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### **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2005 at St Patrick's Campus, Australian Catholic University, 115 Victoria Parade, Fitzroy, 3065, Victoria, Australia.**

There were 28 members present and two visitors.

The meeting accepted the agenda that had been previously distributed.

#### 1 Minutes of the previous AGM

The minutes of the Annual General meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2004 in Nordiska i Kingälv, Sweden were accepted as a true record.

Moved by Linda Gallagher and seconded by Diana Coben

#### 2 Officers' reports

##### a Chair

Kathy Safford appealed for an ALM newsletter editorial team.

Announced ALM13 to be in Belfast

##### b Secretary

David Kaye briefly reported that most of his work arose out of the paperwork related to formal correspondence with the Charity Commission and Companies House and co-ordinating the meetings of the Trustees, which are mainly by email, because of the international composition of the committee. (A written report is attached to the minutes.)

##### c Membership Secretary

Valerie Seabright circulated a report giving the number of current members and a list of new members (see Appendix A). She thanked the agents for their work throughout the year and noted there was a new agent for the Netherlands.

##### d Treasurer

Pat Healy the treasurer was unable to be present at the AGM. The completed accounts for the year ending 1<sup>st</sup> June 2004 had been distributed with the notice of the meeting to all members. A draft income and expenditure account for the year ending 1<sup>st</sup> June

2005 (see Appendix 2) had been presented to the Trustees. It was noted that we currently had a balance of over £25 000 (pounds sterling).

### 3 Website

The Chair announced that the website report is on the website

### 4 Election of Officers and Trustees

John O'Donoghue was appointed as returning officer during this item.

Kathy Safford explained to the meeting that the rules of ALM stated that officers could not serve for more than five continuous years and that Trustees could not serve for more than seven continuous years. This meant that over the next two years it would be necessary for new officers and trustees to join the committee.

David Kaye informed the meeting that the elections are for the Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Membership Secretary, and four other Trustees. There are four other Trustees that are appointed by the elected Trustees and Officers at their first meeting, which takes place immediately after the Conference.

David further informed the meeting that he was standing down as secretary of ALM as he had now completed five years in that post.

David explained that nominations had been received to fill all the posts of officers and trustees. Some nominations had been received on the understanding that they should be withdrawn if there were enough nominations to fill all posts. These requests have been respected.

The following nominations have been received and are presented to the AGM for acceptance.

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>
<b>Chair</b>	Kathy Safford
<b>Secretary</b>	Valerie Seabright
<b>Treasurer</b>	Ann McDonnell
<b>Membership Sec</b>	Noel Colleran
<b>Trustee (Vice Chair)</b>	Lisbeth Lindberg
<b>Trustee</b>	Jens Langpaap
<b>Trustee</b>	Sue East
<b>Trustee</b>	Tracy Part

There were no other nominations and so no place was contested.

The meeting endorsed all nominations unanimously.

The meeting was also informed that there were a further four nominations to be trustees, who will be co-opted at the next meeting of the Trustees, which will take place immediately after the conference.

Position	Name
Trustee	Marj Horne
Trustee	Mieke van Groenestijn
Trustee	David Kaye
Trustee	Tiggy Ayoub

It was noted that three long serving Trustees had stood down at this meeting, Diana Coben, Juergen Maasz and Alison Tomlin. The Chair thanked them for the work they had done for the organisation. The secretary reminded the meeting that at the AGM last year the position of Honorary Trustee was created and John O'Donoghue had been appointed. The secretary proposed that Diana Coben, Juergen Maasz and Alison Tomlin are all appointed as honorary trustees so the organisation and trustees can continue to benefit from their experience.

#### 5 Newsletter

#### 6 Future Directions

There was a discussion about accessibility of ALM conferences and activities for those from countries not traditionally represented up to now.

Two issues were identified.

- a) One was the accessibility of the local community (ie teachers and other interested groups) to the ALM conference when it is held in a non-English speaking country. It was suggested that some translation work, at least on abstracts, should be done. This had happened on two occasions into Spanish. Lisbeth explained that she had intended to arrange some translating into Swedish for ALM11, but this had proved very hard to do without institutional support. It was proposed by Betty Johnston and seconded by Diana Coben, that the Trustees investigate the use of up to 1000 Euros for the translation of conference abstracts. This was agreed nem con.
- b) The other was a discussion about how to enable attendance at conferences from those living and working in countries unable to afford to support from overseas conference journeys, particularly from Africa, Asia and South America. An example was given of the attempts to support a visit by Teeka Bhattarai from Nepal. It was recognised this was a complex subject and can involve sensitive situations. It was agreed that a sub-committee be set up.

#### 7 Announcements

- i Other business
- ii Future ALMs?
  - Possible future conferences ALM-13 2006 Belfast ALM-14, 2007 Limerick ALM-15, 2008 USA Philadelphia or Washington DC
- iii Vote of thanks

Kathy Safford