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MEETING OF THE BOARD OF THE AUSTRALIAN DISPUTE RESOLUTION ASSOCIATION ON 3 JUNE 1996 AT 307 PITT STREET SYDNEY

July

PRESENT: D. Rollinson, P. Lewis, A. McDonald, S. Sykiotis, M. Bremner, P. Irving, F. De Biasi

APOLOGIES: L. Roseman & M. Carter

MINUTES: The minutes of the previous meeting were read. Points 4 and 5 of the discussion on the Local Government Conference were amended to read:

4. David Rollinson is to communicate with Larissa Behrendt and the conference organisers and is given authority by the Board to conclude a request and arrangements if in his opinion it is appropriate to do so. David will liaise with Michelle Bremner.

5. If Larissa attends the conference she will give a paper.

The minutes were re-read and approved as amended (moved A. McDonald, seconded D. Rollinson).

MATTERS ARISING:

1. Publications have started arriving from UK Mediation - their current quarterly magazine was received.

2. Local Government Conference: Michelle Bremner reported a change of conference name. It is now "Searching for Common Ground". Dates have been altered to 23-24 October at the Manly Hotel. Cost is anticipated at about \$390. The conference program was due in the third week of July. Michelle tabled information on Larissa Behrendt.

It was agreed that ADRA sponsorship would go either to the conference direct or to sponsor Larissa Behrendt. There is likely to be relevant input at the conference for ADR practitioners which might help ADRA members as there is no major event this year.

Michelle B. said that details of sponsorship for the conference would be appreciated by the organising committee.

3. Elaine Dyer's curriculum vitae was circulated, further to the "alternative to violence" program proposal.

CORRESPONDENCE: Nil.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Stella Sykiotis sought tax exemption from the Commonwealth Bank for the Association's funds. The bank advised her that this must be sought from the Tax Office and obtained in writing before the bank could arrange the exemption. Additionally, if the Association changes

accounts without the Tax Office approval, it will be charged at the full tax rate. Stella S. will obtain the appropriate forms and information from the Tax Office on the matter;

A term deposit will be arranged for the major part of the Association's funds, leaving about \$5,000 in the present working account.

NEWSLETTER: The closing date for articles, etc was Monday 1 July. David Rollinson was to write an article on the ADRA Membership Survey.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Results of the membership survey: Allan McDonald moved that Louise Rosemannbe given a vote of thanks for her work on the survey. Peter Irving seconded the motion.

Suggested priority actions prepared by Louise R. were circulated at the meeting for consideration.

Member services that could be implemented in the short, medium and long term were discussed:

1. Publication discounts.
2. Audio and video taping of speakers to be made available. Cost to country members was considered.
3. Speakers' bureau: ideas included developing a questionnaire for interested potential speakers; having member speakers and/or others.
4. A "what's on" column in the newsletter.
5. Regular support for mediators, maybe meetings or functions, not necessarily in Sydney – perhaps regional.
6. A list of mediators prepared to co-mediate in a mentoring role.
7. Catalogue and document the ADRA library so that a database can be developed, a catalogue circulated to members and a borrowing system introduced.
8. Institute life membership for members of 10 consecutive years standing. This could be put to the 1996 Annual General Meeting, and if approved, Life Memberships could be presented at the 1997 AGM.
9. Provide a list of current publications, current trainers, information sources and courses.

Paul Lewis suggested obtaining interpretations of the new Family Law regulations from such service providers as:

Linda Fisher  
Wendy Faulkes  
Unifam  
David Cox (LAC).

10. Re-formatting of newsletter.
11. David Rollinson will follow up with Louise R. the second question on the summary; and he will also follow up the bringing out of an Annual Report.
12. Standards, codes of ethics, qualifications, accreditation, effects of the recent Family Court changes – Articles? Focusing of debate? Other?

Stella S. suggested that copies of the survey be made available for those who wanted them.

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of the ADRA Board will be held on Wednesday 7 August, 1996 at Thornton's, Level 12, 307 Pitt Street, Sydney, at 6.00 pm.