

**MINUTES OF THE 30<sup>TH</sup> NADA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
VENUE: CITIGATE SEBEL  
SURREY HILLS  
ON  
MONDAY, 13<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2008**

**Chairperson:** Kerri Lawrence, President

**Present:** 39 Delegates as per Attendance Book  
4 Visitors  
10 staff members.

**Item 1 Open Meeting and Welcome**

The meeting opened at 4 pm. The President welcomed everyone to the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Network of Alcohol and other Drugs Agencies and thanked the membership for their attendance. Kerri announced the board of directors were elected last year for a two year term so there are no elections this year.

**ITEM 2 – Apologies**

Debbie Roberts, Youth Solutions  
Sandra Pedler, WESDARC  
Elvira Johnson, McAuley Outreach  
Barry Evans, The Buttery  
Garth Popple, We Help Ourselves

**ITEM 3 – Minutes of Annual General Meeting 29<sup>th</sup> October 2007**

MOTION 275 Ivern Ardler/ Will Temple

That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2007 be adopted.

Carried.

**ITEM 4 – Business Arising**

There was no business arising.

**ITEM 5 – ANNUAL REPORT**

**Item 5.1 – President's Report**

Kerri advised on behalf of the board of directors she was pleased to present the 2007-2008 Annual Report and spoke to her President's Report. Kerri gave a brief outline of her involvement with the NADA board which spanned about ten years and reflected on the significant changes that have occurred in that time including increased funding, professionalism and accountability. Along

with the growth process NADA is a strong peak body with a strong board from within the sector and has formed alliances with other peak bodies. A number of NADA sub-committees have been established including Business Review, Prevention, Treatment and Policy and Advocacy which looks at a number of relevant issues. NADA'S focus for the future remains on responding to the needs of its member agencies and building the capacity of the sector and will continue to develop its model of service delivery as a peak body.

Kerri acknowledged Larry Pierce and staff for their work and commitment and her fellow board members for the time and work they put into NADA.

## **5.2 Chief Executive Officer's Report**

Larry invited members to read his report and spoke briefly to it. He thanked staff for their updates included in the Annual Report. Larry outlined the areas NADA would be looking at in the future with 2011 being a point of opportunity for NADA with a detailed plan of what the non government sector can provide. Larry thanked the NADA staff individually for their hard work and devotion throughout the year and acknowledged all the board members and the amount of time they devoted to NADA.

## **5.3 Auditor's Report**

Mark Buckingham spoke to the Auditor's Report contained in the Annual Report which included the income and expenditure reports, grants to members, individual projects and carry over grants for next year. Mark also spoke to the budgets for the coming year. Mark concluded that NADA now employed nine staff members which included a Business Manager who now performs all the financial functions and detailed reports internally rather than outsourcing as had been done in the past. Mark concluded by thanking the NADA staff for their efforts throughout the year, the Board of NADA, NSW Health and Department of Health and Ageing.

MOTION 276                      Moved Karen McLachlan/Gerard Byrne

That the Auditor's Report be accepted .

Carried.

MOTION 277                      Moved Will Temple/ Danny Jeffries

That Anthony Ashby & Company be appointed as the NADA auditor for the forthcoming year.

Carried.

## **ITEM 6 – Award to Linda Goldspink-Lord**

Kerri Lawrence reported that board member, Linda Goldspink-Lord, had resigned from her agency, Youth Solutions, and the NADA Board and NADA would like to acknowledge her contribution to the board and the Prevention

Sub Committee for six years with an award. Linda was not able to be present today to accept this award and Rebecca Whitford from Youth Solutions accepted it on her behalf. Rebecca thanked the NADA Board for recognising Linda's contribution over the years and also acknowledged the passion and commitment that Linda had given Youth Solutions for eighteen years.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 4.30 pm.

Kerri Lawrence  
President.