

Australian Lithuanian Community Federal Executive

~ MINUTES OF MEETING 2, 11 MARCH 2007 ~

PRESENT: Andrius Vaitiekunas, Birute Prasmutaite, Dennis Gaylard, Edvina Utemiseva, Lilija Kozlovskiene, Loreta Cizauskaite-Tigani and Vytautas Krivickas.

Birute assumed the chair and opened the meeting at 12.20 PM.

APOLOGIES: Girius Antanaitis.

AGENDA: Distributed by Birute and adopted after some discussion.

PREVIOUS MINUTES:

- Unavailable, carried over to next meeting.

BUSINESS ARISING:

- **Casual Vacancies**

- The motion was accepted "that Loreta Cizauskaite-Tigani be co-opted to the Committee to fill a casual vacancy"(moved Dennis, seconded Andrius)
- The motion was accepted "that Vytautas Krivickas be co-opted to the Committee to fill a casual vacancy"(moved Dennis, seconded Andrius)

- **Confirmation of Office Bearers**

- Andrius: Treasurer
- Birute: President
- Dennis: Business Secretary
- Edvina: Communications Secretary
- Lilija: Vice President, Manager Cultural and Educational Projects
- Loreta: Manager Special Projects and Resources
- Vytautas: Manager Web Projects

It was noted that:

- the ALJS President is also entitled to attend and vote at meetings, and
- Rimantas in Adelaide has agreed to act as Webmaster.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- As per emails
- Edvina advised that she has written to the various communities requesting contact details and events calendars though had received no direct responses.
Birute to forward Perth, Geelong and Canberra contact details.
Dennis to write to communities with further request for information.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

- Andrius reported that there is \$7,526.26 in the bank, plus \$6,000 contribution from Fondas.
Dennis to write thank you letter to Fondas.
- TMID will directly reimburse travel costs for attendance at the cultural events seminar.

ALJS UPDATE:

- None.

CULTURAL UPDATE:

- Lilija reported that she is coordinating a survey of dancing groups for TMID.
Lilija to advise Committee of outcomes when survey completed.

WEB UPDATE:

- Vytautas reported that he now has the necessary codes to access the current website programming but the site needed a complete rewrite. Considerable discussion followed and it was agreed that:
 - An under reconstruction notice will be put on the current site.
 - Information should be loaded to the new site bilingually where possible.
 - Committee contact emails, both by name and position, should be available on the new site.
 - Emails should be automatically redirected to the committee members preferred email address.
 - auslt.org.au would be a suitable new site name.
- Vytautas to provide proposed budget by 31 March.

RESOURCES UPDATE:

- After noting that three of the seven committee members present worked together on the ALJS committee 25 years ago, Birte reported that she has a number of contacts in TMID, LCC and other relevant Lithuanian organizations that may be able to assist with advice and resources.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- **Cultural Events Seminar**
 - Birute advised that the voting for the Australian delegate to the seminar was very close and that several people had commented how difficult it was to select between two excellent candidates.
 - It was agreed that it is appropriate to give each candidate a copy of each others nomination statement.
 - It was also agreed that;
 - Greta should be invited to Melbourne to discuss the seminar with the committee and to provide copies of any resources received.
 - Greta should be invited to conduct a workshop for group leaders from all communities.
 - The committee should conduct a review of cultural events conducted in the various communities as part of the Committee worklan.
- **Mission Siberia**
 - It was agreed to support Algis Kairaitis' proposal to invite representatives of the Mission Siberia group to Australia mid-year to address communities.
Edvina, Dennis and Birute to form a sub-committee to consider ways of assisting.
Dennis to forward copies of the Mission Siberia article.

NEXT MEETING:

- 11.00 AM, 24 March 2007 at Lithuanian House, North Melbourne.