

Annual General Meeting
2 August 2011
Silks Cafe, 170 Phillip St Sydney
commencing at 5.30pm

Present: Emma Matthews (President), Allan Parker, Paula Castile, Naomi Holtring, Sally Lord, Teik Hock Lim, Val Sinclair, Ann Fieldhouse, David Maguire, Jane Houselander, Alan McDonald, Chris McArdle and Janice McLeay.

Apologies: Sir Laurence Street, Linda Fisher, Mark England, Michelle de Vries, Peter Irving, Michael Whelan, Tom Kelly, Ursula Schappi, Brett Harris, John Ireland, Inez Jessurum, Nanoya Barrett, Anne Ardagh, Frances Doyle, Katherine Johnson and Micheline Dewdney.

Minutes of the AGM held August 2010 were not available. It was agreed they would be presented to the Board at its next meeting.

President's report

Emma Matthews tabled her Report and spoke about the events and policy initiatives of the previous year. She thanked Val Sinclair and Mary Rebehy who were both stepping down from their positions on the Board, noting that both of them had agreed to continue to offer their assistance as required.
The report was accepted.

Membership report

The Membership report from Michelle de Vries was tabled.
The report was accepted.

Treasurer's Report

Janice McLeay tabled the Treasurer's report, noting a small loss for the year.
The report was accepted.

Election of the Board

The Returning Officer reported that the following nominations were received: Emma Matthews, Peter Irving, Paula Castile, Allan Parker, Naomi Holtring, Mark England, Andrea Cotter-Moroz, Michelle de Vries, Sally Lord, Jane Houselander, Katherine Johnson, and Janice McLeay. All were declared elected to the Board. Val Sinclair and Mary Rebehy were appointed Consultants to the Board.

Membership fees

It was agreed that membership fees should remain unchanged from the previous year.

Other business

Discussion ensued about Codes of Conduct and the capacity for mediation to reduce litigation and to avoid defamation procedures for people in public life. Links between mediation, restorative justice and collaborative practice were discussed and the difficulties that arise when other processes are inappropriately labeled as mediation.

The meeting closed at 6.20pm.