



ASLIAVICTORIA
Australian Sign Language Interpreters' Association

ASLIA Victoria 23rd Annual General Meeting Minutes

*Venue: Melbourne Bowling Club
138 Union Street, Windsor
Friday 27th November 2009, 6:30pm-8:30pm*

1. Opening and Welcome

Sandra Leane welcomed all members, friends and families to the Annual General Meeting. Point of order – the change of date to hold the AGM was advertised at only 21 days rather than the necessary 35 days notice required. A vote was taken to indicate if the AGM should proceed. All attendees in favour, no objections.

Welcomed our guest speaker – Marc Orlando.

2. Roll Call

Susan Emerson, Sandra Leane (Life Member), Meredith Bartlett (Life Member), Teresa Paulet, Carla Anderson, Stef Linder, Ryan Gook, Nicole Gook, Michelle Kent, Brooke Bawden, Stephanie Burke, Maxine Buxton, Brent Hunt, Melissa O'Neill, Mark Quinn, Daniel Hately, Marianne Bridge, Laura Vandapeer, Omeda Vandapeer, Teresa Cumpston Bird (Life Member), Cheryl Sandilands, Sarah Howell, John Flynn (Life Member), Julie Botten, Anne Bremner, Melissa Anderson, Therese Lewis, Nahida Hasan, Khang Chiem, Graeme Kelly, Russel Watts, Tamara Pearce, Kathy Leibick, Sasha Hough, Karina Quinn, Melanie Pratt, Gina Auciello, Cara Due, Renee Purser, Lyndon Malcolm, Veronique Swan, Helen Rampley, Benjamin Souter, Mee Loke.

44 in attendance.

3. Apologies

Danielle Don, Christopher Hansford, Luke Cassetta, Eliza Allen, Angela Maclean, Cynthia Cave, Kym Matsen, Nicole Grenfell, Paula Walker, Kirri Dangerfield, Paul Heuston, James Blyth, Gina Bertsch, Leanne Wishart, Pauline Hume, Keiron Wood, Amy Blaylock, Heesun Lee, Viona Woodroffe, Therese Pierce, Karen Clare, Kirk Barnett, Marc Curtis, Kim Kavanagh, Julie Judd, Cathy Clark, Julie Rees, Carolyn Montague.

28 apologies received.

4. Adoption of the Minutes of the Twenty-Second Annual General Meeting

Moved – Teresa Paulet. Seconded – Susan Emerson. Carried.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

Information regarding auditor for 2010 – deferred to the Finance Report.

6. General Business

6.1 President's Report and Adoption

As tabled in the Annual Report.

Sandi spoke to the report and thanked all those leaving the committee including Ryan Gook, Julie Judd, Stef Linder, Carla Anderson (as well as Cindy Cave for her terrific work throughout 2009). Sandi also thanked those who made valuable contributions to ASLIA Vic in 2009 including the ANC09 committee – Viona Woodroffe, Amie O'Shea, Danielle Don, Julie Judd, Cathy Clark and Susan Emerson. As well as a thank you to Peter Miller for his work on the Interpreter Awards as Coordinator of Nominations.

The Presidents Report in full, can be found in the printed copy of the Annual Report (21 pages) available to all members. Topics include:

- Presidential Contribution
- Committee
- ASLIA National Representatives
- Professional Development
- NAATI Revalidation
- Highlights and Issues of 2009:
 - o Deaf Interpreter Network
 - o Victorian Bushfires
 - o Auslan Interpreter of the Year Awards
 - o ASLIA National Restructure
 - o Government Skills Australia Training Package
 - o Video Relay Interpreting
 - o Across the Board Magazine
 - o ANC 2009
 - o Membership
 - o Congratulations on new NAATI accredited members
 - o Strategic Plan
 - o Sponsors
 - o Quiet Contributors

Sandi moved that this report be accepted. Seconded – Benjamin Souter. Carried

6.2 Treasurer's Report and Adoption

As tabled in the Annual Report.

Meredith spoke to the report announcing that the new auditor for 2010 will be David Peters.

Meredith moved that this report be accepted. Seconded – Marianne Bridge. Carried.

