

ALGWA - NSW

Executive Committee Meeting

Minutes
30 April 2011

Hosted by Mid-Western Regional Council

Welcome to Mudgee: Clr E Martens

Attendees: Clr Karen McKeown, Bev Spearpoint, Clr Colleen Fuller, Clr Vicki Scott, Clr Julie Griffiths, Clr Darriea Turley, Clr Jennifer Lecky, Clr Gabrielle O'Donnell; Clr Denise Wilton; Helen Cooper; Clr Fadwa Kebbie; Clr Jackie Greenow; Clr N Campbell

Minutes:

It was resolved that the minutes be accepted.
J Greenow/J Griffiths

Business Arising:

Clarification: web moderator's increase is for each six- month period.

Blacktown Conference Report – J Griffiths

- Over 60 registrations
- Will review one-day registrations
- Mailout – 400 - one to each councillor with covering letter
- Speakers organised
- Thursday registration 2 pm, conference begins 3 pm, closes 5 pm, buses at 6.40 pm to go to reception
- Friday 27th – low impact aerobics 7.30, conference registration 8 am, conference start 9 am
- Still working on increasing sponsorship
- Discussion re sponsorship, eg, visiting neighbouring councils requesting sponsorship – Nicole raised \$16000 for Ryde Conference
- GM of Ryde wrote to each GM in state calling for delegates
- Media blitz_ SMH, “Councillor”
- Promoting local products
- Blacktown sending another mass email
- Day rate will not include dinners etc
- Full registration can be split between individual delegates
- Need to look carefully at panel members

It was resolved that the President write to the acting General Manager of Mid-Western Regional Council congratulating Council for its progressive actions in supporting women in local government as evident by their place in the finals for the Local Government Awards, and requesting Council's urgent consideration to send councillors and staff to the Blacktown Conference.

C Fuller/N Campbell

Correspondence

In

- From Burwood re bid
- From Gosford re correspondence going to council
- From UNE re Marjorie Propsting Award

Out

- Notice re conference and dinner
- All life members re 60th anniversary dinner and Blacktown Conference
(C Fuller/D Turley)

Action: Invitation to dinner be resent to general managers, councillors and staff.

Treasurer's Report –J Leckie

Audited report tabled for presentation at the Annual General Meeting.

It was resolved that ALGWA reimburse the Bosco account of \$320 for the audit for the Annual General Meeting.

N Campbell/J Griffiths

It was resolved that the Treasurer's report be accepted.

J Leckie/B Spearpoint

National President's Report –D Turley

- Sent three mailouts for the Blacktown Conference
- Congratulations to K McKeown on receiving IWD award
- Congratulations to new minister – need to arrange a meeting
- Attended AGM in Melbourne and workshop on sustainability of National body
- Need to advertise 60th anniversary dinner
- Needs someone to nominate for National Secretary
- 50 50 Gender Equity program – 105 councils registered, 34 received bronze. Councils have to be reminded that they have to go for bronze.
- Promotional material being arranged
- Stall at Blacktown Conference
- Darwin, Kogarah, Tiwi Island and Ryde going for Silver Award
- International Conference for women in engineering in Adelaide – need to encourage staff to attend
- GROW facility – asked for promotional support for seminars on economics and gender-based business – “Why Women Mean Business” 19 May Sydney
- National Rural Women's Coalition – 1300 women in webinar on IWD
- LGMA Conference
- Awards Presentation – when can they be given – should be ALGA Conference – Gold national and Silver and Bronze for State conferences
- Ryde Conference - \$19500 to go to National Board and shared with NSW ALGWA
- Will send out thank you to Ryde

D Turley/ B Spearpoint

It was resolved that ALGWA NSW prepare certificates for Ryde for the National Conference.

B Spearpoint/N Campbell

It was resolved that, in order to sustain the National Board, ALGWA NSW ensures that \$10 000 from the Ryde money stay with the National Board.

