

# Australian Lithuanian Community Federal Executive

## ~ MINUTES OF MEETING 8: 2 DECEMBER 2007 ~

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

**Birute assumed the chair and opened the meeting at 10.10 AM.**

### **AGENDA:**

- Distributed by Birute and adopted with some additions.

### **APOLOGIES:**

- Lilija Kozlovskiene and Edvina Utemiseva.

### **PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

- Draft minutes of Meeting 7, 21 October 2007, distributed by Dennis and adopted with minor amendment (moved Dennis, seconded Birute).

### **BUSINESS ARISING:**

- History of Lithuanian Migrants in Australia project:
  - Birute has spoken with Romas in Adelaide and confirmed that there was no written contract other than the Fondas application; editorial and publication rights were to remain with ALBKV; and draft text was to be completed by end-December 2006.
  - Dennis has spoken with Algis from Fondas who noted the potential difficulty of recovering monies in circumstances where the other party is overseas and where there is no clear contract. Algis has agreed to co-sign a letter of demand if ALBKV thinks that is necessary.
  - It was noted that intellectual property rights to any work that has been done on the project would be shared between ALBKV and Fondas as the commissioning and funding bodies.
  - If ALBKV is to do the editing and publishing, to get the book released by mid-2008 draft text and other content will be required by end-December 2007. It was agreed that it would be appropriate to ask for a refund of all money paid if text could not be delivered in that time.  
Dennis to contact writer requesting information on text completion.
- Lithuanian Government Community Service awards:
  - It was noted that a range of awards are available for diaspora members who have made significant contributions to their Communities.
  - Long serving committee members exist in many Communities, particularly in 'small' Communities such as Canberra, Hobart, Gold Coast and Perth, whose nominations would be supported by ALBKV.  
Birute to ask Edvina to contact communities about awards.
- Further business arising was referred to respective Reports and General Business.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- As per emails.
- Articles and notices prepared and sent to MP and TA.
- Letter from Chairman, Council of Estonian Societies in Australia, about the ongoing role (if any) of the Baltic Council of Australia (BCA).

- It was noted that while the BCA has no obvious role at the moment, it could be maintained in skeleton form in case it is required; delegates do not need to be President/Chairman; and most meetings could be virtual.  
Dennis to respond suggesting ongoing skeleton arrangement.
- Email from PLB Education Committee including proposed rules for operation of Lithuanian schools.  
Birute to forward to Adelaide and Melbourne schools for direct reply.
- Letter from Lithuanian Department of Culture and Sport regarding World Lithuanian Sports Festival in June 2009.  
Birute to forward to ALFAS for direct reply.
- Email from Gold Coast and letter from Geelong Communities responding to Andrius' letter.
- Letter from University of Tasmania thanking ALBKV for book donated to the research library.
- Victorian Multicultural Commission Community Grants Program Guidelines and Application received.  
Dennis to forward to ALBM for consideration.
- Email from Victor Perton, Transport Accident Commission Victoria Director, regarding road death toll in Lithuania.  
Dennis to contact TMID to identify appropriate Lithuanian contact.

#### **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

- Andrius reported that both accounts remain in positive balance.
  - Operating Account: \$4,674.73
  - Investment Account: \$6,000.00
  - One cheque to be cashed.
- Noted financial contribution from Geelong Community.
- TMID funding applications:
  - On behalf of ALD Committee, for visiting performers, supported by ALBKV, recommendations sent.
  - On behalf of Melbourne School Committee, for kindergarten teacher, supported by ALBKV.  
Birute to arrange finalisation of application and forward recommendations.

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

- 1,000 Year Anniversary Celebrations in 2009:
  - Lilija to concentrate on activities relating to 1,000 Year Anniversary.
  - PLB have agreed to support an appropriate touring group (actor plus folkloric group?)
  - Support communities organizing activities for wider audiences, eg local media, public dance and choir performances, flag raisings, etc.
  - National media communications to be coordinated by ALBKV.  
Lilija to contact 1,000 Year Committee about funding opportunities.  
Dennis to contact TMID about large event posters.
- TMID has requested that Communities provide updated contact information for cultural and educational organizations as they change.

#### **ALB MELBOURNE UPDATE:**

- Dennis reported that a meeting was held 18 November that successfully satisfied the AGM requirements of Consumer Affairs Victoria (CAV) by electing five committee members.
  - Control of the ALBM bank accounts has been returned to the committee;
  - Outstanding correspondence has been forwarded to the committee;
  - CAV documentation has been forwarded to the committee for completion;

- Committee will co-host a calendar meeting with Club committee and other Community groups on 9 December.
- Dennis' efforts to maintain the ALBM over the last four months and restore it to a position of legal functioning were noted with appreciation.

#### **WEB PROJECTS UPDATE:**

- Vytautas reported that work continues on the new website with more up-to-date contact details and additional links being added since he last meeting.
- Standardised community contact addresses (eg [sydney@austlb.org](mailto:sydney@austlb.org)) to be implemented.
- Community calendars to be added where available.
- Photo gallery to be added.
- ALB Flag Design Competition to be used to publicise launch of the new website.

#### **SPECIAL PROJECTS UPDATE:**

- Loretta reported that the dance music collection project is continuing and has requested music by the group Saulė.
- A need has been identified for an English language pamphlet or booklet on Lithuania that can be distributed at wider community events.

#### **ALJS UPDATE:**

- Vytautas advised that he would provide future ALJS reports.
- The ALJS Ball was a social success, but is unlikely to have generated a profit.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

- Lithuanian Papers:
  - Dennis advised that neither Melbourne Romuva nor the Baltic Studies Society of Victoria are interested in taking over the Lithuanian Papers.  
Loreta to approach Geelong contacts.
- ALB Presidents' Meeting:
  - It was agreed to host a meeting of Community Presidents in Melbourne in June/July 2008 to discuss common concerns and help establish the agenda for the Federal Council sessions at ALD.  
Birute to contact Communities.
- Australian Lithuanian Days 2008:
  - Federal Council sessions are listed for three half-days.

#### **NEXT MEETING:**

- 12.00 PM, 19 January at Lilija's.