6.3 General Business Continued

Sandi spoke about the ASLIA National restructure for 2010 and that it will be a year of changes. ASLIA National has held a number of forums and consultations over the last two years and at the August AGM introduced changes to its constitution to allow for a new structure where State associations would become branches of ASLIA national. The ASLIA Vic committee is in favour of the new structure as proposed and believes that ASLIA will be able to continue its present work but also benefit from a national approach to PD and sharing resources.

Susan introduced the motion of the new logo design for ASLIA Vic. All states will have the same logo, which was shown on PowerPoint and computer to attendees. A vote was taken from the floor on whether ASLIA Vic should adopt the new logo for Victoria. Votes tallied. The new logo is accepted.

7. Elections

Proxies declared: Angela Maclean, Carolyn Montague, Blanche Persich, Cynthia Cave, Paul Heuston, Karen Clare, Kirri Dangerfield, Gina Bertsch, James Blyth, Cathy Clark, Kirk Barnett. 12 Proxies received (1 Proxy invalid).

Vacant positions as at this Annual General Meeting:

President -

Vice President -

Treasurer -

Secretary -

Committee members -

John Flynn took over the chair to oversee the nomination and appointment of President.

John thanked Sandi for her work with ASLIA Vic and commended the ANCO9 organising committee.

Nomination for President – Susan Emerson, Nominated by Sandra Leane, Seconded by Kim Saxton.

No other nominations received. Congratulations to Susan Emerson.

Susan resumed the chair to continue the nominations.

Nomination for Vice President – No nominations. Will be deferred to the first committee meeting to decide on who will take the Vice President position.

Nominations for Treasurer – Kathy Leibick and Meredith Bartlett. Decided on a vote from ASLIA Vic members in attendance and included a small number of proxy votes. Congratulations to Kathy Leibick appointed to Treasurer. Thanks to Meredith for all her hard work over the years as Treasurer.

Nomination for Secretary – Teresa Paulet, Nominated by Sandra Leane, Seconded by Maxine Buxton.

No other nominations received. Congratulations to Teresa Paulet.

Nomination for Committee Member – Therese Lewis, Nominated by Susan Emerson, Seconded by Sandra Leane.

Nomination for Committee Member – Maxine Buxton, Nominated by Kirri Dangerfield, Seconded by Susan Emerson.

Nomination for Committee Member – Daniel Hately, Nominated by Melanie Pratt, Seconded by Susan Emerson.

Nomination for Committee Member – Khang Chiem, Nominated by Maxine Buxton, Seconded by Susan Emerson.

Nomination for Committee Member – Cheryl Sandilands, Nominated by Kim Saxton, Seconded by Mark Quinn.

Nomination for Committee Member – Meredith Bartlett, Nominated by Michelle Kent, Seconded by Stephanie Burke.

Nomination for Committee Member – Sandra Leane, Nominated by Susan Emerson, Seconded by Kim Saxton.

Congratulations to the new ASLIA Vic committee for 2009/2010:

Executive Committee:

President - *Susan Emerson*

Treasurer - *Kathy Leibick*

Secretary - *Teresa Paulet*

Committee Members:

Meredith Bartlett

Maxine Buxton

Khang Chiem

Daniel Hately

Sandra Leane

Therese Lewis

Cheryl Sandilands

ASLIA National Representatives:

Kirri Dangerfield (Professional level) and Khang Chiem (Paraprofessional level).

Nomination of the Financial Auditor – David Peters, Nominated by Sandra Leane, Seconded by Kathy Leibick. All in favour.

8. Thank you

Susan thanked Khang Chiem and Teresa Paulet for organising tonight's supper.

Susan thanked former committee members and new members.

Susan thanked Sandra Leane as Acting President and her support of Cindy Cave whilst she was unwell. Flowers presented and a note from Cindy to Sandra.
Gifts presented for Carla Anderson, Stef Linder, Julie Judd, Ryan Gook for their work on the ASLIA Vic committee and a gift for Susan for her work on the ANC.

Thanks to our two wonderful interpreters today: Cheryl Sandilands and Sarah Howell.

Thanks to members and non-members for attending this Annual General Meeting.

9. Close of Meeting

Susan closed the AGM at 7:20pm

Announcements:

Guest speaker tonight is Marc Orlando. See biography and abstract as sent out in notices of AGM.