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MINUTES

BOARD MEETING

held Thursday 6 August 2009
at the Northern Midlands Council Chambers, Longford

PRESENT:

Frank Pearce (Chair), Tracey Bradley, Sue Buckland, Frank Dixon, Glenn Doyle, Karen Hampton, Mark Pitt, Paul West, Adam Wilson, Liz Gillam (Secretary)

VISIT BY MINISTER

The Minister for Local Government, Hon Jim Cox joined the meeting at 10.30 for about one hour during which time there was general discussion about a number of issues, including future structure of local government in Tasmania, planning reform, the review of infrastructure provision and the examination of the introduction of compulsory voting and other changes to council election processes.

Following the Minister's departure it was RESOLVED that LGMA approach the three major political parties seeking the position they will take on Local Government reform to the State election in 2010.

Executive Officer to prepare position paper.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved Frank Dixon Seconded Paul West
'That the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held Wednesday 4 June, as circulated, be confirmed.'
CARRIED

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Moved Frank Dixon Seconded Tracey Bradley
'That the Financial Statement be adopted.'
CARRIED

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Moved Glenn Doyle Seconded Mark Pitt
'That the accounts, as listed, be approved for payment.'
CARRIED

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

Moved Frank Dixon Seconded Paul West
'That KPMG be appointed as the auditor for 2008 - 2009.'
CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

It was RESOLVED that the incoming mail be noted and the outgoing mail endorsed.

Incoming

LGMA National – NEC agenda
 Capitation fee invoice
 Code of Ethics review
All Divisions (and NEC) re National/State responsibilities
LGMA West Australia – magazine; Conference brochure
John Martin re Political Management workshop
Business Affairs re Annual Report

Outgoing

Welcome to Stephen Brown and Raoul Harper
All members (email) – re Board vacancies
 Management Awards

MATTERS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

National/State responsibilities

See National Council.

John Martin workshop

It was RESOLVED that the offer to run the Political Management workshop in Tasmania should be accepted.

MEMBERSHIP

Applications for Ordinary membership

Moved Karen Hampton *Seconded* Mark Pitt
'That Abyilene McGuire, Jonathan Harmey, Stuart Jones, Shane Crawford and Matthew Grimsey be admitted as Members of LGMA'.

CARRIED

Resignations

The resignations of Greg Alomes, Andrew Beswick, Ian Brunt, David Jones, Jonathon Linden and John van Gaalen were noted.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The President reported that he had been on leave most of the period since the last meeting.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Office change over – finalised later than expected. Commenced at Kingston last week of July.
Sponsorship follow up – very positive response to date.
Commencement of Board process.
Management Excellence Awards.
Preparations for audit.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Local Government Conference

LGAT has advised that there will be no distribution from this year's Conference due to the additional costs associated with moving the dinner.
It was agreed that the Executive Officer should represent LGMA on the Organising Committee in future.

LGMA Conference and AGM

Frank Dixon reported that planning is proceeding well. Committee meets this afternoon. Good speakers secured. Still looking for L G speakers. Innovative entertainment to be provided at dinner. Wheelie Bin Challenge underway.

National Council

There has been no National Board Meeting since Darwin. Two NEC meetings. Next Board meeting is in Canberra in August and appointments are being made with a number of Ministers. The proposed planning day to examine national/state roles is to proceed in November (in future will be the Sunday prior to national Congress). An independent facilitator will be engaged.

Moved Glenn Doyle Seconded Frank Dixon
'That the expenses of the State President and Executive Officer to attend this workshop be met and also Tasmania's proportion of the workshop overheads'.

CARRIED

- Centre for Excellence – LGMA part of the winning bid.
- Management Challenge contract – put out for EOI. Presentations to NEC. Is proposed that LGMA national run this in-house.

Women in Local Government

National Business Plan has been released – much of it is predicated on funding from Australian Government which has not been confirmed.
'bang the table' (<http://corporate.bangthetable.com/>) has offered to create a website.

In Tasmania, it is planned to hold a conference for women working in local government and elected members in march 2010 near International Women's Day. Jude Munro, CEO Brisbane Council has indicated that she would be a speaker.

KPI Project

There has been no meeting of the Committee for two years even though members are named in the draft report. There are also errors in the draft report.
Executive Officer to follow up with Local Government Division.

Skills Group

No meetings have been held
Executive Officer to follow up with LGAT.

Professional Development Programs

- Appointment of PD subcommittee
- Moved Paul West Seconded Sue Buckland
'That Karen Hampton, Frank Dixon and Adam Wilson be appointed as the professional Development subcommittee'

CARRIED

- ELP update
- Due to the illness of Professor David Adams, the Emerging Leaders program has been postponed until early next year.

NORTHERN BRANCH

Last meeting was held at the Launceston Aquatic Centre with a presentation by Chris Zidak and Melissa Carlton and a tour for members who hadn't been previously.
It was noted that there are meeting rooms available for hire.
Next meeting is the AGM on 27 August.

SOUTHERN BRANCH

The last meeting was cancelled.
Next meeting is the AGM 23 September although this might have to be changed due to a clash with Quadrant function for GMs.

NORTH WEST BRANCH

Last meeting was held 15 July at Latrobe. 'Bring a friend' – lots of new faces.
Discussion about amalgamations, water and sewerage reform, shared service, management challenge, pandemics, professional development (both staff and elected members)

GENERAL BUSINESS

Meeting Day/dates for next year

Board happy to stay with Thursday meetings.
It was agreed that the Executive Officer should attempt to visit branch meetings during the year and also Councils.

DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

3.00 pm Wednesday 14 October Tidal Waters St Helens

PRESIDENT

DATE