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ADRA AGENDA for Tuesday 23 May 2023

ADRA - Australian Dispute Resolution Association Inc. is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Geoff Charlton

Time: May 23, 2023 04:00 PM Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney

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| 7. Membership Officer | Dennis Nolan, |
| 8. Honorary Membership Officers: | Wendy Buchanan, Jane Houselander,
Allan Parker |
| 9. Events Co-Ordinator: | Sam Bektas |
| 10. Honorary Student Mentor: | Nell Kim. |

Guest Speaker: Geoff Charlton : "What I have learned in 30 + years of mediating".

IT Guest:

Kristan Bekus,

CPD Participants:

Sam Bektas, Barabara Lane, Lian Neisler Kathy Moore, Michelle Saltmarsh, Anne Ardagh, Robyn-Ann Mathews, Ursula Schappi, Margaret McCue, Sam Bektas, Katherine Johnson, Victor Berger, Peggy Lim, Helen Meidzinski, Dennis Nolan, Marie Whitby, Kristan Bekus, Jane Houslander, Ruwan Wathukarage, Pamela Richards, Sue Waterhouse.

Meeting attendees:

Katherine Johnson, Geoff Charlton, Margaret McCue, Peggy Lim, Sam Bektas, Victor Berger, Kathy Moore, Kristan Bekus, Jane Houselander, Helen Miedzinski, Dennis Nolan, Anne Ardagh, Ruwan Wathukarage, Sue Waterhouse

Apologies: Nell Kim, Marilyn Waugh, Josephine Reyes, Tony Enderby, John Keogh.

ADRA Board resolved that:

1. Approval of MINUTES for 24 April 2023:

Moved: Margaret McCue

Seconded: Peggy Lim

2. President's Report:

- ADRA warmly thanks *Geoff Charlton* for his very engaging talk on "**What I have learned in 30 + years of mediating**" and thanks him for permission to record his talk for the benefit of ADRA members. Geoff's talk will appear on the ADRA website under *recordings*.

- **Divorce Coaching an Accreditation:**

Katherine received an additional email from **Jean Lynch** which Katherine answered to say that the ADRA Board had approved providing a Complaints Handling system to Divorce Coaches. Jean requested to bring along a friend who could assist her with explaining to the Board the needs for accreditation of Divorce Coaches. Katherine replied that Jeane could invite a friend to explain the accreditation process for Divorce Coaches so that we can assist this new initiative. Jeane to inform Katherine when she and her friend will attend to discuss their proposal with the ADRA Board.

- **Mediator Standards Board.**

An email was received from Ebor Figueoroa re his accreditation which was submitted in April. Katherine forwarded the email to Josephine. Matter deferred to the next meeting.

- **Email re Organizational Membership (WMO):**

ADRA's current organisational membership is about \$250/year which allows 2 people from the organisation to be members of ADRA. Marilyn Waugh was asked to consider any possible benefits for her organisation to join ADRA as an organisation and to contact Katherine, Kristan and Tony to that effect by the May meeting, Marilyn sent her apologies, so **matter deferred to the next meeting**

Josephine Reyes confirmed last month that \$100 AU was a reasonable sum for a yearly membership for Affiliate Asia Pacific organisations in Dispute Resolution who were for-profit organizations and confirmed that she would send a list of those organisations willing to participate to Katherine by the May meeting. Josephine was not present **so matter deferred to the next meeting.**

Discussion with Kristan and Tony as to whether such Affiliate membership can become part of the *Find a Mediator* project to enhance ADRA's international reputation and its connection with the *World Mediation Organization*. Kristan confirmed that Affiliate Members could also be made part of *Find a Mediator profile*. We look forward to seeing our first affiliate – the Mongolian Family Relations centre listed on the site. **Katherine to forward details to Kristan.**

- **Mongolia Project:**

Nothing further to report at this stage except that Katherine presented a one hour talk to the social work and psychology students of Erdenet University on the Benefits of Dispute Resolution and Mediation in particular to their work. The talk was well received and the project may be listed on the ADRA website. **Katherine to discuss with Kristan and Tony**

- **Women and Leadership Project:**

Nothing further to report, except that more courses are being presented which have to be attended to gain the scholarships. No one to date has expressed an interest.

- **World Law Alliance:**

Nothing further has come from discussions last month about inviting the *World Law Alliance* (WLA) to become an Affiliate member of ADRA. Katherine and/or Josephine to follow through.

