

AUSTRALIAN DISPUTE RESOLUTION ASSOCIATION

Meeting of the Board of Management held on 20 April 1998 at Mediate Today, Macquarie Street, Sydney

Meeting commenced: 6.00pm

Present: Paul Lewis, Val Sinclair, David Holst, Bob Gausson, Louise Rosemann, Michael Courtney, Stella Sykiotis, Rhonda Payget

Apologies: Maureen Carter, Michelle Brenner

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes confirmed - Louise Rosemann/David Holst

2. Matters Arising from Minutes

Nil

3. Correspondence

Correspondence tabled and circulated:

3.1. Letter to Proposed Subscribers of Forum for Dispute Resolution (Aust.)

3.2. Letter to Fourth National Mediation Conference dated 31 March 1998 enclosing ADRA materials to be included with conference satchels

3.3. Letter to INCM regarding reciprocal membership

3.4. Letter to NADRAC enclosing our submission to discussion paper on Issues of Fairness

3.5. Commonwealth Bank Statement

3.6. Manly Council invoice

3.7. Kwik Copy invoice

3.8. Letter of resignation from Michelle Blondell

3.9. Letter from NADRAC thanking ADRA for comments on the NADRAC discussion paper

- 3.10. ALRC discussion paper
- 3.11. LEADR Invitation to Informal Networking meeting on 27 April 1998
- 3.11. Alternative Newsletter - March 1998
- 3.12. Forum for Dispute Resolution (Australia) - Further draft of memorandum and articles and minutes of meeting held on 18 March 1998
- 3.13. Notes from ACCC round table meeting on Small Business Dispute Resolution held on 30 March 1998
- 3.14. Butterworths Titles List
- 3.15. 1997-1998 Directory of Consumer Disputes Resolution Schemes

4. **New Members**

Membership application received and read from Sally Browning, Michael McDaniel and Amanda O'Reilly.

Membership was moved by Louise Rosemann, seconded by Michael Courtney as there was no known reason why membership should not be accepted.

5. **President's Report**

Paul proposed an ADRA dinner to be held mid year. Bob suggested we invite Evan Whitton, journalist and author of a recent publication on the legal system to address the dinner. This was generally agreed. Bob to contact Mr Whitton and liaise with Paul about arrangements. Possible venue, The Cricketers Club.

6. **Membership Co-ordinator Report**

Louise Rosemann has printed a brochure promoting ADRA seminar series. This will be circulated to all members and used as a promotional tool.

Louise has forwarded the Annual Report and ADRA membership forms to participants at the Fourth National Mediation Conference.

7. **Report on Forum for Dispute resolution (Aust)**

Val Sinclair attended a meeting of the Forum held in Melbourne on 18 March 1998. The meeting agreed to change the name of the group. There was discussion about the memorandum of articles and a number of changes were made to these including changes to rules on membership. There was also discussion about incorporation. It was agreed to delay further decisions on incorporation until after the 4th National Mediation Conference. It was also decided not to appoint a chairperson until after the Conference.

Resolved:

A motion was moved by Bob Gaussen, seconded by Michael Courtney that the ADRA president be authorised to write to Lee Cunningham to advise that ADRA will not be further involved in the Forum.

8. **Fourth National Mediation Conference**

Stella Sykiotis, David Holst and Val Sinclair attended the 4th National Mediation Conference. Stella provided an overview of the discussion held on the final day of the conference about the need for a Peak Body. There were a variety of views expressed on the need for such a Body and the form it may take. ADRA's proposal that INCM facilitate further discussion on the issue received some support however, some participants expressed concern as to the independence of INCM.

Resolved:

A meeting of the APBP sub committee would be held on 11 May 1998 at 6 p.m. at Mediate Today, to discuss approaches to INCM.

9. **Report on Common Ground Conference**

David Holst attended a conference convened by the ACCC to discuss issues relating to Small Business. David provided an overview of the discussion. The meeting agreed to further discussion of the issues at State level.

10. **Law Reform Paper on Review Adversarial System of Litigation**

Paul reported that the Law Reform Commission had invited ADRA to comment on a draft issues paper on Review of Adversarial System of Litigation.

Resolved:

The Policy Sub Committee would make comments on the draft paper on behalf of the ADRA Board.

11. Code of Conduct

LEADR has convened a meeting on 27 April 1998 to further discuss development of a Code of Conduct for mediators. ADRA board members to attend the meeting and report on any progress on this issue.

12. Treasurer's Report

Stella Sykiotis advised it was necessary to transfer funds from the Cash Management Account to the cheque account to fund our activities.

Resolved:

That \$5000.00 should be transferred from the Cash Management Account to the Cheque Account.

13. Next Meeting

**6 p.m , Monday 1 June 1998
at Thorntons Solicitors
Level 12, 307 Pitt Street SYDNEY**

Meeting closed: 9.00pm