



SPERA AGM MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2013

Attendees: Don Boyd, Michael Preece, John Borserio, Emmy Terry, Don Boyd, Graeme Lock, Gary Allen,.

Apologies: Karen Noble, Robyn Henderson, Paula Jervis-Tracey; Sue Ledger; Kim Donaldson, Greg Hay, Vincent Connor, Ross Kelly, Bronwyn Ellis, Jodie Kline, Michelle Miller, Phil Brown, Brian O'Neill.

Meeting opened at 4.00pm (Eastern Standard Time)

TOPIC	Discussion	Action / Who
Welcome	Welcome from Michael Preece (Chair)	
Acceptance of minutes	Minutes from 27 September 2012 recorded as a true and accurate record of event. Noted that Michael was not recorded as an attendee. Correction. Moved: John Borserio Seconded: Gary Allen Passed	
Business Arising	Action: Special meeting of the new executive to be held in October to nominate portfolios – Emmy to liaise with Karen.	
President's report	President's report covers the activities carried out by SPERA over the year. Must consider timing of conference and its implications. Sub-committee encouraged to progress the pre-Service portfolio so something concrete happens. Graeme is not continuing as Editor – a vote of thanks for Graeme over the work he has undertaken over the last 5 years as chief editor. Acceptance of the report moved: Graeme Lock Seconded: Don Boyd	
Treasurer's Report	Presented by Don Boyd Reports presented as of the 31 st of June 2013, consistent with BAS statement. SPERA now maintains 5 accounts (Operating and Conference, Cash reserve Account and 2 term deposits and 1 Paypal). Financial report indicated that SPERA ran at a loss of - \$4,194.91. Questions queried the loss. Don noted that this was due to conducting two conferences in one year and the timing of payments. In addition the expenditure for AITSL Illustrations of practice occurred	



	<p>over the 2012/2013 financial year while 50% of fund (\$13750) was received in the previous financial year.</p> <p>The Financial Report (Profit and Loss and Balance Sheet) is now included for your information.</p> <p>Position as at end financial year: \$ 69,956.16</p> <p>John noted that usually at the AGM the financial report is provided. However, the Financial report was only just received prior to meeting so will be emailed after meeting with the minutes.</p> <p>While SPERA has built up its account over the last three to four years – to run effectively we really should aim for a balance of \$150,000.</p> <p>Acceptance of financial report for 2012-2013 be moved: Don Boyd Seconded: Graeme Lock</p> <p>Our appreciation to Don for his work as treasurer: Unanimously endorsed by all.</p>	
Nominations for Executive	<p>Nominations received from:</p> <p>Gary Allen Don Boyd John Borserio Tania Broadley Vincent Connor Robyn Henderson Paula Jervis-Tracey Jodie Kline Sue Ledger Karen Noble Brian O'Neill Michael Preece Emmy Terry</p> <p>The constitution allows for the inclusion of 10 members on the executive with the ability to co-opt additional members as required.</p> <p>Moved by John Borserio that all 13 nominations be accepted for the executive committee Seconded: Don Boyd Accepted: Unanimously</p>	
Allocation of Leadership roles and portfolios	All roles to be decided at an executive meeting to be held at a special meeting of the executive via teleconference in mid-October	To be recorded
Appointment of Public Officer	<p>Michael Preece moved that Charles Bradley continue as the Public Officer of SPERA. Seconded: John Borserio Accepted: Unanimous</p>	
SPERA 30 th National	Karen to provide update on her return to Australia.	Karen Noble



