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Dear Peter,

The membership records are missing applications for the people listed below. If you have them just mail to me. If not, as secretary, could you photocopy the list + mail to Basil or anyone else who might have them asking them to send to me. ASAP.?

Many thanks,
Margaret.

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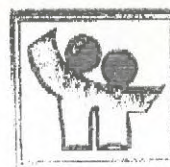
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 ATTENTION PETER IRVING
 FROM LINDA FISHER
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the air fare is \$200.

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Mr John Pollard
President
Australian Dispute
Resolution Association Inc
PO Box E468
ST JAMES 2000

Dear John

As long-standing members of ADRA, and as past Board members, we are documenting concerns, already expressed verbally, regarding aspects of the Family Mediation Division dinner held on 24 March 1992.

We understand the amount involved in securing the speaker's attendance was approximately \$700. Would the Board please advise the breakdown of this amount, and to whom it was paid. What amount was applied to the plane fare? We understand that a normal Melbourne/Sydney return airfare (booked between 1 - 10 days of flight, with Australian Airlines) would be no more than \$330. With 10 days' notice, the air fare is \$200.

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The then Board agreed to this expenditure because there would be a great benefit to a large number of people in having a speaker of the stature of Dr Moore at the conference; indeed, it capitalised on its investment by properly advertising his inclusion at the conference.

While we recognise that any Board is at liberty to change any of the established practices of previous Boards - and quite properly should do so if it so thinks fit - we are concerned that financial decisions are being taken on an ad hoc basis.

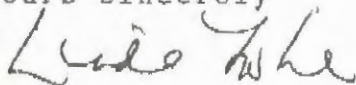
Since the Dinner, some further concerns have emerged regarding aspects of financial decision making generally. In particular, a question has arisen as to whether payments (other than disbursements) have been made to a Board member regarding conference organisation and post-conference duties. If this is the case, it should be pointed out that this work has previously been considered to be part of the voluntary duties of a person as a committee member. It is axiomatic that no Board member should derive any personal benefit from work done in their capacity as a Board member. As with committees generally, ADRA Board members have always freely given their own time and expertise in this regard, whether the task be conference organisation, post conference editing or collating of papers or responses to workshops etc, newsletter, policy development, research, review of constitution, preparation of policy or other documents, and so on. If this was not possible, standard practice has been to engage outside persons to perform these duties on a proper fee-paying basis at a rate of pay first agreed to by the Board.

We would be pleased to receive clarification in regard to the concerns outlined above.

It should be evident to the Board that ADRA cannot afford a further loss of members; it needs to build confidence, not undermine it, especially in regard to the proper financial management of our Association. If decisions continue to be taken in this manner, the broad membership - not simply us - will certainly be asking questions as to how their finances are being handled.

We are forwarding this letter today to those Board members with fax numbers known to us. We would appreciate your circulating the contents to all Board members at your next meeting, which we believe is to be held this evening.

Yours sincerely



LINDA FISHER
for

RUTH CHARLTON
ANNE DUFFIELD

BASIL EVANGELINIDIS
LINDA FISHER

31 March 1992

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Peter

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Re

Dale Bagshaw letter following
as requested

Message (if applicable)

19th February, 1992

Mr. Pollard
President of ADRA
PO. Box E468
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Dear Mr. Pollard,

Encouraged by indications of interest from a number of family mediation agencies in Australia, the University of Adelaide Faculty of Law, University of South Australia Social Work Program, and the South Australian Dispute Resolution Association (SADRA) have decided to jointly convene a national Family Mediation conference with support from the SA chapter of Lawyers Engaged in Alternative Dispute Resolution (LEADR) and the relevant SA Family mediation agencies. We are writing to invite you and members of your organisation to participate in and support this venture. The University of South Australia School of Social Studies has offered some financial assistance and we will be able to use the facilities of both Universities which are conveniently adjacent to each other in the city.

