

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2022

NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Richard Andrews

ALABC Chairman

Owner/ Chief Executive - Cutting Edges Equipment Parts Pty Ltd



Richard joined ALABC in 2003 and was appointed Chairman in 2018. He was previously President of the Australia LP Gas Association. He was also formerly President of the Construction and Mining Equipment Association of Australia and presided over the establishment of the national Construction and Mining Equipment Industry Group. He is owner and Executive Chairman of Cutting Edges Equipment Parts Pty Ltd, one of Australia's largest suppliers of equipment parts for the mining and construction industry. Cutting Edges has been operating since 1960 with a national branch and distribution network throughout Australia and overseas with strong links to Latin America dating back to 1996.

Richard has a background in Engineering and business management. He is also a Director of Our Big Kitchen which is a NFP organisation providing meals and support to charitable organisations and persons in need.

Location: Sydney

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Michael Blake

ALABC Director and Vice Chair

Senior Advisor at Primary Industries and Regions South Australia



Michael works in agribusiness at the South Australian State Government Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA). He grew up in Patagonia, Argentina and speaks fluent Spanish and French. Michael has been a member of ALABC since its inception in 1990.

His agribusiness experience is in market access, development and intelligence, as well as extension, innovation and transfer of technology in the livestock industries. He travels regularly to the Latin American region, freely giving his knowledge to the agribusiness sector.

Michael is a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors (GAICD), has a BSc in Animal Science, and has lived and worked in Australia, New Zealand, the Americas and Europe.

Location: Adelaide

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Julie Boden

Chief Financial Officer at Intermodal Solutions Group



Julie has been the CFO of Intermodal Solutions Group since 2005. She is also a Certified Practising Accountant. Julie has had a lot of exposure to Latin America over the years and her company is well represented in the region.

Julie sees great potential in building relationships with Latin America and the importance of ALABC to achieve this. Julie has the support of Intermodal Solutions Group, and their Managing Director Garry Pinder.

Location: Sydney

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Lorraine Elsmore

Global Lead - Business Development at Plotlogic



Lorraine was born in Buenos Aires, Argentina to Anglo Saxon parents and spent her formative years in Brazil. She is fluent in Spanish and considers Portuguese a native tongue. Lorraine has worked in diverse sectors, from firearms to fast food, health and education to the mining and resource industry.

She has been in senior roles since opening the first virtual office for Austrade in Rio de Janeiro in 2001. Since then, she has led commercial teams in roles such as Global Marketing Manager and Director, usually with 3 to 10 direct or indirect reports, responsible for elaborating corporate strategies and managing the budgets through which tactics were implemented.

Today she is part of the Senior Management Team at Plotlogic, co-responsible for growing the business from its present start-up /scale-up phase to being IPO ready. Her present role entails growing the company's global footprint.

If Lorraine was to be elected as Director of ALABC, she would be committed to further strengthening and growing the relationships between the two continents in question, dedicated to enhancing ALABC's processes, performance and purpose, always aligned to the Council's mission and vision.

She has a positive track record of dealing with a wide range of stakeholders, including corporate boards, employees, investors, media/press (traditional and digital), influential members of the business community, industry associations, international and local government bodies and departments as well as communities related to her engagements in Australia and overseas, with a biased soft spot for Latin America.

Location: Brisbane

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Harris Gomez

**Managing Partner at Harris Gomez Group
President/ Director at Australia Chile Chamber of Commerce**



Harris has over 25 years of cross border experience in corporate and business law, employment law, technology and software companies, real estate, commercial and M&A (Australia and LATAM). He is fluent in English and Spanish, spoken and written. His vision by running as an ALABC Director is to see innovative businesses establish and thrive in the global market. On the Board, he will be able to share his personal experience and the experiences of others in establishing small and large businesses abroad, and able to share the wisdom from his experience setting up Harris Gomez Group in Chile in 2001.

Harris has extensive experience and knowledge in bridging the gap between Australian and Latin American companies. Harris is also a board member of Austmine.

Location: Sydney

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Stephen Hall

**ALABC Director
COO at Duratray International**



Stephen Hall is a Perth based experienced Project Manager, Mine Manager and General Manager with tertiary qualifications in engineering, and holds an MBA from Monash University. Stephen is also an active member of the Australian Institute of Mining & Metallurgy, West Australian Mining Club, Asset Management Council, and the Institute of Quarrying Australia.

From working in Chile from 1989-1996, and again in 2002-2003, Stephen speaks fluent Spanish and has travelled extensively throughout the Americas developing successful businesses in Chile, Peru, Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Uruguay, Suriname, Guyana and Mexico for several Australian owned companies in the mining equipment, technology and services (METS) sector. He has been closely involved with ALABC activities since 1990, and serves on the Board of Directors of the mining equipment technology and services export association, Austmine since 2009.

Location: Brisbane

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Rubens Locaputo

Partner (Director) at CPA Partners Pty Ltd



Rubens Locaputo holds a Bachelor of Business, Major in Accounting from the University of Western Sydney. He holds a full CPA Australia member status, and a Diploma in Conveyancing Law and Practice (Macquarie University) and Diploma in Financial Planning. Rubens has been a Director of CPA Partners Pty Ltd since 1992, a firm servicing the accounting and taxation industry with a focus on Business Advisory services.

Rubens has led various delegations to South America in the mining and agribusiness services sector including attending on several occasions delegations to Expomin Chile and other trade expositions. He and his firm represent a number of Latin American companies now operating in Australia attending to their accounting, taxation and business services needs including directorship and registered office services. Rubens has established, strong business and cultural links with Latin America for over 20 years and is well versed in the Spanish language and customs.

Location: Sydney

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Harold Lucero

**ALABC Director
CEO and Co-Founder at Discidium**



Originally from Latin America, Harold completed his undergraduate studies in the U.S. and later postgraduate studies in Australia where he now resides.

Harold is a creative, entrepreneurial and a skilled strategist executive with over 20 years of professional experience in the banking, stockbroking and information technology industries. Harold has founded, established, operated and divested a diverse number of telecommunication and e-commerce marketplace ventures. In recent years, his in-depth understanding of emerging technologies and their commercial applications has also led him to the founding of Discidium Pty Ltd (Discidium) and Lucsan Capital (Lucsan), a management consulting, advanced data analytics and regulatory technology (RegTech) organisation offering enterprise data and risk management solutions for the financial services industry. Harold currently holds several board positions including Director and Board Member of the RegTech Association (RTA), the NSW Vice-Chair and Board Member for the Australian Latin American Business Council (ALABC).

Harold is a keen promoter of entrepreneurship programs mentoring across various start-up ecosystems, he is also a regular speaker and guest lecturer at Business Schools and enjoys developing ecosystems to support innovation, new marketplaces/ business models and early stage investment.

Location: Sydney

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Monica Mendez

Chief Delivery Officer at SECOS Group



Monica is a senior international leader with extensive experience across North, Central, South America, South East Asia and Europe, dealing mainly with Central Banks and government agencies in the development of new currency family projects. As part of her operational roles, she delivers large complex operational and transformational projects across different business units within the company.

Throughout her career, she has held Global Leadership roles in Program Management, Manufacturing, Supply Chain, IT Operations, Commercial and Security. Currently, she is the Chief Delivery Officer for SECOS Group, a leading developer and manufacturer of sustainable packaging materials. They have production plants in China and Malaysia and sales offices in Australia, Malaysia, China, Mexico and USA, with a network of leading distributors across the Americas, Europe, Asia, the Middle East, Africa and India.

Location: Melbourne

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