



Australian Council of Social Service

Minutes of the Special General Meeting, Wednesday 9 August 2017

Isaac Nichols Room, Startrack House, Ground Floor 219-241 Cleveland Street Strawberry Hills NSW 2012

Chair

Hang Vo Deputy President ACOSS

Attendees

Jeremy Halcrow Deputy President ACOSS, Anglicare Australia proxy
Darlene Cox ACOSS Director, ACTCOSS proxy
Peter McNamara ACOSS Director, Good Shepherd Microfinance
David Panter ACOSS Director, SACOSS
Elenie Poulos ACOSS Director
Mat Rowell ACOSS Director, TASCOS, Relationships Australia proxy
Jane Stanley ACOSS Director, National Council of Single Mothers and Their Children proxy
Cassandra Goldie ACOSS CEO
Rebecca Vassarotti ACOSS
Michael Raper ACOSS
Charmaine Crowe ACOSS
Penny Dorsch ACOSS
Laurie Robertson Salvation Army
Sue-Ellen McCaffrey NCOSS proxy
Ngila Bevan People with Disability Australia

Proxies

Susan Helyar ACT Council of Social Service (ACTCOSS)
Darryl O'Donnell Australian Federation of Aids Organisations (AFAO)
Jenny Macaffer Adult Learning Australia
Roland Manderson Anglicare
Marcia Balzer BaptistCare
Tony Nicholson Brotherhood of St Laurence
Fiona Guthrie Financial Counselling Australia
David Thompson Jobs Australia
Catherine Yeomans Mission Australia
Adrian Pisarski National Shelter
Terese Edwards National Council of Single Mothers and Their Children
Jayne Lloyd NT Council of Social Service (NTCOSS)
Alison Brook Relationships Australia
Ben Watkinson Smith Family

Apologies

Tony Reidy ACOSS President
Stella Avramopoulos ACOSS Director, VCOSS
Tony Davies ACOSS Director, NCOSS
John Falzon ACOSS Director, St Vincent de Paul
Kate Tully ACOSS Director, QCOSS
Jayne Lloyd ACOSS Director, NTCOSS
Lyn Morgain ACOSS Director, cohealth
Tracey Stevens ACOSS Director
Debra Zanella ACOSS Director, WACOSS
Tom Hannan Red Cross
Michael Moore Public Health Association of Australia
John Mills Individual Members
Katherine Boyle Welfare Rights Centre NSW
LGBTIQ Support and Protection Services Inc.

Minutes

Erin Snelgrove ACOSS



Meeting opened at: 4.35pm

Item	Report and outcomes	Action/Resolution
1.	<p>Welcome</p> <p>The Chair acknowledged the Gadigal People of the Eora nation as the traditional custodians of the land on which we are meeting, and paid respect to their Elders past and present.</p> <p>The Chair noted that Tony Reidy, President of ACOSS and intended Chair of the meeting, was unable to attend due to unforeseen circumstances. Tony's tremendous leadership, tenacity and patience were acknowledged as having been instrumental in having the governance reform process reach this point.</p> <p>The work undertaken by Rebecca Vassarotti, in liaison with pro bono lawyers, Ashurst, was also noted as having been exceptional and critical to the successful drafting of the new Constitution. The Chair acknowledged Simon Schrapel, former President and previous Chair of the Governance Reform Committee has played an instrumental role in driving the reform which commence in earnest about six years ago. Barrister and VCOSS Board Director, Tony Lang was also thanked for the important role he played in providing pro bono advice to the Committee.</p>	
2.	<p>Attendance and Apologies</p> <p>CEO noted apologies and proxies received.</p> <p>Members eligible to vote and eligible proxies were confirmed to have received voting cards. It was also noted that some proxies were deemed invalid due to having been allocated to Tony Reidy, who was unable to be at the meeting due to unforeseen circumstances.</p>	
3.	<p>Background to the special resolutions</p> <p>A briefing on the special resolutions was provided by the Chair.</p>	
4.	<p>Special resolutions</p> <p>The threshold to passing the resolution was noted. The following resolutions were put forward by David Panter, ACOSS Director and SACOSS representative:</p> <p>That the Association:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. repeals any existing rules and objects in respect of ACOSS in accordance with sections 30 and 33 of the Associations Incorporation Act 1991 (ACT) (the Associations Incorporation Act); and b. adopts the rules and objects as set out in Annexure A in accordance with sections 30 and 33 of the Associations Incorporation Act as its rules and objects in substitution for, and to the exclusion of, the existing constitution and the model rules set out in the Associations Incorporation Act. 	<p><u>Resolved:</u> To put the motion forward, David Panter, SACOSS</p> <p><u>Seconded:</u> Jane Stanley, NCSMC</p> <p><u>Show of hands:</u> All</p> <p><u>Dissent:</u> None</p> <p><u>Abstain:</u> None</p> <p><u>The Chair declared the resolutions passed.</u></p>

MEETING CLOSED 5.00pm