

**MEETING OF THE ADRA BOARD HELD ON 12 NOVEMBER 1996 AT
225 MACQUARIE STREET, SYDNEY AT 6 PM**

PRESENT: Rhonda Payget, David Rollinson, Stephanie Marcinow, Bob Gausson, Stella Sykiotis, Michael Courtney, Louise Rosemann, Michelle Brenner, Paul Lewis, Maureen Carter.

Received - Directory of Mediators.

Report on IINCM Conference "Rekindling the Flame": 25 people present at workshop run by Jenny David; people discussed where they came from; discussion of future of ADR; they intend to publish a paper from the conference; they may have quarterly meetings; IINCM an information service which intends to set up an information base of research on ADR; intend to follow-up contact/facilitate networking. IINCM has 3 full-time employees funded by 7 universities for 12-18 months, then need to become self-sufficient. There are 4 tiers of membership including individuals. They are producing a newsletter.

Proposed: that ADRA seek membership. Bob Gausson to follow up with IINCM (John Kenfield).

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

President:	Paul Lewis
Deputy President:	Louise Rosemann
Secretary:	Maureen Carter
Treasurer:	Stella Sykiotis
Membership Co-ordinator:	Louise Rosemann
Newsletter Co-ordinator:	Michael Courtney

INTRODUCTIONS: All Board members introduced themselves and described their backgrounds.

Purpose: Everyone commented on their own involvement and what ADRA can do for its members. Comments included: to advance the cause of mediation; educative role for ADR; progress mediation as a profession; promote and provide spokespeople on ADR; to enjoy mediating; to advance the cause for better remuneration for mediators; for interaction of mediators and those with a general interest in ADR; act as a clearing house and assist members to raise topical ideas for discussion; to provide opportunities for members to meet at seminars, etc; to encourage lawyers to be involved; to provide an umbrella organisation; and to be involved on both theoretical and practical levels with others working in the field.

Meetings: It was agreed that Board members would attend monthly meetings on the first Tuesday of the month in 1997 with extra weekend meetings for special projects. However, the next meeting will be at 6 pm on Monday 2 December at Mediate Today. First meeting in 1997 on Tuesday 4 February, with the possibility of a gathering in January for those in town.

New board members kit, including constitution, to be compiled by P. Lewis.

Results of survey to be forwarded to new board members by L. Rosemann.

Paul Lewis described his style of chairmanship and asked that members bring ideas to the next meeting for procedural matters including a meeting format and agenda.

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

From Dr. Tania Sourdin, Australian Law Reform Commission, advising of a review of the adversarial system of litigation and seeking comments.

B. Gausson suggested that ADRA members become involved by expressing their views, possibly, as part of the 10th anniversary of ADRA.

Resolved: that this information be circulated to all board members and put on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS - received and read, from:

Janice Pinter; Carol Perry; Bronwyn Taylor; and, John Cooper.

Membership was moved S. Sykiotis, seconded S. Marcinow, as there was no known reason why membership should not be accepted.

GENERAL BUSINESS

D. Rollinson reported on the conference held in October at Manly, Reaching Common Ground. 16 ADRA members were amongst the 120 delegates and the feedback has been that it was particularly well done. ADRA was a sponsor but has not committed sponsorship for next year's conference. David moved a motion of thanks to Michelle Brenner for her work in organising the conference and speakers.

Agenda for December Meeting

1. Format for meetings and agenda notices.
2. Discussion on meeting procedures and style.
3. Form sub-committees to carry out items from action plan.
4. Reports from co-ordinators.

5. Australian Law Reform Commission enquiry into the adversarial system of litigation - preliminary discussion on how we can respond to this.

A sub-committee of M. Brenner, S. Marcinow, B. Gaussen and M. Carter was formed to plan the anniversary dinner and a conference, to include two 'hot' topics and workshop discussions on Saturday 3 May. Sub-committee members to research venues and costs for the day including dinner. M. Courtney to organise insert for newsletter.

Christmas party - M. Brenner to book banquet for 30 people at 1000AD, Chinatown on Wednesday 11 December.

Meeting closed at 8.40 pm

Next Meeting: 6pm Monday 2 December at Mediate Today

NOTICE OF MEETING

A meeting of the Board will be held at Mediate Today, 225 Macquarie Street, Sydney, on Monday 2 December at 6 pm.

AGENDA

- 1. APOLOGIES
- 2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING - 12 November 1996
- 3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
- 4. CORRESPONDENCE
- 5. GENERAL BUSINESS
 - (a) Format of meetings, meeting procedures, agenda, etc. Estimate 15 mins
 - (b) Action plan and formation of sub-committees. Estimate 20 mins
 - (c) Reports from newsletter and membership co-ordinators. Estimate 10 mins
 - (d) ALRC enquiry into adversarial system of litigation - preliminary discussion. Estimate 15 mins.
- 6. PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT Estimate 5 mins
- 7. TREASURER'S REPORT Estimate 5 mins
- 8. NEXT MEETING