



**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting  
19 July 2007  
Sebel and Citigate Hotel, Anne St Brisbane QLD Australia**

## **1 Welcome**

At 9.05 am, President, Sue Ballard, welcomed officers, delegates and members to the 2007 Annual General Meeting

### **Introductions**

|                        |                 |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| Vice President Finance | Vera Tibbertsma |
| Secretary              | Alan Raisbeck   |
| Parliamentarian        | Margaret Grand  |
| President              | Sue Ballard     |

### **Acknowledgments**

The following Australian Appointed Officers and Standing Committee Chairman were acknowledged at the Honours Luncheon:

|  |                        |
|--|------------------------|
| Accreditation                              | Barbara Hewlett-Pawlow |
| By-laws and Resolutions                    | Rosemary Michael       |
| Communications Liaison Officer             | Judy Barr-David        |
| Extension Chairman                         | Bronwyn Ritchie        |
| Gazette Editor                             | Bernadette Knight      |
| Nominations and Elections                  | Patricia Cartwright    |
| Parliamentarian                            | Margaret Grand         |
| Public officer and Speech Contest Chairman | Marina Harries         |
| Webmaster and Conference Coordinator       | Alan Raisbeck          |
| Protocol Officer                           | Mair Newman            |
| Writing Contest Chairman                   | Stephanie Dey          |
| Conference Treasurer                       | Joan Hajek             |
| Program and Education                      | Rose McMillan          |
| Registrations                              | Rhonda McKechnie       |
| Credentials                                | Ruth Pieber            |
| Hospitality                                | Lorraine Sedgwick      |
| Conference Secretary                       | Carol Punyer           |
| <br>                                       |                        |
| Past International Presidents              | Rhonda McKechnie       |
| <br>                                       |                        |
| Past International Officers                | Jane Harris            |

Past Region Presidents and Supervisors:

Patricia Bryan  
Patricia Cartwright  
Joan Earl  
Margaret Hooper  
Rosemary Michael  
Mair Newman  
Val Porter  
Carol Punyer  
Alan Raisbeck  
Margaret Ruffey

Timers  
Minutes Approving  
Pages for Business Session

Vicki Lamb and Celia Mullane  
Rhonda McKechnie and Gwenda Pearson  
Joan Hajek and Loraine Sedgwick

## 2 Roll Call and Credentials Report

| Club                           | Charter |
|--------------------------------|---------|
| Armidale Communicators         | 2419    |
| Blacktown City Communicators   | 1720    |
| Brisbane Central Communicators | 1647    |
| Broadwater Communicators       | 3606    |
| Diamond Valley Communicators   | 2968    |
| Doncaster Communicators        | 2090    |
| Fairlight Communicators        | 3159    |
| Geraldton Communicators        | 3050    |
| Grenfell Communicators         | 2518    |
| Kalori Communicators           | 3334    |
| Launceston Communicators       | 1974    |
| Luv-It Public Speaking Club    | 3497    |
| Maroubra Communicators         | 2973    |
| Mt Gravatt Communicators       | 2596    |
| Parkview Club ITC              | 3349    |
| Shoalhaven Communicators       | 2784    |
| South Perth Communicators      | 3605    |
| Southside Speakers             | 1369    |
| Warringal Club ITC             | 2332    |
| Waverley Communicators         | 2374    |
| Wollongong Communicators       | 1344    |

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|---|----|
| Number of <b>clubs in region</b>                          | 25 |
| Number of <b>clubs in good standing</b>                   | 25 |
| Number of <b>delegates registered</b>                     | 21 |
| Number of <b>apologies received</b>                       | 0  |
| Number of <b>clubs which have not replied</b>             | 4  |
| Number of <b>delegates present</b>                        | 21 |
| Number of <b>delegates required for a quorum</b>          | 11 |
| Number of <b>delegates required for a simple majority</b> | 11 |
| Number of <b>delegates required for a 3/4 majority</b>    | 16 |

### **3 Quorum and Opening**

The number of delegates required for a quorum was 11. There being 21 delegates present, Sue Ballard declared the 2007 Annual General Meeting of ITC Australian Region open.

### **4 Credentials Report**

Motion: that the Credentials Report be received  
Moved : Wollongong  
Seconded : Geraldton  
Motion Carried

### **5 Apologies**

Apologies were received from the President of Armidale Communicators, Barbara Burton.

