

# Australian Lithuanian Community Federal Executive

## ~ MINUTES OF MEETING 4, 21 APRIL 2007 ~

**PRESENT:** Andrius Vaitiekunas , Birute Prasmutaite, Dennis Gaylard, Lilija Kozlovskiene and Loreta Cizauskaite-Tigani.

**Birute assumed the chair and opened the meeting at 11.20 AM.**

### **AGENDA:**

- Distributed by Birute and adopted as amended after some discussion.

### **APOLOGIES:**

- Edvina Utemiseva and Vytautas Krivickas.

### **PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

- Draft minutes of Meeting 1, 3 and 4 February as distributed by Birute. Adopted as amended after some discussion (moved Andrius, seconded Dennis).
- Draft minutes of Meeting 3, 24 March as distributed by Dennis. Adopted as amended after some discussion (moved Birute, seconded Loreta).

### **BUSINESS ARISING:**

- From meeting 1:
  - Birute advised that the notice of Annual Conference of World Lithuanian Community and Youth Presidents received from ALJS as requested.
  - Birute advised that ALBKV membership has been published in Muso Pastoge and Teviskes Aidai as well as forwarded directly to each Community.

ALBKV details to be updated on Website.

ALBKV details to be sent to related organizations and Government Departments.

Court of Honour details to be published on Website.

Audit Commission details to be published on Website.

- Amendments to Constitution finalized and published in Muso Pastoge and Teviskes Aidai.

To be confirmed at next meeting.

Lithuanian and English translations to be published on Website.

- Andrius advised that he has received all the necessary financial statements from the previous Treasurer, established new accounts and received a \$6,000 grant from Fondas.
- All ALBKV members have been provided with copies of the 'Krasto Tarybos Nariu, XXX Suvaziavimo Leidinys, from Geelong 2006.
- Attracting Lithuanian migrants to Australia from other countries.

To be discussed at next meeting.

- Publication of 'A History of Lithuanian Migrants in Australia, 1947-1990'.
  - It was noted that the Professor Popenhagen, the Author, is now living and working overseas. Fondas has already paid \$16,000 and has committed another \$48,000 for preparation of the text which is now behind schedule.

Birute to liaise with professor Popenhagen.

Dennis and Birute to investigate possible PLB funding while in Lithuania.

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Dennis to investigate possible Australia Arts Council funding.

Lilija to investigate possible USA Fondas funding.

- ALBKV Work Plan, draft prepared by Birute.  
To be discussed at next meeting.
- ALBKV Letterhead, draft being prepared by Vytautas.  
To be confirmed at next meeting.
- ALBKV Business Cards, design to be based on letterhead.  
To be prepared before Birute goes overseas.
- From meeting 3:
  - Outcome of TMID survey of educational activities.  
To be discussed at next meeting.
  - Bonegilla Commemorative Exhibition.  
To be discussed at next meeting.
  - Dennis advised that follow-up letter about Community calendars is drafted and waiting on letterhead for sending.  
To be completed by next meeting.
  - The dual citizenship petition was completed and forwarded to PLB in time for inclusion with their petition. Advice from Algis Milvydas was noted that some members may have signed both the ALB and PLB petitions. Appreciation was also noted for the work of Vitalius Zelba in relation to the petition.
  - In relation to the Mission Siberia proposal, Dennis and Birute advised that:
    - The email outlining the proposal has been forwarded to Lithuania for their information and they are identifying appropriate presenters.
    - John Masanauskas has agreed to assist with Media management.
    - There has been no response yet from Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, Gold Coast or Perth; Adelaide, Hobart and Launceston are supportive but have not offered any financial assistance; Geelong are happy to join in with an event run in Melbourne; and Canberra is not interested at all.

Dennis to contact Communities that have not responded.  
Birute to contact possible donor organizations.  
Sub-Committee to make decision on whether to proceed or not.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- As per emails.
- Birute advised that she had received photographs of the Geelong 2006 Conference delegates.  
Photo to be scanned and included on Website.
- Birute also advised that a book had been received from Vytas and Nijole Salkunas.  
Edvina to send thank you letter.

#### **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

- Andrius reported that both accounts remain in positive balance.
  - At call transaction account - \$7,526.26
  - Investment account (to 26 August) - \$6,000.00

#### **ALJS UPDATE:**

- Birute welcomed Audrius and congratulated him on his election.
- Audrius advised ALJS is involved with several major projects over the next year, including:
  - Review of the ALJS 10 year plan.
  - Fundraising for the 2008/09 Youth Congress.
  - Fundraising for the 2008 Jaunimo Deinos.

### **WEB PROJECTS UPDATE:**

- No report was available though there was considerable discussion of the need to take action quickly.
- It was agreed that all (re)developed pages should be prepared in 'printer friendly' format. Priorities for (re)development were decided as:
  - Update ALBKV and Community contact details.
  - Remove/replace/archive front page announcements.
  - Include ALBKV Minutes page.
  - Update Community Calendars.
  - Update links.

Dennis to liaise with Vytautas on website (re)development.

Birute to provide electronic copy of confirmed minutes of meeting 1.

Dennis to provide electronic copies of confirmed minutes of meetings 2 and 3.

### **CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS UPDATE:**

- Lilija reported that she has not yet received a written report of the conduct of the Geelong Festival. It was noted that a written report is traditionally provided to the ALBKV after each Festival to inform and assist with the planning and running of future Festivals.

Lilija to liaise with Geelong Festival Committee re Report.

- Sydney Festival Committee is established and working.

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Lilija to travel to Sydney to meet with the Festival Committee.

- A catalogue of archival materials held in Adelaide has been prepared in word document form.

Lilija to liaise with Adelaide Museum Committee.

- Loretta advised that she has been in contact with the Bonegilla Commemorative Exhibition curator and that there is a reasonable chance that it will be able to be toured.
- Loretta is liaising with dance teachers to develop priority list of music and other resources.

Loretta to prepare 'shopping list' for Dennis to take to Lithuania.

### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

- It was noted that Fondas has previously paid for an ALBKV President to attend an Annual Conference of World Lithuanian Community and Youth Presidents, including travel and associated costs. Considerable discussion of the appropriateness of attending these Conferences and of supporting Committee members who are undertaking work on behalf of the Community while on personal travel in Lithuania followed. It was agreed that:
  - ALBKV would contribute to the accommodation and related costs for Birute and Dennis for the time that they are engaged on Community business in Lithuania this year (Moved Andrius, seconded Loreta, abstained Birute and Dennis).
  - ALBKV will apply to Fondas for financial support to send the President or Delegate to the 2007 and 2008 Annual Conferences of World Lithuanian Community and Youth Presidents (Moved Andrius, seconded Loreta).
  - ALBKV will fund up to half the travel costs for the President or Delegate to attend the 2007 Annual Conference of World Lithuanian Community and Youth Presidents (Moved Andrius, seconded Loreta).
  - In the absence of alternative funding options, ALBKV will fund the full amount of travel costs for the President or Delegate to attend the 2008 Annual Conference of World Lithuanian Community and Youth Presidents (Moved Andrius, seconded Loreta).

### **NEXT MEETING:**

- 11.00 AM, 2 June 2007 at Lithuanian House, North Melbourne.