



Minutes for the Australian Local Government Women's Association (NSW) Executive Meeting

Held at Mosman on 11 February 2011

Attendees: K McKeown, J Griffiths, D Turley, B Spearpoint, D Wilmot, H Cooper, V Scott, G O'Donnell, F Kebbe, J Greenow, J Leckie

Apologies: N Campbell, C Fuller
(H Cooper/F Kebbe)

Minutes: *It was resolved that the minutes as amended be adopted.*
(J Griffiths/G O'Donnell)

Action Items
(G O'Donnell/H Cooper)

Treasurer's Report – Jennifer Leckie: as attached.
(J Leckie/F Kebbe)

Membership Report – Bev Spearpoint: 49 Councils
66 individuals
(B Spearpoint/V Scott)

Correspondence Report – Vicki Scott:

President's Report – Karen Mckeown:

- Sent thank you letter, draft media release and photo to Mayor of Gosford
- Reviewed AGM motions with Vicki
- Contacted DLG re councillor seminar and clash with Ryde Conference. Ross Woodward issued a circular re more training in early 2011
- GM guidelines copied and posted out – no feedback received
- Attended meeting at request of shadow LG advisor on 25 Nov
- Pedometers arranged for Ryde Conference – very popular
- Membership renewals emailed and posted out
- Various emails for newsletter and conference reminders
- Sent invoice to all 152 councils
- Email to provide feedback to National Board on logo, conference guide and expression of interest for 2012 conference
- Meeting with Keith Rhodes as per last Exec resolution regarding women's agenda
- Liaising with Blacktown re invitations for conference
- Re-draft of current guidelines for 2013 conference



- Email invitations for Minister's Awards morning tea
- Along with other Exec members, met with LGMA Women's Committee Chair re ways we may collaborate
- Email re affiliation fees from National President circulated
- Mentoring grant update circulated
- YOWILG report to be sent to LGMA.

LGMA's Womens Committee – Karen Mckeown:

- Offered to work in partnership with ALGWA.
- Aims at staff issues.
- Can be a vehicle to advertise for women's awards.
- Conscious of LGMA's resources.

(K Mckeown/J Griffiths)

It was resolved that payment of \$2871 be made for four pedometers and Canterbury Council be reimbursed for \$44 (double payment).

(B Spearpoint/J Greenow)

National Report – Darriea Turley

- NSW ALGWA, particularly Nicole, Gabrielle, Julie and Karen to be thanked for work on National Conference.
- Great communiqué out of National Conference.
- Include communiqué in strategic planning and the next meeting.
- Affiliations need to be reviewed. Board costs being absorbed by members.
- Will ensure a full annual report is given to secretary for distribution.
- Seeking to coopt a secretary for National board.
- 60th anniversary – Victoria expressed interest in organising for 19 June at Old Parliament House.
- Gender Equity Program – workshop in Ryde. Big change through YOWILG.
- Ambassadors' great job. No more ambassadors – champions identified through Gender Equity Program.
- Gender Equity Silver Award due soon.
- National Conference – EOI put out – none received.
- Mentoring program – need to put in report to Feds – asking Nicole to write it up.
- Forming Friends of ALGWA(Nat) – not councils – based on LGMA/WILG partnership.
- National Rural Women's Coalition Network – webinar program to connect women together hosted by Geraldine Doogue – published in LGA paper.
- Will send outline of above issues to Denise for the newsletter.
- ALGWA National President will only get to states every second year due to budget constraints.

(D Turley/F Kebbe)

National Conference – Darriea Turley

- Issues with Stanford Hotel
- Difficulties with access to conference room and morning tea
- Issues with food
- Speakers fantastic



- Difficulties with chairs and writing
- Thank South Australia for the wine
- Congratulations to Karen, Gabrielle, and Nicole for their work
- Reports from conference being compiled
- Request from Ryde for copies of presentations
- Communique needs to be addressed by ALGWA – valuable document
- Venue for Mayoral Reception too far away
- For future conferences, the Executive has to walk through the floor plan.

(J Griffiths/B Spearpoint)

It was resolved that ALGWA (NSW) write to Betty?? thanking her for the wine.

(J Griffiths/B Spearpoint)

It was resolved that ALGWA (NSW) write to the General Manager of Ryde Council and the Conference Committee thanking them for their work on the conference.

(J Griffiths/B Spearpoint)

Blacktown Conference – J Griffiths:

- Mayoral Reception at AFL/Cricket Stadium
- Conference at Rooty Hill
- Register interest – link on website
- Draft of sponsorship document tabled
- Letters sent to Julia Gillard and others re speaking
- Registration document – seek comment re pricing
- \$50 000 budget – wary of spending.

(J Griffiths/H Cooper)

Marjorie Propsting Scholarship:

- Aimed at local government staff and elected representatives
- Need photos – seek from Lane Cove Council
- Selection Committee – President, Treasurer and an outsider

It was resolved that the Marjorie Propsting Award be open for all female ALGWA members – elected and staff.

(B Spear point/J Greenow)

- Qld and WA have Diploma in Local Govt
- Check resolutions in previous minutes re amount of scholarship

Paid Parental Leave – B Spearpoint

- Introduced
- Difficult for employer
- Union put out flyer
- 2 Feb bill before Parliament committee to stop burden of payment on employer
- Federal Govt scheme can't be taken at half pay
- Employer has to register to administer the Federal system



Newsletter – D Wilton

- Distributed to state branches by National President
- Grateful to Karen for proofing
- Next edition started – 60th anniversary and IWD
- Distribute 1 May 2011

Web Update – J Griffiths

- Continually changing site
- National site models our site – Ian Cave updates
- Uploaded Blacktown conference
- Cleaned up items
- Difficulty with conference photos
- Users to check links
- Need to identify someone who may want to take on role of web coordinator
- Need to update profiles
- Good job by Ian
- Looking at remodelling front page

*It was resolved that ALGWA increases the moderator's fee by \$50.
(J Griffiths/D Turley)*

General Business

It was resolved that we write to ALGWA's life members (14):

1. *congratulating them for their contribution to women in local government,*
2. *inviting them to attend the 60th Anniversary Dinner in Canberra and Blacktown Conference,*
3. *acknowledging their life memberships*
4. *request information to go on website*
5. *request contact details*
6. *verify date life membership was granted*

(D Turley/B Spearpoint)

It was resolved that we write to all female councillors inviting them to the 60th Anniversary Dinner in Canberra and the Blacktown Conference, and include membership forms.

(D Turley/J Greenow)

- *Need to make distinction for delegates at conference regarding their eligibility to vote.*
- *1st March opening for IWD Poster Exhibition at Parliament House – calling for posters*
- *IWD march in Sydney on 12 March*

It was resolved that we progress a review of the training program and fine tuning progress of Women in Local Government with a view to relaunch.

(D Turley/J Greenow)

It was resolved that we carry out an audit of ex-members with a view to:

1. *sending them a membership form and inviting them to attend the 60th Anniversary Dinner*
2. *producing a list of names for personal contact by Executive members.*

(J Greenow/B Spearpoint)



- Need to target other LGSA female Executive members regarding ALGWA membership.

It was resolved that we place a standing order on the agenda covering a review of awards available and possible nominees.

(V Scott/F Kebbe)

Next meeting at Mudgee 30 April 2011.