Motion : that the apologies be accepted  
Moved : Brisbane Central  
Seconded : Parkview  
Motion Carried

### **6 Conference Program**

Rose McMillan, Conference Program and Education Chairman, gave alterations to the program.

### **7 Conference Rules**

Motion : that the conference rules be adopted  
Moved : Fairlight  
Seconded : South Perth  
Motion Carried

### **8 Minutes of 2006 Annual General Meeting**

The Minutes of the 2005 Annual General Meeting were circulated.

Motion :that the minutes of the 2006 Annual General Meeting of the Australian Region as circulated be confirmed  
Moved: Shoalhaven  
Seconded: Broadwater  
Motion Carried

### **Business Arising from the Minutes**

Motion :There was no business arising from the previous minutes.  
Moved:  
Seconded:

## 9 Correspondence

Presented at Friday night's opening dinner:

Greetings were received from International President Terrie Baxter, Vice President Div IV Margaret Sutherland and Vice President Div III Mary Flentge and were printed in the conference program. Greetings were also received from

**Terrie Baxter, International President**  
**Gerry Anderson, Div I Vice President**  
**Irvin Walker, Div II Vice President**  
**Nelli Pallagi, President, Heart of America Region**  
**Janice Isbell, President, Sunshine Region**  
**Judy Schuth, President, Northeast Region**  
**Allan Venables, President, Great Britain Region**  
**Sigrid Gudmundsdottir, President, Iceland Region**  
**Julia Taylor, President, Southwest Region**  
**Stavroula Koulourioti, President, Hellenic Region**  
**Cheryl Ellis, Two Oceans Region**  
**Barbara Cobb, President, Blue Ridge Region**  
**Michiko Ishimoto, President, Japan Region**  
**Margaret Sutherland, Vice President, Div IV**

Motion : that the correspondence be received  
Moved : Parkview  
Seconded : Kalori  
Motion Carried

## 10 Board of Directors' Report

Sue Ballard presented the Board of Directors' Report for 2006-2007 Term.

Motion : that the Board of Directors' Report for 2006-2007 term be received  
Moved : Kalori  
Seconded : Fairlight  
Motion Carried

There was no further business arising from the Board of Directors' Report.

## 11 Report of Vice President Finance

Motion: that the report of the Vice President Finance as at 31 March 2007, as circulated, be received  
Moved: Brisbane Central  
Seconded: South Perth  
Motion Carried

There was no business arising from the report.

## **12 Audited Financial Statement, Statements of Profit and Loss and Balance Sheet for the year ended 31 March 2006**

Motion that the Audited Financial Statement, the Statements of Profit and Loss and the Balance Sheet for the year ended 31 March 2007, as circulated be adopted

Moved: Fairlight  
Seconded: Mt Gravatt  
Motion Carried

Business arising from the report:

The Delegate for Waverly Communicators rose to inquire about interest raised on the Board funds. Vice President Finance reported that there was no interest accrued as the Region fund as are in a non interest bearing account..

The Delegate for Parkview asked if this situation will change in the coming term.

President informed the Delegates that this issue will be addressed by the incoming board.

There was no further business arising from the report.

## **13 Council and Club-at-Large Presidents' Reports**

Motion: that the reports from Council Presidents, as circulated, be received.

Moved: Shoalhaven  
Seconded: Warringal  
Motion Carried

## **14 Nominations and Elections Committee Report**

Carol Bell, the Nominations and Elections Chairman, presented the Nominations Report.

Motion: that the Report from the Nominations and Elections Committee Chairman be received

Moved: Fairlight  
Seconded: Wollongong  
Motion Carried

### **Elections**

Due to the resignation of Maxine Keenan, the elected President Elect nominations had been called for the position of President of the Australian Region for the 2007/08 term. As there was only one nominee for the position, Vera Tibbertsma, the nominee was declared elected.

As there were no nominees for the position of President Elect for the coming term, President Sue Ballard called for nominations from the floor. There was one nomination for the position moved by Broadwater Communicators and Seconded by Kalori. As there was only one nominee for the position, Carol Punyer, the nominee was declared elected..

As there was only one nomination for the position of Vice President Finance, the nominee, Marina Harries, was declared elected.

As there was only one nomination for the position of Secretary, the nominee, Leigh Martin, was declared elected.