K McKeown/N Campbell

Mentoring Project

D Turley and N Campbell currently working on this.

Media Report – N Campbell

- Media re K McKeown's award
- Letter to editor re Mosman's rejection of women's committee
- Look at generating support for wage test case
- Write to Premier (cc Minister for Women) asking for reversal of recent withdrawal of support by NSW

Newsletter Report – D Wilton

- IWD articles for newsletter
- Editor to look into purchase of printer by ALGWA
- Copies of newsletter to be printed for distribution at Blacktown

Web Report – J Griffiths

- Looking at changes for front page
- Maintaining good standard
- Will check hits and emails
- Review links on webpage
- Thanks to Ian for support

Memberships – B Spearpoint

- 73 individual members, 15 life members, 59 council members
- Problem with missing renewals
- Need to know how to take memberships
- Will not use machine at conference
- Will ensure roster is made up for stall to be manned during breaks
- Issues with memberships over few years
- Need to explore interactive membership renewals
- Look at process of membership renewals with renewals going to the membership officer in the first instance
- Incorporated organisation – secretary is the first point of contact
- Need to identify benefits for members on the web site
- Penrith – number of women who are professionally benefitting by ALGWA membership
- Post conference – meet with Penrith GM for feedback session for staff initially – indications of professional success
- Explore social media opportunities

*It was resolved that Allyson Bradford's membership renewal be permitted to be processed, including the right to vote at the 2011 AGM, due to renewal problems.
J Greenow/H Cooper*

*It was resolved that all members of the Executive send to the Secretary dot points regarding benefits for ALGWA for advertising and member encouragement.
J Greenow/H Cooper*

General Business

- Blacktown t-shirt – opportunities to purchase
- Awards – need to look at available awards at every meeting
- Email from LGSA re invitation for the President to attend their conference

*It was resolved that ALGWA writes to the LGSA accepting the invitation on behalf of the President or immediate past president.
J Greenow/B Spearpoint*

*It was resolved that K McKeown be reimbursed For \$80 for flowers sent to Kaele Way.
J Greenow/H Cooper*

- Strategic planning workshop – developed project brief
- President contacted a facilitator who will provide costings
- President will contact other facilitators
- Brief to be sent to B Spearpoint for possible facilitator
- Marjorie Propsting Award – distribute draft to Executive members – can be used for recognition of ALGWA

*It was resolved that ALGWA writes to the UNE thanking them for their work over the years and informing them that we will manage the award inhouse in future.
K McKeown/J Greenow*

- Aim for launch of Marjorie Propsting Awards at Blacktown
- Award valued at \$1500

*It was resolved that Review of Constitution be a standing item on the Executive Agenda.
B Spearpoint/D Wilton*

Motions for Annual Conference

Leave Entitlements and other family friendly workplace practices for domestic violence victims within NSW Local Government Areas
*ALGWA NSW lobbies various bodies, ie, LGA, LGMA, all NSW councils, the ASU and USU, and other groups as necessary, for insertion of a clause in the EBA/LG State Award to have up to 20 days special leave and flexible work practices for such appointments as doctors, family law, court appearances etc, taking a proactive approach to a problem that affects working families and communities.
B Spearpoint/D Wilton*

Hosting Executive meetings

Expressions of interest be received by the ALGWA NSW Executive to host five Executive meetings (regional and city), including a commitment by the host council that they organise, in partnership with ALGWA, a community women's forum at the time of the Executive meeting.

B Spearpoint/V Scott

Life memberships

*It is recommended that Karen McKeown be granted life membership of ALGWA NSW.
J Griffiths/D Turley*

*It is recommended that Darriea Turley be granted life membership of ALGWA NSW.
K McKeown/J Griffiths*

2012 Conference Dubbo

- Preliminary discussions have been held
- Dubbo has been notified regarding availability of stall at the Blacktown conference.

The next meeting will be held at the conclusion of the Blacktown Conference on the Sunday morning.