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Title	Assembly Finance Audit and Risk Committee (AFARC) New Member Nominations
Type of Paper	For Decision
Assembly or ASC Minute	Regulation 3.7.5.2
Consultation	AFARC Assembly General Secretary
Purpose	To seek the appointment of three “new” members of AFARC. To note the “co-option” of one additional member of AFARC.
Rationale & Findings Summary	<p>Three members of AFARC are stepping down from the Committee – Tony Engel has completed his nine year term as a member, while Julie Ross and Ian Thompson have resigned for personal reasons.</p> <p>Regulation 3.7.5.2 (d) notes that Casual vacancies [to the Committee] may be filled by the [Assembly] Standing Committee.</p> <p>In light of these three departures, a process to seek new members was commenced in late 2022, and the Committee is now delighted to present names for appointment to the Committee (under Regulation 3.7.5.2(d)).</p> <p>AFARC’s ASC approved Charter also notes that <i>“The Committee may co-opt non voting members for the purposes of workload management, succession planning or to fill identified skills gaps, for periods of up to eighteen months. No more than three co-opted members may be part of the Committee at any one time. Co-options will be advised to the ASC at the meeting following appointment.”</i></p> <p>ASC is asked to note that AFARC has now also made another such co-option.</p> <p>All four nominees or appointees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are considered to be of very high calibre – well qualified, committed and keen to serve; and • Satisfy requirements for Membership as set out in the Committee Charter. <p>As also noted in AFARC’s ASC approved Charter: <i>“When appointing members to the Committee, the ASC shall be cognisant of Regulation 3.8.1, especially having regard to the Basis of Union paragraph 15. Diversity of Committee membership in its broadest sense shall be sought.”</i></p> <p>AFARC was mindful of this clause throughout the “recruitment” process.</p>

	AFARC is delighted to commend these nominations to ASC for approval.
Attachments	<p>Completed “Expression of Interest Forms” (four) – Appendix:</p> <p>For appointment:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Brendan Flynn; b. Barry Honey; c. Alice McCleary <p>For noting as a co-opted member:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> d. Sonia Milner <p>More detailed CVs are available, confidentially, upon request.</p>
Proposals	<p>That the Assembly Standing Committee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Appoint – <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Brendan Flynn; b. Barry Honey; and c. Alice McCleary as members of the Assembly Finance Audit and Risk Committee. 2. Note that Sonia Milner has been co-opted as a member of the Assembly Finance Audit and Risk Committee. 3. Request the Assembly General Secretary to express its appreciation for the services rendered by the outgoing members of the Assembly Finance Audit and Risk Committee.
Submitted by	<p>Stuart Woodward, Chair, Assembly Finance, Audit and Risk Committee</p> <p>stuartwoodward202@gmail.com 0414 886 346</p> <p>and</p> <p>Leo Iosifidis National Director, Strategic Finance and Administration Assembly Support Unit</p> <p>Leoi@nat.uca.org.au 0427 546 100</p> <p>19 June 2023</p>

BRENDAN FLYNN

**Expression of Interest Form
for
Assembly Committees or Task Groups**

Basis of Union:

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Name of the Committee / Task Group:

ASSEMBLY FINANCE, AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE

Brief description of the Mandate / Terms of Reference for this body:

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Personal Information:

	<p>Name: Brendan Flynn</p> <p><i>(Please complete as relevant)</i></p> <p>Congregation: N/A</p> <p>Presbytery: N/A</p> <p>Synod: N/A</p>
<p>What skills and experience will you bring to the Committee / Task Group?</p> <p>I have the experience and skills to contribute to the committee - accumulated through a career in economic and financial analysis in senior government executive roles and the private sector.</p> <p>I am experienced in analysing financial strength and financial and operational risk. For example, I am currently a member of the Victorian Department of Families Fairness and Housing Audit and Risk Management committee. I chaired the Victorian Department of Treasury and Finance Risk Management committee, and chaired the inter-departmental Whole of Government Risk committee for the Victorian government. Prior to my career in the public service I was an executive at the ratings agency Standard & Poor's, where I led the teams which assessed the financial and business risk of governments, government-owned enterprises, banks and insurance companies for the Pacific region.</p> <p>I have held senior executive roles, including Deputy Secretary (ie, Deputy CEO) at the Victorian Department of Treasury and Finance and the Victorian Department of Premier and Cabinet. This involved oversight of government social policy (eg, human services, housing, health, education), economic policy and infrastructure policy. It also provided operational experience in running a large and complex organisation.</p>	

Prior to these roles at Standard & Poor's and the Victorian Public Service I worked as an economist at a stock broking firm and in the Commonwealth Public Service at the Department of Treasury.

What any relevant experience have you had in the life of the Church?

Not a member of the Church.

What if any relevant qualifications do you have?

Masters of Economics – Australian National University
Bachelor of Economics (Honours) – Latrobe University
Graduate Diploma of Applied Finance – Financial Services Institute of Australia
Company Directors Course – Australian Institute of Company Directors

Age range	Under 30	30-59 X	60+	
Ministry category	Lay X	Ordained		
Location	Remote	Rural	Regional Centre	City X

What cultural and linguistic background do you have?

