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AGENDA

AUSTRALIAN DISPUTE RESOLUTION ASSOCIATION INC.

BOARD MEETING to be held at 5.45pm (for 6pm) on Wednesday, 1st June, 1994 at Sydney Community Justice Centre Level 12, 175 Liverpool Street, Sydney.

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of Previous Meeting - 4th May, 1994.
3. Matters Arising from Minutes.
 - a. Register of Members
 - b. ADRA Library
 - c. Law Society Mediator Accreditation
 - d. 1993 Conference Papers
4. Report from Sub-Committees
 - a. NDU/Interstate Liaison
 - b. Law Week 1994
 - c. Accreditation and Training
 - d. Promotion and Media
 - e. Divisions - Family
5. Correspondence.
6. Treasurer's Report.
7. Newsletter and Membership Report.
8. General Business.
9. Next Meeting (1st Wednesday) 6th July 1994.

Change form
Annual Subscription
\$115.
Agree to
publication in
register of
members

Papers from
Law Week's
for Newsletter
Pete to ask

ADVERTISED

July 19
Stress Management
during Mediation
5:30 - 7:30
Drinks & nibbles
Presented by
Michelle
Brenner

AUSTRALIAN DISPUTE RESOLUTION ASSOCIATION INC.

Minutes of Board Meeting commenced at 6pm on 4th May, 1994 at Sydney Community Justice Centre, Level 12, 175 Liverpool Street, Sydney.

Present: Peter Irving (Chair)
Robyn Claremont
Trina Duffy
Colin Isaac
Hilary Linstead
Carol McCaskie
David Rollinson
Natasha Serventy

1. APOLOGIES

Anne Duffield
Andree Maddox

2. MINUTES OF MEETING OF 6TH APRIL, 1994

Accepted with removal of "editing" regarding 1993 Conference Papers. Robyn advises editing only recently completed (Trina, Hilary, Natasha, David volunteered to assist Robyn with proof-reading, upon request)

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES.

- a. ADRA phone (No. 264 7182) installed, but awaiting exchange connection. Trina supplied her answering machine.
- b. David noted the letter to agencies and sister associations had been sent. Dale Bagshaw (SADRA) had advised of her March 1994 application for SA Law Foundation funding for a SA Directory of Mediators. Peter tabled a copy of SADRA's application and noted his discussion with Dale regarding expansion to a National Directory in association with MAV.

It was RESOLVED that Peter write a letter of support for SADRA's application noting intent to move to a national directory and that the Promotion Committee examine funding options to this end.

(MOVED by Trina Duffy and SECONDED by Hilary Linstead)

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- c. Trina noted the completion of the ADRA Mediation and D/V Document (36 pages) with \$135 expenditure to date to be reimbursed.

It was RESOLVED that the Promotion Committee determine a suitable publication format for Board endorsement.

(MOVED by Trina Duffy and SECONDED by Natasha Serventy)

- a. The Register of Members was deferred to the next Meeting.
b. Trina referred to Don Bowen's Library options paper.

It was RESOLVED that members be prepared to discuss the concept at the next Meeting with a view to a final resolution.

(MOVED by Trina Duffy and SECONDED by David Rollinson)

4. REPORTS FROM SUB-COMMITTEES

- a. NDU/Interstate Liaison - no report.
b. Law Week 1994

Peter distributed the (attached) flyer for ADRA's 25/5 night, with additional panel participants being arranged. Carol agreed to arrange with Anne a special mailout to New South Wales ADRA members of the flyer. Peter noted contacts from the press (Financial Review/Sun-Herald) for material.

Following last year's decision, it was RESOLVED that up to \$350 be made available for any Law Week feature-type advertisement where the newspaper offers article/editorial space.

(MOVED by Colin Isaac and SECONDED by Natasha Serventy)

- c. Accreditation and Training

Basis for a policy established after liaison with sister associations. Expected initial document to Board at July Meeting.

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d. Promotion and Media

Responses to letter to agencies awaited.

It was RESOLVED that a special mailout be made to all agency mediators who are non-ADRA members detailing benefits of membership, information on divisions and publications/functions etc.

(MOVED by Robyn Claremont and SECONDED by Natasha Serventy)

e. Divisions

i. Family - next Meeting 17/5.

ii. Community and Environmental - Minutes of 28/3 Meeting attached next Meeting 27/6.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

Circulated/attached

7. NEWSLETTER/MEMBERSHIP

The following application for membership was received and accepted.

