and Tribunal Policy. Department of Justice, Canada.

- **Proposed Protocol in Relation to Interpreters and their work in Courts and Tribunals**

Professor Sandra Hale, University of Western Sydney, has been engaged to conduct research towards a protocol which will meet the needs and concerns both of courts and tribunals and those of interpreters. Many of these were the subject of discussion at the Interpreters conference in Fremantle in March 2009.

Courts and the Public

A proposal for a second edition of Court and the Public has been prepared.

- **Other**

The AIJA has contributed to or is involved in research on a national survey on Australian Judges, Juries and interactive visual evidence: impacts on deliberations processes and outcomes and Judicial Officers and Workload Allocation.

COMMUNICATIONS

The AIJA Communications Committee was formed as a result of strategic planning process in 2005. The Committee's terms of reference are to:

- Enhance the AIJA's profile in the Asia/Pacific region;
- Develop an international focus through liaison with international bodies sharing common objectives;
- Develop a closer working relationship with court administrators to encourage greater exchange of information and ideas;
- Develop a communications strategy for members and non-members to deliver information about the AIJA, its services and projects;
- Develop strategies to target member groups such as magistrates, court administrators, tribunal members and the legal profession;
- Develop a services strategy that makes effective use of technology and encourages non-members to join the AIJA; and
- Involve members in AIJA activities by:
 - seeking ideas for, or opinions about, AIJA projects;
 - forming interest groups; and
 - holding specific conferences and workshops.

The Committee is convened by AIJA Board and Council member is Megan Greenwood, Chief Executive Officer, Supreme Court of New South Wales.

This Committee has been very active since it was formed, developing a position statement on the AIJA's role, the revision of the AIJA's media protocol, the formulation of policy in relation to corporate membership, the upgrading of the AIJA website and the formulation of the AIJA Strategic Plan for 2008-2011. These documents are available on the AIJA website.

The Committee has been concerned this year with growing the membership of the Institute and the revamping of the AIJA award for excellence in judicial administration.

PUBLICATIONS

Each year, the AIJA issues a number of publications. These include published reports from research projects and papers from conferences and seminars. Thomson Reuters publication, the *Journal of Judicial Administration*, edited by the Executive Director, also provides an opportunity to publish lengthier articles in the field. Information about recent publications, and general information about the Institute's work, is available on its web site <www.aija.org.au>.

The following are the main publications produced in the year under report:

- **Journal of Judicial Administration**

Published by the LBC Information Services (Thomson Legal & Regulatory Group Pty Ltd), the *Journal of Judicial Administration* (JJA) acts as a focus for the description, discussion and analysis of developments in the field of judicial administration. As editor of the journal, the Executive Director endeavours to include material which focuses on current issues in relation to the role and operation of the judicial system and related institutions. The JJA is now a refereed journal.

AIJA INFORMATION COLLECTION

The AIJA library contains a collection of materials relating to judicial administration from Australian sources, but supplemented by other jurisdictions: mainly the United States, the United Kingdom, New Zealand and Canada. Our Librarian, Mary Young, is happy to take reference inquiries from members and researchers.

AIJA FUNDING AND ACCOUNTS

The AIJA receives the major part of its funding from contributions by all Australian Governments through the Standing Committee of Attorneys-General (SCAG). This is supplemented significantly by the Institute's income from membership fees. The AIJA Research Fund is constituted by means of a 20% contribution levied on its education programs.

The Institute's accounts are annually audited by Ms Alison Brown, of the firm Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu, Chartered Accountants. Copies of the Annual Financial Statements will be available for the Annual General Meeting to be held in September.

AIJA AND MONASH UNIVERSITY

The AIJA has an association arrangement with Monash University Law School which enables it to occupy premises in Monash Law Chambers at 1st Floor, Equity Chambers, 472 Bourke Street Melbourne. The arrangement provides the Institute with a range of services and the AIJA is grateful for the assistance provided to it by the university during the year. The Dean of the Law School, Professor Arie Freiberg, is a member of the AIJA Council.

MEMBERSHIP

The Institute's membership as at 30 June 2009 was 882. The membership was made up as follows:

MEMBERSHIP	By State/ Territory	MEMBERSHIP	By Category
New South Wales	239	Judges	334
Victoria	196	Magistrates	82
Queensland	112	Tribunal Members	75
South Australia	73	Court Administrators	57
Western Australia	90	Legal Practitioners	118
Tasmania	39	Academics	40
Northern Territory	14	Librarians	16
Australian Capital Territory	39	Corporate	86
Overseas	82	Others	27
		Retired Judicial Officers	27
		Gov't Officers	20
TOTAL	882	TOTAL	882

LOCAL CHAPTERS

The AIJA Rules provide for the development of local chapters. Currently there is an active Local Chapter of the AIJA in South Australia, chaired by AIJA Council Member Judge Christine Trenorden. The membership of the Local Chapter is 82.

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