

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF AUSTRALIAN DISPUTE RESOLUTION ASSOCIATION INC, HELD AT THE CRICKETERS' CLUB OF NSW, 11 BARRACK STREET, SYDNEY ON 24 OCTOBER 1997 AT 6.15PM

Present: David Rollinson, Rhonda Payget, Maureen Carter, David Holst, Glenys Morgan, Lynne Fox, Peter Condliffe, Peter Irving, Karen Gunning, Raymond Brazil, Stephanie Marcinow, Patrina Duffy, Sarah Mills, Louise Rosemann, Paul Lewis, Fran Di Biasi, Alan McDonald, Bob Gausson, Michelle Blondel, Ted Powell, Pat Frater, Stella Sykiotis, Val Sinclair

1. **APOLOGIES:** Tibor Mokany, Ian McKendry, Lorraine Smith, Wendy Faulkes, Phillip Theobald, Jennifer David, Don Bowen, Marg O'Donnell, Basil Evangelinidis, Stella Cornelius, Emilia Renouf, John D Cooper, Ross A Butler, Anne Collier, Dianne Gibson, John Pollard, Robin Hawkins, Rebecca Gleeson, Sir Laurence Street, Linda Fisher, Garry Dougherty, Ruth Charlton, Pauline Roach, Gwen Green, Michael Courtney, Barbara Jernakoff, Thea Heness, Terry Sheehan, Michelle Brenner, Helen Gerondis

Chairperson: Paul Lewis, President

APOLOGIES ACCEPTED

2. **MINUTES OF 1996 AGM:**

Last year's minutes could not be tabled and circulated because they could not be located. With the leave of the meeting Paul Lewis gave an oral summary of last year's minutes in lieu of the written records.

It was resolved that the oral summary be **accepted**. MOVED Pat Frater, SECONDED Maureen Carter.

MINUTES ADOPTED

3. **PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT**

The President summarised his report in the Annual Report 1997 and thanked each member of the outgoing board for his or her hard work and support over the year. It was resolved that the President's Report be adopted. MOVED Bob Gausson, SECONDED Val Sinclair.

*PRES REPORT BE ACCEPTED
ANN. REPORT BE TABLED*

4. **TREASURER'S REPORT AND RECEIPT OF AUDITOR'S STATEMENT**

ADOPTED

The Treasurer's Report and Auditor's Statement as contained in the Annual Report, were circulated. Paul Lewis thanked Stella Sykiotis for her work as Treasurer and summarised the accounts by observing that a healthy bank balance exists and membership subscriptions have doubled in the last 12 months.

Question from Michelle Blondel - What will we spend our money on? Paul Lewis replied that he believes in sound financial management and this year the essay competition cost \$750 (\$500 first prize and \$250 second prize); we will be sponsoring another essay competition next year; sponsorship of \$500 for the Reaching Common Ground Conference at the Novotel, Brighton and

for the National Mediation Conference for around \$1,000 to \$2,000. ADRA's mid-term goal should be to take on paid staff to undertake the administrative work.

Michelle also asked if money could be set aside for people to go to the Melbourne Conference. Paul replied that ADRA would probably send a Board Member down. Louise Rosemann commented that A Peak Body Project will be a costly item over the next six months. Paul explained what APBP is about including the consultative facilitation process. ADRA is considering hiring a person to undertake project facilitation duties.

It was resolved that the **Treasurer's Report** be adopted. MOVED David Holst, SECONDED Alan McDonald.

It was resolved that the **Auditor's Statement** be received. MOVED David Rollinson, SECONDED Rhonda Payget.

5. **APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR** for next year - It was resolved that we retain the same auditor. MOVED Patrina Duffy, SECONDED Peter Irving.

6. **ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 1998**

It was resolved that the annual subscriptions remain the same in the sum of \$45. MOVED Pat Frater, SECONDED Michelle Blondel.

7. **ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS FOR 1997/1998**

Returning Officer - Paul Lewis. Nominations were called from the floor.

The following members were elected unopposed to the Board:

Michael Courtney
Paul Lewis
Michelle Brenner
Rhonda Payget
Louise Rosemann
Stella Sykiotis
Bob Gaussen
Val Sinclair
Rebecca Gleeson
Michelle Blondel
David Holst
Maureen Carter

8. It was noted that there was no business in respect of which notice had been given.

MEETING CLOSED: 6.45PM