The members of the Australian Region Board for the 2007 – 2008 term are:

|                        |                 |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| President              | Vera Tibbertsma |
| President-Elect        | Carol Punyer    |
| Vice President Finance | Marina Harries  |
| Secretary              | Leigh Martin    |

## 15 Proposed Amendments to Bylaws and Standing Rules

### Proposal 1 - Article 3 - Membership

Motion that the following amendments be made to Article 3 - Membership:

(a) Article 3.4 – Affiliate Member. Delete in its entirety.

(c) Renumber all subsequent articles.

Moved: Waverly  
Seconded: Fairlight  
Motion Carried (17 for / 1 against)

### Proposal 2 - Standing Rule 3 - Dues and Fiscal Year

Motion: That Standing Rule 3(a) be amended by deleting \$30 and inserting \$40 in its place.

Moved: Waverly  
Seconded: Broadwater

Delegate for Diamond Valley Delegate spoke against the motion

Delegate for Kalori spoke in favour of the motion

Delegate for Mt Gravatt spoke in favour of the motion

Amended Motion: That the annual dues of the Australian Region be increased from \$30.00 to \$35.00.

Moved: Launceston Communicators  
Seconded by: Shoalhaven Communicators  
Motion Lost

Amendment to the original motion: That the original motion be changed to read \$36.00 instead of \$40.00.

Rationale for defeating the motion is that it makes sense to have dues at \$36.00 rather than \$35.00 as the \$36.00 is easier to determine the pro rata dues amount as \$36.00 is easily divisible by 12.

Moved: Blacktown  
Seconded: Parkview  
Motion Carried: 12 for / 3 against)

Amended Motion

That Standing Rule 3 (a) be amended by deleting \$30.00 and inserting \$36.00 in its place.

Motion Carried (18 for / 3 against)

## **16 General Business**

Waverly Communicators congratulated the Board on a successful year during a difficult period and expressed an eagerness to see the Region Budget published for members to see.

## **17 Incorporation Motion**

Motion: that the Annual Statements of Incorporation for the Department of Fair Trading in New South Wales and the Australian Securities and Investment Commission, submitted to the ITC members at the Annual General Meeting of the Australian Region held on the 19<sup>th</sup> July 2007 by the Public Officer, Marina Harries, be received

Moved: Maroubra

Seconded : Parkview

Motion carried (21 for / 0 against)

## **18 News from ITC**

To be presented by the international visitor at Lunch on Friday.

## **19 Announcements**

Conference 2008 will be held on 16<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> May 2008 at the Campbelltown Catholic Club, Campbelltown, NSW Australia

## 20 Awards

**Communicator of the Year** Dorothy Clarke, Southside Speakers, ITC NSW

Gazette Education Award Patricia Bryan, Warringal Club, Flinders Council

**Alex Applebaum Club Merit Award** Southside Speakers, ITC NSW

**Rose Bowl Council Award** Council 7

### Speech Contest

|        |                |                        |                  |
|--------|----------------|------------------------|------------------|
| First  | Leigh Martin   | Diamond Valley         | Flinders Council |
| Second | Marie Cooke    | Luv-It Public Speaking | Flinders Council |
| Third  | Deborah Foster | Grenfell Communicators | ITC NSW          |

### Writing Contest

#### Non-Fiction

|        |              |                        |                  |
|--------|--------------|------------------------|------------------|
| First  | Joy Skellern | Diamond Valley         | Flinders Council |
| Second | Janene Carey | Armidale Communicators | Council 7        |
| Third  | Beth O'Dwyer | Broadwater             | Council 7        |

#### Fiction

|        |               |                          |         |
|--------|---------------|--------------------------|---------|
| First  | Jo Bailey     | Shoalhaven Communicators | ITC NSW |
| Second | Dulcia Thomas | Launceston Communicators |         |
| Third  | Eva Laska     | Maroubra Communicators   | ITC NSW |

#### Poetry

|        |                 |                        |           |
|--------|-----------------|------------------------|-----------|
| First  | Merle Goldsmith | Armidale               | Council 7 |
| Second | Carly Brown     | Grenfell Communicators | ITC NSW   |
| Third  | Rose McMillan   | Maroubra Communicators | ITC NSW   |

## 21 Close

President, Sue Ballard, closed the meeting at 10.10 am