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ADRA Board Meeting Minutes

30 April 2019

Law Society 170 Phillip Street, SYDNEY 2000

Present:

Chair: Laurence Boulle
Treasurers: Margaret McCue, Assistant Treasurer: Andrew Wong
Members: Katherine Johnson, Helen Miedzinski, Mark Brady (by phone), Elizabeth Rosa.
Secretary: Wendy Buchanan

Apologies:

Guest Speaker: N/A
Member: Louise Mathias, Josephine Reyes

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 Helen Miedzinski and seconded by Laurence Boulle.

2. President's Report:

- Constitution requires that nominations are to be called two months prior to the AGM so that the list of Nominations can be circulated to Members one month prior to the actual meeting. The Nomination form will be set up for online registration by Andrew Wong.
- AGM Date needs to be changed to 27 August as the June date will clash with Board members overseas travel.

- It was decided that there will be no dinner following the AGM for this year.
- ADRA Brochure: Names and contact numbers need to be updated. Andrew Wong to action
- The National Mediation Conference in Canberra was attended by members of the ADRA Board. It was noted that there was a good attendance and the conference covered its costs, despite a slow registration start. ADRA's presence was publicised with the ADRA Banner and Brochures. ADRA also contributed \$550 to support the attendance of indigenous participants.
- Following their week-long Sydney visit, the Mongolian Delegation, escorted by Katherine Johnson and Helen Miedzinski, also travelled to Canberra to attend the Conference.
- The next Conference will be held in 2021 in Alice Springs where ADRA will be more actively involved.
- Moved by Katherine Johnson
- Seconded by Laurence Boulle

3. Treasurer's Report:

- The latest figures up to [Click here to enter a date.](#) were **\$\$11,643.02** 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 \$53,007.73**
- Payment to National Mediation Conference of \$550.00 approved and actioned.
- Motion to transfer \$5000.00 into Term Deposit on its Maturity Date in July. Andrew to research if better interest rate is available.
- Following approval at the AGM of the previously mentioned change to the Constitution the Treasurer will send a notification to the Department of Fair Trading within 28 days.
- Moved by Katherine Johnson
- Seconded by Laurence Boulle

4. Governance Committee Report:

- Amendment to the Constitution: An amendment to the Incorporated Associations Act last October 2018 involves a minor change to the Constitution which must be presented to the AGM for approval. A Notice of Motion proposing the change is to be circulated in July for consideration by ADRA members prior to the AGM. Motion to be drafted by Laurence Boulle and Wendy Buchanan
- The scope of the Committee's work on ADRA's Corporate Governance is to be presented by Andrew Wong at the AGM.
- Moved by Wendy Buchanan
- Seconded by Laurence Boulle.

5. Membership Officer's Report:

- Four memberships were processed this month.

- One was from Queensland
- Review interstate member's locations for next meeting.
- Laurence Boulle suggested that a Member's Practice Network event could be successful if held on the Sunshine Coast.
- Moved by Wendy Buchanan
- Seconded by Katherine Johnson

6. Accreditation Officer's Report

- One accreditation was processed this month.
- No re-accreditation(s) was/were processed this month.
- Moved by Helen Miedzinski
- Seconded by Wendy Buchanan

7. Secretary's Report

- Nothing to report.
- Moved by [Click here to enter text.](#)
- Seconded by [Click here to enter text.](#)

8. Calendar Dates for Events and Mediator Practice Network

- May:** Numbers, Money and Dollars in Dispute Resolution -Laourence Boulle
- June:** Call for submissions for the Australian Dispute Resolution Journal.
- July:** Needs presenter (Mary Walker will be away at this time)
- August:** AGM Actual date to be determined next meeting
- September:** Evening event – Amanda White, President of NSW Branch of the Australian and New Zealand Association of Psychiatry, Psychology and the Law will address the issues of Cognition and Capacity in the Legal context arising from her work as a Forensic Psychology and Neuropsychology.
- October:** Essay competition Prize-winner announced. Winner to present their submission to ADRA members.
Possible speaker Dr. Ralph Steele suggested by Josephine Reyes
- November:** Final Board Meeting for 2019 followed by ADRA Christmas Party.

9. General Business:

- Helen Miedzinski and Katherine Johnson reported on the Mongolian Delegation visit to Sydney

Monday – 8 April 2019

- **Bar Association of New South Wales** – Official welcome by Justice John Dowd
- Tour of Bar Association NSW Conferencing rooms
- **Welcome Dinner** with ADRA Board Members

Tuesday 9 April 2019

- **Parramatta Registry Federal Circuit Court** – met the Registrar and the Early Intervention Child Consultant and were shown the Family Relationship Advice Line
- **Relationships Australia** – services including advice on Parenting Plans, Domestic Violence and ongoing assistance Post Divorce

Wednesday 10 April 2019

- **Law Society of New South Wales** – Met the President and the Senior Policy Solicitor
- **Local Court Downing Centre** -
- Delegation were able to sit in on Court case involving Domestic Violence and met
- the Legal Aid Duty Solicitor -Local Court Downing centre who introduced her team
- to the Delegation as well as the Local Court Downing Centre Chaplains
- **Workers Compensation Commission** President Mr. Gerard Phillips

Thursday 11 April 2019

- **Greater Sydney Family Law Pathways Network** -Delegation attended GSFLPN Committee meeting.
- **Family Court Sydney Registry**- visited the Court and met the Senior Child Consultant
- **Uniting Care Sydney City** –Services offered to parents and children
- **Supreme Court** -Afternoon tea with Justice Phillip Hallen and Mr Robert Watson

Friday 12 April 2019

- **Family Contact Centre at Interrelate Caringbah**- assisting with supervised meetings and dealing with difficult cases

The Delegation were especially interested in the focus on the rights of the child as they are currently involved in a review of Mongolian Family Law.

Letters of thanks and appreciation with the ADRA letterhead will be sent to the following people who generously gave their time and/or resources to allow the Delegation to gain an extensive view of the Justice System and the Family Law Protocols in New South Wales:

- Ms Elisabeth Espinosa President of the Law Society,
- Ms Nerida Harvey Senior Policy Solicitor, NSW Law Society
- Catherine Hindle - Salvation Army Officer -arranged the meetings with the Chaplains at the Local Court Downing Centre
- The Legal Aid Duty Solicitor Local Court Downing Centre
- Mr Gerard Phillips President of the Workers Compensation Commission.
- Mr Glen Thompson Chair of Greater Sydney Family Law Pathways Network (GSFLPN)
- Alison Legg - Project Officer for GSFLPN who arranged delegates attendance at the committee meeting, and also spent time at Interrelate on Friday in separate session, where Alison explained GSFLPN to our delegates
- Karen Barker -Senior Child Consultant at the Family Court Sydney Registry - showed our delegates around the Court and explained the function of the Child Consultant
- Andy Spaulding -Manager of Uniting Care City branch who explained various services offered to their clients in education of parents and children, counselling etc
- Justice Phillip Hallen - Judge of the Supreme Court NSW -
- Also Mr Robert Watson -who arranged the meeting with Justice Hallen
- Julie Druce – Manager Interrelate Caringbah - explained the Contact services offered to parents etc

A very special vote of thanks to the following people also gave their time during the visit of the previous Mongolian Delegation in August 2018

Alison Legg
 Karen Barker
 Silvie Calder-Hickey
 Andy Spaulding

- Moved by Helen Miedzinski
- Seconded by Elizabeth Rosa

Next ADRA meeting scheduled for Tuesday, 28 May 2019

Minute Taker: JaeHee Yoon