- **CADR:**

Nothing further to report at this stage. **Katherine to discuss with Tony and Kristan placing details about CADR on the ADRA Website.**

- **Website Business:**

Trender has now finalised the *Find a Mediator* project and hope to present ADRA's upgraded and completed website as part of the 2023 AGM. Kristan showcased what the Profile could do and the Executive were invited to place their details on the website by next meeting to refine the process. This is now the end of the upgrade and we thank Kristan and Tony for their wonderful work.

The Board agreed to pay the extra costs of \$160 /month for maintenance instead of

\$120/month and agreed to pay \$100 /hour for additional work instead of \$80/hour. The final sum of \$5,920 for the profile will also now be paid.

Moved: Margarete McCue
Seconded: Peggy Lim

3. Mediator Practice Network (MPNs) sessions.

Josephine confirmed that she would contact and Mark Rogers to develop a topic and a synopsis of the MPN session for **Friday 28 July 2023** via ZOOM from 2:00 pm – 6:00pm. She further confirmed that she would send a brief resume of herself and Mark to Kristan and Tony **for the flyer to market the event**. As Josephine was not present **the matter is deferred to the next meeting**

Over to the **Young Lawyers subcommittee** of John Keogh, Victor Berger and Margaret McCue and Nell Kim to report on how ADRA could attract young professional and corporations to participate in ADRA MPN sessions with the first being in September 2023.

Moved: Victor Berger
Seconded: Dennis Nolan

4. Treasurer’s Report: Statement from 11 April 2023 to 10 May 2023:

The latest figures up to 11 December 2022 are **\$12,502.89** in our Society cheque account and **\$45,000.00** in our Term Deposit. Our PayPal and Stripe funds are transferred to the cheque account monthly. This equates to a total of **\$57,502.89**.

Moved: Helen Miedzinski
Seconded: Dennis Nolan

5. Membership Officer’s Report (sent via email) Dennis Nolan:

As requested please find below Membership Report for 23 May 2023, 'New Subscription renewal order':

Date	Name
7 May 2023	Krystal Johnson
15 May 2023	Vivien Brewer
15 May 2023	Scott Dutton
15 May 2023	Helen Lind
17may 2023	Amy McGinn
18 May 2023	Lilia Szarski

Moved: Peggy Lim
Seconded: Geoff Charlton

6. Accreditation Officer’s Report:

Matter deferred to next meeting as Josephine is not present.

Moved:
Seconded:

7. Governance Report:

The Board resolved to re-authorize a motion put at the October 2022 meeting:
that the Treasurer, Margaret McCue be duly authorized to do all things necessary

to become a signatory on ADRA's account and that Margaret McCue be duly authorized to have full access to ADRA's electronic statements. The existing account holders, except for Wendy Buchanan, will continue to have full authority.

There was no opposition to an agreement in principle that Margaret McCue should be a signatory on the ADRA account given that Wendy Buchanan's illness prevented her from being available as a signatory. Seven days' notice was given to move the motion which was circulated at the March meeting, and which incorporated the 3 motions being proposed to refresh the signatories on the account. The appropriate Documents that the Bank requires to renew the forms to perfect the proposal have been circulated.

Katherine attended the Commonwealth Branch at Top Ryde and perfected the requirements for Margaret to become a signatory on the account and Andrew will be attending on Wednesday 24 May.

Moved: Helen Meidzinski,
Seconded: Dennis Nolan

8. Secretary's Report:

Correspondence covered by President's report.

Moved: Margaret McCue
Seconded: Geoff Charlton

10. General Business:

- **An Events Calendar has been sent to the Board for the upcoming year:**
May: Geoff Charlton,
June: Allan Parker,
July: Professor Gabrielle Appleby,
August: *AGM, Ana Prawda -*
September: Andrew Wong,
October: Planning Meeting, (**Ruwan Wathukarage**)
November: *Xmas Party.*
- Victor stated that *Mediate.com* have agreed to become an Affiliate organization of ADRA provided that we include them on our website under an Affiliate tab which when clicked would go straight to their website. The Board agreed that a representative of *Mediate.com* should attend a meeting or contact Katherine to set up a Board meeting to confirm this arrangement in line with ADRA's Governance requirements.
- There being no further general business the meeting concluded at **6.45 pm**
Moved: Dennis Nolan
Seconded: Margaret McCue.
Minute Taker: **Dr Katherine Johnson**
Next meeting's special Guest: **Allan Parker** on *Managing brain chemistry through mediation processes and skills.*

Tuesday 27 June via Zoom and in Room 301 at the Law Society for those in the city.