

Girius also advised that the next World Lithuanian Youth Congress (PLJK) will be held in South America, Dec2008 – Jan 2009.

Girius advised he had received notification of the annual Conference of World Lithuanian Community and Youth Presidents. It will be held in Lietuva 6-9 August.

Action: Girius to forward email to Birute.

Action: Confirmed ALB KV minutes will be placed on the ALB website.
Secretaries & Vytautas.

1.2 ALB KV Revizijos Komisija/Federal Auditor's Commission

The Federal Council 2006 confirmed the Melbourne LB's Auditors' Commission would be responsible for auditing the financial records of the ALB KV. The Commission comprises three members, currently Algis P. Simkus OAM, Edvardas Marganavicius and Dennis Gaylard.
[Sekr. note 1: Is there a conflict of interest if A Simkus OAM is also the Chair of the Federal Council 2006?]
[Sekr note 2: At meeting 4/2007 (20/04/2007), decided no conflict of interest as above, and D Gaylard will absent himself when the ALB KV finances are audited.]

1.3 Garbes Teismas/Court of Honour

The Federal Council 2006 confirmed the Court of Honour for 2007-2008 will reside in Adelaide. The three Court members confirmed: were: Janina Vaboliene, Vytautas Patupas & Kun Juozas Petraitis. A chair is to be elected and contact details presented to the ALB KV.

Actions:

ALB KV publish membership of 1.2 & 1.3 (including chair & contact details) in the Australian Lithuanian papers "Musu Pastoge", "Teviskes Aidai" and the ALB website as well as formally advising each Regional Community Executive.
Secretaries

2. ALB Statutas/ALC Constitution

The Federal Council 2006 approved three changes to the Constitution of the ALC. Once the editing is finalized by the Council's Presidium, the ALB KV is required to advise the ALCommunity by publishing them in Musu Pastoge, Teviskes Aidai and the ALB Website and sent by mail and email to the Executive of each Regional Community.

Action: Edvina.

It was noted that the ALB internet site has a version of the ALB Constitution in Lithuanian. Birute also had a hard copy in English available for photocopying.

Action: Secretaries.

Both Lithuanian and English version of the ALB Constitution need to be updated.

Action: Birute

3. **Finansu reikalai/Financial Report**

3.1 ***Buvusios ALB KV pinigine apyskaita/Balance and Accounts***

Action: Andrius will liaise with Jonas Verbyla from the former ALB KV in Adelaide, to transfer the relevant monies to Melbourne.

3.2 ***Nauja banko saskaita/Signatories to access funds***

It was agreed to reopen the ALB KV Account in Talka (Melb). The 3 signatories would be: Birute, Andrius and Dennis, with two of three signatures required for withdrawals.

Action: Andrius

3.3 ***ALFondui prasymas paramos/Grant from the ALFoundation*** *(ziuret ALB XXX Krasto Tarybos Rezoliucija nr 9/see Resolution 9)*

It was agreed to request a grant of \$6000 for administrative and other costs of the ALB KV for the period Jan 2007 to Jan 2009, an increase of \$1000 over previous biannual grants.

Action: Andrius to complete the grant application.

4. **ALB Krasto Tarybos XXX Suvaziavimas, 2006/ALC Federal Council Geelong 2006** ***Report back/Information and discussions***

Birute provided a verbal report on the two half day meetings in Geelong and presented each member with a copy of the ALB Krasto Tarybos publication.

[Sekr. note: copies to be made for Vytautas and Loreta.]

ALB Tarybos Rezoliucijos/Resolutions

The Federal Council agreed to 16 resolutions (tabled at the meeting). The Council Presidium will publish the resolutions in Musu Pastoge & Teviskės Aidai.

Actions:

Birute to forward a copy for the ALB website and email them to PLB World Lithuanian Executive, TMID (Tautiniu Mazumu ir Iseivijos Departamentas, Lietuva) and PLB Atstovybe Vilnius.

Edvina to mail and email to the Regional Community Executives.

[Sekr note: Draft English version of resolutions completed by Jadze Vaiciulyte and forwarded to ALB KV members 19/04/2007).

Girius commented on *Resolution 10*. He advised that the ALJS has included some related actions in their 10 year plan. Some suggestions for discussion - Prepare information brochures; liaise with Australian Consuls in Ireland; provide information on the ALB website eg how to write visa applications, contact points in AL Communities; advertisements in newspapers. This project could be conjointly developed by ALB KV and ALJS Valdyba. Girius urged that this be given a higher priority.

Action: Girius will provide an update of ALJS interest in this project.

Birute commented on *Resolutions 7 & 8* –publishing the book “A History of Lithuanian Migrants in Australia 1947 – 1990” (working title). Birute is corresponding by email with the author Dr Liuda Poppenhagen who is now residing in Los Angeles (formerly from Sydney).

Resolutions to be discussed at the next meeting.

5. **Korespondencija/Correspondence**

Birute updated the committee members on correspondence received over the internet and replies. Relevant emails were forwarded onto members.

In particular, Birute has replied to correspondence from the TMID, mainly Vytautas Mikelionis and Giedrius Sniukas. Vytauto M.'s portfolio includes the Australijos LB. While in Vilnius, Girius advised he had met with him to discuss issues relevant to Australia.

Birute supported the grant application to TMID from Eve Wicks, to assist in publishing her book and DVD on Lithuanians in Queensland. Birute also supported the request to TMID from Dovydas Sadauskas, new Lithuanian language teacher in Melbourne, for educational books and aids from Lietuva. TMID advised that other communities could also request such assistance.

Action: Lilija and/or Loreta for follow up.

6. **2007-2008 Veiklos planas/Work Plan for 2007-2008**

Birute advised that 13 of the 16 resolutions from the ALB Federal Council make up eleven (11) projects. It was agreed that the ALB KV will prepare a Work Plan for 2007-2008, including the resolutions, other significant ongoing activities and special projects that emerge during the two years.

Action: Draft plan to be prepared for discussion by Birute.

For discussion at the next few meetings.

7. **Posedziai/Frequency of Meetings**

It was decided that formal meetings would be held every six weeks, usually on Saturdays, 11 am at Lithuanian House. As required, other decisions to be confirmed by email. Sub-committees would meet at their discretion.

8. **Einamieji reikalai/ Other Items**

8.1 Spam emails are to be deleted with no reply.

8.2 It was agreed that the ALB KV would not print letterhead paper but use a watermark computerized one.

Action: Girius to contact Vytautas from the ALJS to request he assist the ALB KV with setting this up.

[Sekr note: Vytautas is now a ALB KV member and agreed to do this.]

8.3 Once titles and contact details are confirmed, to advise relevant Australian bodies of the new ALB Federal Executive.

Action: Dennis

[Sekr. note: Federal & Melbourne Governments, relevant Federal Departments, State Multicultural Commission (Melb), Federal Estonian, Latvian and Ukrainian Executives, and New Zealand Honorary Consul for Information]

8.4 Once titles are confirmed, to print business cards for the President and one general one for use by other members.

Action: Dennis

9. Sekantis susirinkimas/Next Meeting

Saturday, 24 March 2007, 11 am Lithuanian House.

[Sekr note: Next meeting 2/2007 took place Sunday, 11 March 2007, 12.30 pm, at Lithianian House, prior to the Vasario 16/Kovo 11 Minejimas/Commemoration Day.]

Meeting secretary:
Birute Prasmutaite
22/04/2007