English speaking, Irish Catholic

Referees: *(Please list the names and contact details of two people to act as referees for you in regard to this role)*

- 1. Ian Thompson 0412 709 198
- 2. Laurinda Gardner 0411 024 243

If you are not appointed to this body, are you willing for Assembly to retain a copy of this form, and to consider you for appointment to a relevant task group in the future? YES

Signature: 

Date: 14 June 2023

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Personal Information:

	<p>Name: Barry John Honey</p> <p>Congregation: Nedlands Uniting Church, WA Presbytery: Synod: Western Australia</p>
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What skills and experience will you bring to the Committee / Task Group?

- In excess of forty years' experience as a Chartered Accountant with a background that has included membership of and chairing Audit & Risk Management Committees in relation to a publicly listed company together with substantial unlisted companies and for-purpose enterprises. This has included undertaking a mentoring and development role as a director of The Finance Brokers Association of Australia Limited and as Chairman of Churches of Christ in Western Australia.

What if any relevant experience have you had in the life of the Church?

- Member of the Resources Commission, WA Synod
- Chair of the Investment and Corporate Finance Committee, WA Synod
- Chair of the Uniting Church Investment Fund, WA Synod
- Member of the Business and Financial Services Committee, WA Synod

What if any relevant qualifications do you have?

- Bachelor of Business Degree
- Post Graduate Certificate, Forensic Accounting
- Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants

Age range	Under 30	30-59	60+
Ministry category	Lay	Ordained	
Location	Remote	Rural	Regional Centre City

What cultural and linguistic background do you have?

- Apart from the first four years of my life having been spent in Fiji, I have grown up in a typical white Australian family that only spoke English at home.

Referees: (Please list the names and contact details of two people to act as referees for you in regard to this role)

1. Rev. Dr. Andrew Williams, General Secretary, UCA Synod of Western Australia - 0892609800
2. Chris Walker, Chair, Resources Commission, UCA Synod of Western Australia - 0410027020

If you are not appointed to this body, are you willing for Assembly to retain a copy of this form, and to consider you for appointment to a relevant task group in the future? YES / NO

Signature:



Date: 16 June 2023

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Personal Information:

	<p>Name: Alice McCleary</p> <p><i>(Please complete as relevant)</i></p> <p>Congregation: Rosefield UC</p> <p>Presbytery: Wimala</p> <p>Synod: South Australia</p>
<p>What skills and experience will you bring to the Committee / Task Group?</p> <p>Accounting skills (I am a Fellow of CAANZ)</p> <p>Financial management (I have been a professional company director for a wide range of organisations for the past 25 years, usually chairing the Finance/Audit committees of those companies.)</p> <p>Superannuation expertise (I am a former director of Benefund Limited, the trustee of the UCA Beneficiary Fund, and continue to serve on church advisory committees to Mercer)</p> <p>Taxation expertise (I am a Fellow and Life member of the Taxation Institute of Australia)</p> <p>Governance (I am a Fellow of the AICD)</p> <p>Investment knowledge</p> <p>Ethics (I am a former member of the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants, based in New York)</p> <p>Policy making and standard setting</p> <p>Budgeting</p> <p>Business law, HR, IT, property experience</p>	

What any relevant experience have you had in the life of the Church?

I am a long-term member of the Resources Board for the SA Synod.
Also refer to the above experience with the superannuation situation of UCA
Member of my congregation's church council for three years, on piano and choir roster

What if any relevant qualifications do you have?

BEc, FCA, FAICD, FTIA (Life), DUniv

Age range	Under 30	30-59	60+	63
Ministry category	Lay		Ordained	
Location	Remote	Rural	Regional Centre	City Adelaide

What cultural and linguistic background do you have?

Anglo-Celtic Australian, English

Referees: (Please list the names and contact details of two people to act as referees for you in regard to this role)

1. Bruce Binnie, 0407 644 544
2. Peter Battersby, 0408 823 394

If you are not appointed to this body, are you willing for Assembly to retain a copy of this form, and to consider you for appointment to a relevant task group in the future? **YES** / NO

Signature: Shirley McClean

Date: 9 June, 2023

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Personal Information:

	Name: Sonia Milner
	Congregation: Leichhardt Uniting Church
	Presbytery: Sydney
	Synod: NSW

What skills and experience will you bring to the Committee / Task Group?

- I have more than 15 years of experience in senior finance leadership roles. Most recently as Head of Finance at Relationships Australian NSW.

What if any relevant experience have you had in the life of the Church?

- I am currently the Treasurer at LUC

What if any relevant qualifications do you have?

- MBAE, CPA, B Bus (Acc), MAICD

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What cultural and linguistic background do you have?

- Anglo

Referees: *(Please list the names and contact details of two people to act as referees for you in regard to this role)*

1. **Rev Adrian Sukumar-White** - adrian@leichhardtuniting.org.au
2. **Rev Radhika Sukumar-White** - radhika@leichhardtuniting.org.au

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Signature

Date: 6/6/2023