



Supporting and transforming the community of dispute resolution practice
by providing leadership, direction and growth

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ADRA Board Meeting Minutes

27 September 2016

Law Society 17 Phillip Street, SYDNEY 2000.

Present:

Chair: Katherine Johnson

Treasurers: Margaret McCue, Andrew Wong (Assistant)

Members: Jane Houselander, Peggy Lin

Secretary: Wendy Buchanan

Apologies: Peter O'Brien, Naomi Holtring, Paul Gibson, Mary Reheby, Paula Castile, Anne Ardagh, Dennis Nolan, Frank Astill, Jean Marcel Malliaté, Mark Brady, Georgia Siabanis

Guest Speaker: NIL

AGENDA:

Meeting commenced at 5:45pm. ADRA Board resolved that:

1. Leading Growth and Direction:

- Katherine announced that she will be away in October for a holiday. Wendy Buchanan will convene the meeting on 25 October 2016. Thanks, Wendy.
- Ambeng is unavailable to speak at our meeting on **29 November 2016**. Katherine to contact Glen Garryn to confirm his attendance and speech. Thanks, Katherine.
- We discussed potentially running **one day workshops** to members for *CPD points* at a cost of *\$150 per person*. We recognise that we have a talented and experienced group of Board members who can convene these workshops. These workshops may run *bi-monthly*.
- The Board discussed that Anne Ardagh had submitted an article on ADRA's history which should be published by the end of this year or early next year.
- We will ask Simon to create a new **Tab on the website exclusively for our minutes**. Our minutes are currently placed in the News section and members have expressed difficulties finding our minutes.

- **Katherine Johnson** recently presented her PhD thesis at the **National Mediation Conference**, which had an excellent turnout of 40 attendees. Congratulations, Katherine! Katherine also recently presented her thesis at **UTS** for Masters Students. Well done!
- In relation to the DRI Forum, Simon has developed a website for us. Thank you, Simon. We also discussed the possibility for ADRA to run events for the forum.
- Part of ADRA's vision is to build a community through dispute resolution. We discussed in the meeting the possibility to create **joint ventures** with national (such as with the APS DR & Psych Interest Group) and international groups.
- We will elect a **new president by June 2017**. We hope that under the new president's direction, we can lift ADRA's profile. ADRA has the advantage of having no financial obligations, being a not-for-profit organisation independent of other groups.
- Peggy Lin and Margaret McCue approved the draft of our AGM Minutes.

2. Finance: Treasurer's Report:

- The latest figures up to **25 October 2016** were **\$10,987** in our cheque account; and **\$26,907.52** in our Term Deposit. Our PayPal funds are transferred to the cheque account monthly. This equates to a total of **\$37,894.52**. The term deposit will mature on 1 October 2016.

3. Correspondence:

- The Board had trouble passing **Micheline's Posthumous Award** to John. We understand that it may be a difficult time for John and will give him some time before contacting him regarding the award. The Board sends John our deepest sympathies.

4. Practitioner Support: Membership Officer:

- None noted.

5. MPN Sessions:

MPN held at the Law Society of NSW (LS), 170 Phillip Street, Sydney at 5:45pm, Level 3; and at George Street RSL on Level 4 (RSL)

- Monday 7 March (LS) at 5:45pm – *Intake/Initial Assessment* (Wendy Buchanan and Margaret McCue)
- Saturday 4 June (RSL) at 10:30 am – *Agenda setting* (Jane Houselander and Paula Castile).
- Monday 5 September (LS) at 5:45pm – *Exploration* (Peter O'Brien and Wendy Buchanan)
- **Saturday 3 December at 10:30am (RSL) – *Agreements:* (Mary Reheby and Salli Browning)**

6. Upcoming Events:

- **The Christmas Party** will be held at Palace Restaurant, which is at Piccadilly Centre. The time and cost will be confirmed soon. Peggy to action soon. Thank you, Peggy.
- Please note that there will be no meeting in December this year.

- **Planning Meeting** will be held on 28 January 2017.
- **Next meeting will be on the 25 October 2016.** Looking forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting.

Minute Taker: Andrew Wong