

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS & ASSOCIATES OF MISSIONS INTERLINK

1.30 AEDT PM Thursday, 17 November 2016
Melbourne (Conference Room, V M Ambrose House, 5 Court St, Box Hill)
with a Skype venue at Sydney (Global Recordings Network 1/36 Stoddart Road, Prospect)

MINUTES

Chair: Geoff Colton

- 1. Opening:** Geoff Colton welcomed all those attending in Melbourne and Sydney. He read from Romans 15:1, speaking of supporting and encouraging one another through unity, and then opened the meeting in prayer.
- 2. Present:** As per attendance lists in each venue. 15 proxies were also received and have been distributed.
- 3. Apologies:** We have received a number of apologies which will be noted.
- 4. Acceptance of minutes of Annual General Meeting 14 October 2015**
Motion: that the minutes of the 2015 Annual Meeting held on 14 October 2015 be accepted.
Moved: Ian Pugsley (Transform4Life) Seconded: Christine Gobius (Interserve Australia), APPROVED

5. Annual Report

The National Director, Pam Thyer was thanked for her work by the Chairman and then spoke to her written annual report which had been circulated. She highlighted Missions Interlink's achievements over the year in building capacity in the four strategic areas of: community; competency; credibility; and integrity. Pam also expressed her appreciation to the National Leadership Team and Missions Interlink staff and volunteers.

Motion: that the National Director's Report be received.

Moved: Glenda de Jager (Mukti Australia) Seconded: Matthew Maury (Tear Australia), APPROVED

6. Reception of Financial Report for year ending 30 June 2016 (audited)

The Treasurer's report as circulated was tabled.

Motion: that the Australian Evangelical Alliance Inc. audited Financial Statements for 2015/16 be accepted.

Moved: Barry Borneman (Wycliffe Australia) Seconded: Stuart Brown (Mission Enterprises) APPROVED

7. Budget for 2016 - 2017

The Chairman tabled the 2016/17 budget for Australian Evangelical Alliance (AEA) as approved by the AEA Board.

Motion: that the 2016/17 Australian Evangelical Alliance Inc. budget be received.

Moved: Simon Longden (Pioneers Australia) Seconded: John Anderson (Tahlee Ministries) APPROVED

It was noted that the budget has grown significantly over the last 10 years and thanks were given to God for his provision.

8. National Leadership Team membership

a) Election of Member /Associate Representatives

The Chairman reported that there had been three nominations for three vacancies for Member/Associate representatives on the NLT: Darrell Jackson, Simon Longden and Steve Preston.

As the number of nominations was the same as the number of vacancies the three nominees were declared elected.

b) Endorsement of State/Territory Representatives

Motion: that Judy Kay (MI NSW), Glenda de Jager (MI Vic), David Turnbull (MI SA) are endorsed as members of the National Leadership Team.

Moved: David Mills (Aztem), Seconded: Christine Gobius (Interserve Australia) APPROVED

It was noted that no nomination has yet been received from MI WA. MI Queensland is not currently operating as a state branch, so not entitled to a nomination.

c) Approval of Not More Than Three Co-opted Persons

The Chairman advised that the Missions Interlink Regulations permitted the National Leadership Team to appoint up to three co-opted persons to assist it in its activities, subject to the approval of the Annual Meeting.

The National Leadership Team nominated the following people be co-opted to it: Richard Dickins (to continue in the role of Treasurer), Mark Chapman (to provide representation from MI Queensland), and Omar Djoeandy (to help provide continuity with a change of Chairman and National Director).

Motion: that Richard Dickins, Mark Chapman and Omar Djoeandy are co-opted to the NLT.

Moved: Johan Linder (OMF) Seconded: Christine Platt (Gobal Recordings Network) APPROVED

9. Any other business

Richard Dickins presented a Minute of Appreciation for Geoff Colton as follows:

This meeting expresses its great appreciation to Geoff Colton for his contribution to the Missions Interlink National Leadership Team. Geoff joined the NLT in February 2011 as the representative of the Missions Interlink South Australia State Leadership Team, and has served in that role until his retirement from the NLT on 17 November 2016. During this time on the NLT Geoff served as the Chairman of the NLT and as a member and Chairman of the Board of the Australian Evangelical Alliance Incorporated since 2014.

We particularly wish to acknowledge the humble and gracious way that Geoff has exercised his leadership, the wisdom that he has displayed as Chairman during a time of change for Missions Interlink, and the significant role he played in the development of the Missions Interlink ministry in the Northern Territory, and the Aldinga Beach Retreat, among a number of other projects. We give thanks to God for Geoff and for the way that the Lord has blessed us through him.

Moved: Barry Borneman Seconded: Omar Djoeandy APPROVED

The Chairman notified the meeting that Pam Thyer will be stepping down as National Director in April/May next year. The position description for the new National Director will be circulated next week. The suitable applicant will preferably come from Sydney or Melbourne but the location is secondary to finding the right candidate.

10. Close meeting

The Chairman closed the meeting in prayer at 2:30 pm.

Signed (Chair):

Date