It is proposed that the conference be titled Family Mediation in Australia: Current Issues and Future Directions. We encourage participants and papers and/or workshops from a wide range of fields of family mediation practice - for example parent-adolescent; child welfare - 'in need of care' proceedings, fostering, adoption; family law - divorce, property, child custody, access; defacto relationships; gay relationships; small business families including rural families; families with disabled members and intergenerational families. The focus will be on identifying and exploring current issues with regard to standards, education, training and/or practice as they apply to these fields.

The purpose of this conference is to provide an opportunity for interested people and those practising in the broad field of family mediation to exchange ideas and information in order to identify key issues and possible strategies to enhance, extend, and promote effective family mediation practice. It is also hoped that it may be possible to bring together the various disciplines involved and establish a wide network of family mediators across Australia who can continue to communicate with each other in a variety of possible ways. For example the possibility of establishing a national association of Family Mediators could be explored at this conference.

The dates decided upon for the conference are mid-Friday 31st of July to mid-Sunday 2nd of August, 1992. We would be pleased if you could forward advance notice of this conference to any relevant person or organisation in your State. More details will follow in due course.

We welcome formal expressions of interest in presenting papers (30 minutes) or workshops (90 minutes). Examples of possible issues to be addressed include education and training, accreditation, ethical standards, mediation and therapy, mediation and abuses of power (eg domestic violence - child abuse /wife abuse /elder abuse), balancing power in mediation, interdisciplinary practice, mediation in the courts, mandatory mediation, the involvement of children in mediation, language in mediation, the place of mediation in family law, mediating defacto relationships, special issues in parent-adolescent mediation, and issues in private practice.

If you are interested in presenting a **paper or a workshop** please forward the following to David Jenkin, Kelly and Co., GPO Box 286 Adelaide 5001, telephone (08) 205 0800 - Fax (08) 205 0805, by no later than **April 1st 1992**:

- the title of the proposed workshop or paper,
- a brief synopsis of the proposed content
- the proposed format
- a brief curriculum vitae including the full name of the presenter(s), title and role, address, telephone number and FAX number and relevant experience.

If you have any concerns, suggestions or queries please contact either myself at the University of South Australia, telephone: (08) 302 2399 - Fax: (08) 302 2213, or **Professor Adrian Bradbrook**, Dean of the Faculty of Law, University of Adelaide, G.P.O. Box 498, Adelaide 5001, telephone: (08) 228 5062 - Fax (08) 223 4679.

We have an enthusiastic committee drawn from a variety of South Australian organisations and professional backgrounds who have divided the conference tasks. We hope that you and others from your organisation and network can join us at this conference and look forward to meeting with you then.

Yours Sincerely,

Dale H. Bagshaw.

(Ms) Dale Bagshaw. Conference Coordinator

Senior Lecturer in Social Work, University of South Australia
(Chairperson, South Australian Dispute Resolution Association)



PATRON
His Excellency the Governor of New South Wales
Rear Admiral Peter Sinclair AO

November, 1991



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Dear Sir,

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In the last two years, the Foundation has provided funding support for:

- * historic houses and homesteads;
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- * free guided tour holiday programmes for children throughout forty national parks;
- * tracks within major metropolitan parks for all groups including the disabled;
- * a nature display centre on world heritage listed Lord Howe Island; and
- * a number of wildlife projects considered top priority by the National Parks & Wildlife Act.

The types of projects listed above have been made possible by efforts of the Foundation in raising funds from many sources, including its members, large and small corporate donors, and private sponsors. A number of our projects have been found to be suitable for support by funds administered in trust under a will or a private foundation or endowment fund. If your company holds any trust funds which are required to be expended on such purposes the Foundation would be very happy to assist you by placing before you projects which might meet the purposes of the relevant trust.

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The expenditure of all funds contributed to the Foundation is controlled by a competent, dedicated, independent body of people who are aware of the widely ranging views of the community. Should you wish to seek further information on the Foundation and its programme, please write to the Foundation at the above address or telephone its Chief Executive Stephen Sainsbury on (02) 247 7971.

Yours sincerely,



M.J. Crouch
President

The Chief Executive
National Parks & Wildlife Foundation
GPO Box 2666
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Please forward additional information on the Foundation and its projects.

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