

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ADRA

26th October 2000, Level 3, 70 Pitt Street Sydney

Meeting Commenced: 7:05 pm

PRESENT :

Val Sinclair, Ian McKendry, Louise Rosemann, David Holst, Ursula Schappi, Paul Lewis , David Rollinson, , Alan Parker, Peter Irving, Maureen Carter, Ruth Charlton, Eddie de Sousa, Salli Browning, Marilyn Scott, John Hannaford, Jennider Aagon, Christine James, Victor Pisani

APOLOGIES :

Rhonda Payget, John Pollard, Bob Gaussen, Jim Robertson, Alan McDonald, Lorraine Smith, Michael Courtney, Rebecca Gleeson, Lyn O'Neil, Sally Trevina, Ann Collier, John Graham, Patrina Duffy

1.0 MINUTES OF 1999 AGM

Correction- Victor Pisani not included in the attendees.

Motion to adopt the minutes of the 1999 AGM.

Moved: Ursula Schappi Seconded: Val Sinclair

2.0 President's Annual Report

The President, Louise Rosemann, highlighted that the 1999/2000 year had been a challenging one for the Board, however a lot was achieved and the President commended the Annual Report to members for more detail.

Strategic Planning

For the third consecutive year the Board commenced its term by convening a planning meeting facilitated by Alan Parker. The strategic plan was a comprehensive review of where ADRA is heading and the outcomes will assist future Boards better manage the Association. The plan encompasses statements about the association's identity, ideology, purpose, vision, strategy, values, structures and activities.

National Co-operation

There are moves to achieve national co-operation between the non profit ADR organisations across Australia. At the recent 5th National Mediation Conference in Brisbane the presidents of the various associations met and discussed the idea of a national forum and better co-operation. The overwhelming consensus was for closer ties between organisations with the Mediation News an obvious area for improvement. The President requested the incoming Board to maintain the momentum in seeking greater co-operation between States.

Future Challenges

Employing the latest technology to serve its members will be a major challenge for ADRA in the future. Last year ADRA opened its first office with telephone, fax, and email capabilities and this provides some basic infrastructure to meet the needs of the members. ADRA is spread throughout all States and Territories and is reliant on volunteers to resource its activities making regular and effective communication a

challenge. If we are to meet these challenges in the future adequate resourcing will be a key requirement and all members need to consider how this can be achieved.

Several key initiatives during the year include:

- The detailed response to the NADRAC discussion paper- "The development of Standards for ADR",
- The continued involvement with the 'Lets talk' forum in establishing an industry Code of Conduct
- The Bi-annual Conference, which was not only very well received but made a profit.

Acknowledgement

Stella Sykiotis- contribution to conference

Board members not nominating- Christine James, Alan Tidwell, Rhonda Payget, Duncan Cameron

Board members- Alan Parker, Val Sinclair, David Holst, Salli Borwning, Ursula Schappi, Marilyn Scott, Ian Mckendre,

Past President- Paul Lewis

Relationships Australia for providing the support in particular Jon Graham

Motion accepting the President's report and the ADRA Annual Report

Moved: Victor Pisani Seconded: Paul Lewis

3.0 Treasurers report and receipt of auditor's statement

Details on page 13,14,& 15 of the annual report.

The establishment of the office has created ongoing expenses for rent, electricity and telephone. This has necessitated changes for the processes required for management by the Board. A computer package has been implemented to assist the Board with income and expenditure reports now available.

Our thanks and appreciation to Jim Robertson for his valuable assistance and expertise over the year.

Issues raised:

As the cost of the newsletter is high and continues to increase it may be helpful to look at electronic distribution.

Fund raising activities are a good source of additional revenue.

Will the Board look at a new logo?

Motion to accept Treasurer's report

Moved: Victor Pisani Seconded: David Rollinson.

4.0 Election of Board Members

Nine nominations were available for Board membership as at the 26th October Louise Rosemann, Ursula Schiappi, Ian McKendry, Salli Browning, David Holst, Alan Parker, Val Sinclair, Marilyn Scott, Tania Sourdin

Motion Moved to accept the nominations for the Board

Moved: Paul Lewis Seconded: Peter Irving

5.0 Appointment of Auditor

The Treasurer commended Greenwood BKT as the auditor based on their excellent work in their first year with ADRA. It was moved

Motion moved to reappointed Greenwood BKT for the 2000/2001 financial year:

Moved: Val Sinclair seconded: Salli Browning

6.0 Annual Subscriptions 1999/2000

Motion: That the four levels of contribution for membership of ADRA as agreed last year remain unchanged for the year commencing 1st October 2001, as follows:

Member \$60 per annum (discount for full-time students \$35 per annum)

Practitioner \$120 per annum

Organisation \$200 per annum (up to 4 nominees per event)

Sponsored organisation \$500 (acknowledgement to be determined)

Issues raised:

Is there any discount for retired people? To be accommodated under the member category.

What about GST? No GST is payable and our Auditors have recommended we with draw from accounting for GST.

Motion to endorse subscriptions for 1st October 2001 as stated.

Motion moved by Christine James Seconded: Victor Pisani

Meeting closed: 7.50 pm