

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF AUSTRALIAN DISPUTE
RESOLUTION ASSOCIATION INC HELD AT THE METCALFE AUDITORIUM,
STATE LIBRARY MACQUARIE STREET SYDNEY ON 26 OCTOBER, 1991

Present:

John Pollard (chair)
Anne Duffield
Ian Duffield
Colleen O'Brien
Rhian Williams
Mary Hinchey
Micheline Dewdney
Pat Frater
Debra Oddi
Dr Greg Tillett
Maureen Carter
Thea Heness
Gwen Green
Ted Powell
Margaret Burns
Maggie Clark
Nora Huppert
Paul Lewis
Masha Eisenberg
Marie Marshall
Judith Jacks
Robyn Claremont
Ruth Charlton
Janet Pucci
Robert Lawton
Rod Young
Peter Irving

Apologies;

Eric Stevenson
David Newton
Basil Evangelinidis
Patrina Duffy
David Purnell
Stephen Young

MINUTES:

It was resolved that the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 6 October, 1990 be accepted as a true and correct record.

Moved Pat Frater, Seconded Marie Marshall.

PRESIDENTS ANNUAL REPORT:

The President read from a written Report on the establishment and activities of a new Community Mediation Division of ADRA (copy attached).

The Family Mediation Division continued with its programme of lunches in the City with guest speakers. A number of dinners were organised in the western suburbs but achieved only a limited success with dinners held in the City generally achieving better attendances.

The President said that membership currently is about 187 but some old members had chosen not to renew their membership. The conference on Domestic Violence and Mediation had attracted some new members but a major annual event was needed to attract new members. The President expressed his gratitude to those ADRA members who had attended the many planning meetings for the conference.

The President reported for the information of lawyer members of ADRA, that the Law Society had changed its policy on mandatory continuing legal education. Lawyers are to judge for themselves whether the event warrants claiming points but attending ADRA lunches

and dinners would normally entitle a claim to be made for one point per hour.

The President said that he had been attempting for the last two years to persuade the publishers of the Yellow Pages telephone directory to include details on Mediators. He urged all mediators to send letters to E H O'Brien Pty Limited in the hope that a sufficiently large number of requests would persuade the publishers to re-think.

ADRA shows a continuing interest in standards and made submissions to the Law Reform Commission on the training of Mediators.

Treasurers Report:

The Report of I K O'Brien dated 24 October, 1991 was read.

It was resolved that the auditors report be accepted.

Moved Rod Young, seconded Micheline Dewdney.

Elections:

The following were elected to the Board:-

Maggie Clark

Don Bowen

Robyn Claremont

Peter Irving

Debra Oddi

David Newton

John Pollard

Margaret Burns

Gwen Green

Rod Young

Paul Lewis

Robert Lawton

Discussion paper -
"Standards for the training
of Mediators"

It was resolved that:-

- i) ADRA convene a meeting of senior representatives for relevant agencies including the Community Justice Centres, Family Mediation Service, Conflict Resolution Network, LEADR, Couples Mediation Service, ACDC, Universities and individual trainers to seek agreement on the need to for the development of minimum standards for mediators, and to develop an accreditation process.
- ii) Prior to this Committee's first meeting the Board of ADRA should approach the Attorney General and inform him of the formation of this Committee.
- iii) ADRA develop a preliminary discussion paper from the present paper, for discussion at that meeting, and that an on-going process of consultation be instituted which may produce the widest consensus and support.
Moved Robyn Claremont,
seconded Ruth Charlton.

Annual subscription:

It was resolved that the Board have the power to offer a concessional membership rate sufficient to cover the costs of

the Newsletter and postage and
that this concession be
available to full-time students
and pensioners.

Moved Pat Frater, seconded Janet
Pucci.


OF AUSTRALIA INC.BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th SEPTEMBER, 1991

1990		
	<u>Members Funds</u>	
5677	Balance 30th September, 1990	5945
268	Surplus for year	6015
<u>5945</u>	Balance 30th September, 1991	<u>11960</u>
	Represented by :-	
	<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>	
15871	Cash at bank	14575
294	Cash on hand	217
<u>16165</u>		<u>14792</u>
	<u>LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>	
10220	Creditors and fees in advance	2832
<u>5945</u>	<u>SURPLUS FUNDS</u>	<u>11960</u>

REPORT TO THE MEMBERS

The attached Revenue and Expenditure Statement and Balance Sheet have been drawn up from the audited books of account of your Association. I have received all the information and explanations to enable me to certify these accounts as true and correct as at 30th September, 1991.

Dated 24th October, 1991.


 I.K. O'BRIEN & CO. Chartered Accountants
 Ian K. O'Brien

OF AUSTRALIA INC.STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED
30th SEPTEMBER, 1991

1990

REVENUE

936	Workshop & Seminars	572
5920	Membership fees	4550
552	Sales of books, newsletters, papers	1417
-	Conference surplus	5991
204	Interest received	401
-	Grant received	1000
<u>7612</u>		<u>13931</u>

EXPENDITURE

1800	Newsletter costs	4453
576	Postage	1306
130	Stationery	735
98	Sundry expenses	200
220	Audit fees	265
600	Training subsidy	-
819	Workshop costs	688
18	Bank charges	46
223	Insurances - Public Liability	223
<u>4484</u>		<u>7916</u>
<u>3128</u>	<u>SURPLUS FOR YEAR</u>	<u>6015</u>

RECONCILIATION OF CONFERENCE 1990

Projected loss in accounts 30.9.90	2860
Actual profit after final figures compiled	<u>3131</u>
Surplus shown in accounts	<u>5991</u>

COMMUNITY MEDIATION DIVISION

The development of divisions has always been an aim of ADRA. Following the very successful formation and operation of the Family Mediation Division, it was considered appropriate that ADRA should encourage the formation of a Community Mediation Division to develop and promote the interests of community mediators. At a meeting convened by Robyn Claremont and Ruth Charlton on 1 July, twenty five practising community mediators resolved to propose that ADRA establish a Community Mediation Division with the following aims;

- To define community mediation
- To enhance the status of community mediation
- To represent community mediators
- To provide standards for accreditation, and for cross-accreditation
- To consider what 'marketing' strategies ADRA might be able to offer community mediation
- To provide ongoing training and skills enhancement
- To provide representation on ADRA of the interests of community mediators
- To examine different models of community mediation and to encourage liaison with other practitioners

Meetings have since been held on a monthly basis, with considerable interest in participation from the 35 current members. The Division held discussion groups which formulated a response to the Law Reform Commission's Discussion Paper on Neighbours and Neighbour Relations. An active membership drive is in progress, and a program of events planned for 1992 includes panel discussions on issues of community concern and mediation simulations.