Conference		
AREA Award Changes	<p>Applications will be invited from rural remote schools, universities and learning centres for the 2014 AREA Awards. Awards will be made in three divisions.</p> <p>Division One The SPERA Award will be given to an existing project that has a proven link between a school or learning context and its community in a rural and remote setting that works and improves outcomes for a defined group of students.</p> <p>The successful applicant will receive \$2,000 to be used to build the project's sustainability. Representatives will be funded to attend and participate in the annual SPERA conference. The award will be presented at the conference dinner.</p> <p>Division Two A future project that supports new and creative thinking in professional practice aimed at improving student outcomes in a rural and remote setting. This award will encourage innovation and provides seeding resources to support the project.</p> <p>The successful applicant will receive \$2,000 to support the project. Attendance at the conference is encouraged and a report for the 2015 conference required.</p> <p>Division Three In this division five pre-service citations will be awarded to pre-service students or institutions recognising demonstrated excellence in professional learning practice in rural and remote settings.</p> <p>The above descriptions are generic awaiting executive approval. If accepted detail will be developed.</p> <p>The funding recommendations are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sponsorship for divisions two and three, giving naming rights to the awards. 2. An additional \$50 per registration to the conference. <p>Applications for each division will be made online, with a more detailed examination of shortlisted applicants.</p> <p>Onus will be on the Committee to promote the Award - someone from each state. Sub-committee will meet shortly to progress the Award.</p> <p>Moved: Accept changes that are detailed in the president's report: John Borserio Seconded: Gary Allen Accepted: Unanimous</p>	John Borserio / Gary Allen
Other Business Membership	<p>Moved: Don Boyd moved the motion that the Standard membership remain as for 2012/2013 - \$110.00; International Rate - \$155.00 Seconded: Gary Allen</p> <p>Motion: Retiree rate to be the same as Post Graduate Rate: \$60.00</p>	Emmy Terry



	<p>Moved: Gary Allen Seconded: Don Boyd</p>	
Notices of Motion	<p>SPERA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2013 - NOTICE OF MOTION</p> <p>MOTION 1: Changes to 3. SPERA Mission Statement</p> <p>To propose a change to the SPERA Constitution Section 3: Mission Statement to reflect ongoing priorities for the association.</p> <p>The proposed changes to the Mission statement are:</p> <p>3.1 Advocating for and supporting the provision of quality education and training in rural contexts; 3.2 Promoting a positive view of education in rural areas and encouraging innovation and initiative in the provision of rural education services 3.3 Providing a forum for the sharing of concerns, issues and experiences relating to education and training in rural areas 3.4 Collaborating with Universities to support the recruitment and retention of educators or careers in rural education contexts.</p> <p>Moved: Gary Allen Seconded: Graeme Lock Carried Unanimously: No one spoke against this motion.</p> <p>MOTION 2: Changes to Part VI Additional Rules Applicable to Charities</p> <p>To propose a change to the SPERA Constitution Section 44: Payment, etc., of Office-Bearers and Members. In line with the Associations Incorporation Act 1981 and Associations Regulation 1999, SPERA can make changes to their written set of rules in terms of how the management committee works. Any changes to the Association rules need to be made constitutionally (a change to the incorporated association's rules by votes of 75% of the members who are present and entitled to vote).</p> <p>The motion is to allow for the payment of an honorarium to the nominated and elected Executive Officer, with the amount payable reviewed on annual basis and dependent upon the ongoing financial viability of the organisation</p> <p>The proposed changes to Section 44.1 are: 44.1 A member of the National Executive shall not normally be appointed to any salaried office of SPERA or any office of the Society paid by fees and not remuneration or other benefit in money or moneys worth shall be given by the society to any member of the National Executive except:</p> <p>a) Repayment of out-of-pocket expenses; b) Interest at a rate not exceeding interest at the rate for the time being which is or would be charged by the Society's bankers for money lent to the Society;</p>	



	<p>c) Reasonable and proper rent for premises let to the Society; d) An annually-approved honorarium paid to the Executive Officer to support the National Executive administratively.</p> <p>Moved: John Borserio Seconded : Michael Preece Carried Unanimously: No one spoke against this motion</p> <p>Action: Constitution to be amended to reflect this.</p>	
Thank You's	Michael thanked Graeme for all his help over the years and wished him the best for the future. A special thank you also to outgoing executive: Elaine Sharplin and Susan Robinson.	

Meeting closed at Eastern Standard Time 4:42 Eastern Standard Time.