Helen Newman

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

a. Thanks was expressed to Trina for the loan of the answering machine. It was decided to defer consideration of a facsimile option till later in the year.

b. University of Western Sydney Certificate/Diploma in Mediation.

David spoke on the development of this skills-based tertiary program and the invitation to ADRA.

It was RESOLVED that the Board indicate its interest and that the matter be considered when more details are finalised and available.

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- c. Peter noted the Law Society's examination of specialist accreditation for mediators.

It was RESOLVED that the matter be listed for the next meeting regarding suggested "sufficiency" levels.

(MOVED by Natasha Serventy and SECONDED by Carol McCaskie)

- d. Peter noted the January, 1996 date for the (Adelaide) International Mediation Conference - "Mediation in a Multi-Cultural Society". A date for the 1995 National Family Mediation Conference in Sydney needs to be set.

It was RESOLVED that Peter liaise with Unifam/Couples Mediation Service regarding development of the Conference.

The Meeting concluded at 8.05pm.

The next meeting is Wednesday, 1st June, 1994 at 5.45 (for 6pm) at Sydney Community Justice Centre.

LAW WEEK 1994

"The International Year of the Family"

ADRA

"CONFLICT AND MEDIATION IN ON-GOING FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS"

- o Parliament House Theatre, Macquarie Street, Sydney*
- o Wednesday 25 May 1994 at 6.00 pm*
- o Telephone (02) 357 7222 or fax (02) 358 4913 to reserve seats*
- o Admission Free*

Family mediation is not limited to conflict arising from divorce and separation. It has been used successfully to resolve disputes in Family Provision Act claims, access to grandparents, conflict in blended families and parent-adolescent conflict.

- Chairperson** : **The Hon. Justice Richard Chisholm**
Family Court of Australia
- Speakers** : **Ruth Charlton**
Lawyer/mediator
Partner - R A & G W Charlton
Co-ordinator - Law Society Mediation Programme
- John Pollard**
Lawyer/mediator
Partner - Thorntons, Solicitors
- Linda Fisher**
Mediator/Trainer &
Director Couples Mediation Service
Marriage Guidance NSW
- & Others**

Minutes of Meeting of ADRA Community & Environmental Mediation Divisions
held on Monday 28th March, 1994, at Sydney Community Justice Centre.

The meeting was opened at 6pm by David Rollinson, Convenor of Environ. Div.

Present were: David Rollinson, Marie Marshall, Nefley Takacs, Pat Frater,
Lim, Zenna Do, Allan McDonald.

Apologies were received from: Thea Heness, Jeanne Francis, Mary Maddison,
Robyn Claremont.

Business Arising from the Minutes of 11 Oct. 93.

Pat Frater recommended the purchase of a publication by SPIDR titled,
"Compétencies for Mediators of Complex Public Disputes: Overview Developed
by Environmental/Public Disputes Sector". David will raise this matter at
the next ADRA meeting.

During 1994, meetings of the Community & Environmental Divisions will be
held every 3 months, but this will be flexible. The next two meetings will
be held on Monday 27 June and Monday 26 September.

It was agreed that there is a need to generate enthusiasm for Divisional
meetings particularly the Comm. and Envir. Divisions.

Discussion of Excerpts from Bruce Coates' Paper "Conflict Resolution -
Community and the Environment" presented at the ADRA Conference in 1993.

David pointed out that Bruce, in his paper, is talking about Facilitation,
getting people together to find out what all the issues are - communication
and consultation reduce confrontation.

It was agreed that the term 'mediation' is often used inappropriately, that
mediation includes facilitation but facilitation does not necessarily
include mediation.

The communication and consultation process described by Bruce led to the
establishment of a Management Committee and other Committees which continued
to address problems relating to the environment.

Pat pointed out that the use of 'Currencies' (concessions that can be
traded relatively easily) in environmental disputes is similar to the
trading of concessions in access disputes.

An environmental success story is the case of the Dee Why Lagoon where there
have been annual clean ups for the past 15 years - the Black Swans which
had disappeared over time, have now returned to the Lagoon.

Pat Frater offered to write a letter to Bruce informing him that we had
discussed his paper at our meeting.

Next Meeting, 27 June. It was suggested that we share our experiences and
ideas of strategies which work or don't work in Environmental Disputes.
Allan McDonald offered to do some preparatory work in this area before our
next meeting.

The meeting was closed at 7.40pm by Chairman David Rollinson.

Nefley Takacs.

Minutes Secretary.