

# Australian Lithuanian Community Federal Executive

## ~ DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETING 5, 2 JUNE 2007 ~

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

**Lilija assumed the chair and opened the meeting at 11.00 AM.**

### **AGENDA:**

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

### **APOLOGIES:**

- Birute Prasmutaite and Edvina Utemiseva.

### **PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

- Draft minutes of Meeting 4, 21 April as distributed by Dennis. Adopted (moved Dennis, seconded Loreta).

### **BUSINESS ARISING:**

- Mission Siberia:
  - The sub-committee decision to not go ahead with the proposed June tour was noted and it was agreed to consider it again in 2008 subject to resource availability.
- Letterhead prepared and distributed by Vytautas.
- Birute's business cards prepared in interim design.
- Other business arising referred to general business.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- As per emails.
- Birute forwarded a copy of a letter of introduction from the Community Liaison Officer in the Melbourne office of the Federal Department of Immigration and Citizenship.
- Bronius Zumeris passed on a copy of a letter from the Federal Department of Immigration and Citizenship seeking information about multicultural community organisations.

Dennis to respond to letters.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

- Andrius reported that both accounts remain in positive balance.
  - At call transaction account - \$7,578.86
  - Investment account (to 26 August) - \$6,000.00
- Funding application to Fondas for the Mission Siberia was made and subsequently withdrawn.
- Talka has been approached to provide funding to ALBKV as part of their 2006/07 annual distributions.

### **WEB PROJECTS UPDATE:**

- Vytautas demonstrated the work-in-progress website at [www.austlb.org](http://www.austlb.org)
- It was noted that:
  - The introductory text was taken directly from the previous website.
  - Text is able to be entered in both Lithuanian and English.

- ALBKV members can be contacted by email directly through the site.
- Format was discussed and it was agreed to include:
  - A separate page for the ALBKV with cascading pages for committee members and minutes of meetings.
  - A separate page for each Community with cascading pages for 'contacts' and 'community events'.
- Photographs were taken of several members for inclusion on their contact pages.
- The thanks of the Committee to Vytautas for the work done is noted.
  - Vytautas to populate the Community Contacts pages over the next two weeks.
  - All members to forward appropriate website links to Vytautas for inclusion.

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

- Lilija reported that she still has not received a written report of the conduct of the Geelong Festival and that no report has been published in either community newspaper.
  - Lilija to write to the Geelong Festival Committee re Report again.
- Lilija is meeting with the Sydney Festival Committee on 14 June.
- A catalogue of archival materials held in Adelaide has been prepared in word document form.
  - Lilija to forward to Dennis to prepare for website publication.
  - Dennis and Birute to investigate TIMD funding for review by experienced archivist.
- Loreta advised that she has been in contact with Eve Wicks who would like to bring her photographic display of the Lithuanian Migrant Experience in Queensland to Melbourne. The display could be supplemented with photographs of the Victorian experience and filmed interviews with Victoria Community members (eg. Dalia Antanaitis, Ron Cezna).
- The Geelong Community has applied for funding to display the Bonegilla Commemorative Exhibition.
- Loretta provided Dennis with a priority list of music and other resources.

#### **'A HISTORY OF LITHUANIAN MIGRANTS IN AUSTRALIA' PROJECT**

- Lilija advised that Birute has written to Pr Poppenhagen about the text. It was noted that Dr Poppenhagen has been funded by Fondas and that the text is overdue.
  - Lilija to contact Fondas about overdue text.
- Dennis advised that he has sourced a printing company in Canberra that can print and bind 200 page A5 books for approximately \$14.00/copy or 160 page A4 books for approximately \$21.00/copy (based on 200 copies).
- It was agreed to limit the print run to 200 copies given the difficulty selling other recently published books. Books unsold after six months to be donated to State and local libraries of those Local Government Areas with the largest number of residents of Lithuanian birth/descent.

#### **'ATTRACTING LITHUANIANS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES' PROJECT**

- It was agreed to address this project following completion of the redevelopment of the website.
- Project to include web and hardcopy elements that link to Australian Government resources as well as purpose written information explaining the relative advantages of living in Australia compared to other countries.
  - Dennis to source appropriate Australian Government resources.
- It was also agreed that attention should be paid to reconnecting the 'middle' generation of Australian born Lithuanians who are not currently active in the Communities.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

- It was noted that several ALBKV members had been approached by Melbourne Community members expressing concern over a range of issues:
  - No active primary or secondary school age dancing groups.
  - Gintaras fundraising but not going to Lithuania this year.
  - Lack of opportunity to pay ALBM membership fees.
  - Continuity of the ALBM Committee.
  - No V16 or Mother's Day mineimai.

**SUMMARY OF WORKPLAN PROGRESS:**

Item 1	Completed.
Item 2	Completed.
Item 3	Completed, ongoing liaison.
Item 4	4.1 Completed.
	4.2 Completed.
	4.3 Completed.
	4.4 Work in progress.
	4.5 Work in progress.
Item 5	Work in progress.
Item 6	Work in progress, extent dependant on availability of resources.
Item 7	Work in progress, depends on availability of text.
Item 8	Will commence when text becomes available.
Item 9	Completed.
Item 10	Work in progress, Dennis and Vytautas.
Item 11	Work in progress.
Item 12	Work in progress, Birute and Loreta.
Item 13	Deferred to early 2008, publish article in TA and MP with forwarding details.
Item 14	Work in progress, Loreta.
Item 15	Work in progress, Lilija.
Item 16	Work in progress.

**NEXT MEETING:**

- 11.00 AM, 28 July at Lithuanian House, North Melbourne.