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By providing leadership, direction and growth*

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## **ADRA Board Meeting Minutes**

**26 February 2019**

***Law Society 170 Phillip Street, SYDNEY 2000***

### **Present:**

***Chair:*** Mary Walker

***Treasurers:*** Margaret McCue, Andrew Wong

***Members:*** Katherine Johnson, Wendy Buchanan, Jae-Hee Yoon, Helen Miedzinski, Margaret McCue, Jane Houselander, Mark Brady, Dennis Nolan, Peggy Lin, Ruwan Wakathurage, Mayo Matarazzo, Elizabeth Rosa, Jennifer Scott,

***Secretary:*** Wendy Buchanan

**Apologies:** Laurence Boulle, Andrew Wong

### **AGENDA:**

Meeting commenced at 5.30pm.

ADRA Board resolved that:

#### **1. Approval of Minutes:**

- Minutes of the meeting held on 12 June 2018 are approved by Katherine Johnson and seconded by Andrew Wong.

#### **2. President's Report:**

- **Day Conference**

Following on with the success in 2017 of the ADRA Conference: The State of Dispute Resolution there have been requests for another Day Conference by ADRA members who find this a convenient way to top up their CPD.

It was suggested that ADRA should consider holding a Conference preferably after

the likely changes after the Enquiry into Aged Care issues later in the year.  
Mark Brady, Peggy Lin, Helen Miedzinski and Jane Houselander expressed interest in participating in a Sub-Committee to research trends in Aged Care.

- **Other Legislative changes** likely in 2019 in the areas of ADR, Family Law and Workers Compensation that could have relevance for Dispute Resolution. ADRA watching brief
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- **National Mediation Conference ADRA involvement**
  - Bi-annual event-offers branding and exposure for ADRA at the Conference
  - e.g. Banner set up at conference, Brochures on seats at Conference, Table displaying ADRA. However, Sponsor fee is \$4000.
  - Alternative: Sponsor prize for Essay (maximum of 2500 words, judgement by ADRA panel, and winner to present their essay in person or by video at the conference.
  - To be called the ADRA Innovation Award with topic of Innovation in Dispute Resolution. It will be open to both practitioners and students.
  - Jennifer Scott, Katherine Johnson and Helen Miedzinski to formulate wording of award
- **Prize Money:** \$500 per year to be set aside for Innovation Award (\$1000 prize every two years at National Mediation Conference)
- Moved by Katherine Johnson
- Seconded by Jennifer Scott
  
- **International Involvement**
- Mongolian Mediators have expressed a wish to set up a Chapter of ADRA. Any Chapters will need to have protocols to ensure ADRA owns all intellectual property. Protocols should also have guidelines for any financial transactions (local dollar compared to other country's dollar)  
Form sub-committee to handle this – Katherine Johnson to co-ordinate this.  
Proposal for a Domain name to reflect our International focus. International Dispute Resolution Association or IDRA. Jennifer Scott to research this  
Alternative is to liaise with the overseas country and make them an Affiliate so that they have no power to sanction ADRA actions.
- Moved by Katherine Johnson
- Seconded by Jennifer Scott

### 3. Treasurer's Report:

- The latest figures up to 9 February 2019 were **\$\$10,937.51** in our cheque account; and **\$41,365.71** in our Term Deposit. Our PayPal funds are transferred to the cheque account monthly. This equates to a **total of \$52,303.22**
- **\$310 paid for Post Office Box renewal**
- **\$900 approved for Simon Olsen work on website.**

### 4. Governance Committee Report:

- Nothing to report at this time.

## **5. Membership Officer's Report:**

- Four (one student) memberships were processed this month.

## **6. Accreditation Officer's Report**

- One accreditation was processed this month.
- Nil re-accreditation(s) was/were processed this month.
- Member Fiona Mather enquired about her difficulties with CPD requirements for Accreditation

## **7. Secretary's Report**

- Elizabeth Rosa reported having problems accessing our website. This matter was passed on to Andrew Wong for attention.
- Mail Box has been paid.

## **8. Calendar Dates for Events and Mediator Practice Network**

- MPN for 2019 is to be given monthly on the 4th Monday of every month
- Monday March 25<sup>th</sup> March
- Monday April 29<sup>th</sup> Monday
- Monday May 27<sup>th</sup>
- Monday June 24<sup>th</sup>
- Monday July 29<sup>th</sup>
- Monday August 26<sup>th</sup>
- Monday September 30<sup>th</sup>
- Monday October 28<sup>th</sup>
- Venue: Clarence Corporate Centre  
Suite 504, 235 Clarence Street, Sydney 2000

## **9. General Business:**

- ADRA to publicise Workplace Mediation Training Workshop on the Website.
- Moved by Mary Walker
- Seconded by Jennifer Scott
  
- Letter needed as an official Invitation for the Mongolian Delegation visit to the National Mediation Conference (9<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> in Canberra)
- Moved by Katherine Johnson
- Seconded by Helen Miedzinski
  
- **CADR (Council for Australian Disputer Resolution formally the Institute for Dispute Resolution.**
  - Mary Walker attended the first meeting of CADR on behalf of ADRA
  - When the finalised minutes are circulated Mary will provide them to the ADRA Board
  - The website for CADR is being set up by ADC.
  - The focus for 2019 includes the Singapore Convention on Mediation

- **Membership Drive and Liaison with other organisations**
- Institute of Economics and Peace.
- Contact Universities about ADRA. Jae Hee to liaise with University of Western Sydney.
- Follow up with other universities
- National organisation for Law Students

Next ADRA meeting scheduled for Tuesday, 23 April 2019

Minute Taker: Jae Hee Yoon