



DNI Defensa de los Niños Internacional

DCI Defence for Children International (Australia)

DEI Défense des Enfants International

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2003/4

HELD AT: THE YOUTH AFFAIRS COUNCIL OF VICTORIA
1 Elizabeth St Melbourne
and
ASSOCIATION OF CHILDRENS WELFARE AGENCIES
Level 2, 323 Castlereagh St Sydney

ON: November 25 2004

PRESENT : *in Sydney* - Judy Cashmore (President); Simon Quilty (arrived late)
in Melbourne - Diana Batsias; Liz de Vries; Janet Jukes (National Secretary);
Barbara Rogalla
by Phone - Jan Hervey; Sue Packer; Moira Rayner (arrived late)

1. Opening and welcome by President

The President, Judy Cashmore, opened the meeting at 5:15pm.

2. Apologies

The following apologies were noted: Professor Graham Vimpani, Peter Briffa, Michael Antrum, June Wangmann, Vivi Germanos-Koutsounadis, (Dir Ethnic Child Care, Family and Community Services Coop), Sue Tregeagle (Barnados), Judy Finlason (Network of Community Activities)

3. President's report

A copy of the President's Report was distributed to the meeting. A copy is attached.

Judy noted that the main and ongoing work of DCI is the joint preparation with National Children's and Youth Law Centre of the second alternative report to the UN Committee on CROC.

Judy also noted Helen Mattick's work in maintaining the financial records and membership of the organisation and thanked her for her commitment and work.

The report was accepted:

Moved: Judy Cashmore / **Seconded:** Diana Batsias



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4. Financial report for the year

The audited financial reports were tabled. They showed a small surplus at the end of the financial year. The financial reports were signed off by Judy and Janet on behalf of the National Committee as the Treasurer's position is currently vacant.

There was discussion concerning the reduction of memberships and membership income. It was suggested that the committee consider a membership drive around the production of the Alternative Report.

The financial report was accepted:

Moved: Diana Batsias

Seconded : Barbara Rogalla

5. Nomination of Auditor for the coming year

It was agreed that Peter Irving and Co. should be the auditor for the coming year.

Moved: Judy Cashmore

Seconded: Sue Packer

6. Nominations for Committee membership and executive positions

The following nominations were accepted unanimously:

President: Judy Cashmore
Vice-Pres: June Wangmann
Secretary: vacant
Treasurer: Janet Jukes

Committee: Moira Rayner (WA/Vic)
Peter Briffa (Tas)
Diana Batsias (Vic)
Simon Quilty (NT)
Sue Packer (ACT)
Jen Harvey (SA)

7. Other business

- a) Janet agreed to undertake the duties of the Treasurer until the position can be filled.
- b) Judy noted that Anne Stenhouse has agreed to do the editing of *Australian Children's Rights News* which is appreciated and will take much of the work load from the President.
- c) Discussion was held about a possible change of office from YACVic to the National Children's and Youth Legal Centre in Sydney. Janet and Judy will continue to pursue this option.

8. Meeting closed. The President closed the meeting at 5:55pm.