

JULY ZOOM MEETING – 16/7/2021

Meeting began – 2.05 pm (EST)

PRESENT:

Joan Brien, Mary Temple, Robyn Ford, Jennifer Axtens, Peter Freney, Christine Phillips, Heather Rawlins, Dianne Bevan, Carol Wilkins, Catherine McLellan, Dianna Kellerman, Sarah Bycroft.

APOLOGIES:

Julie Matthews, Carol Lawrie, Jenni Mullen,

MINUTES FROM 2021 AGM MEETING BE ACCEPTED:

(Circulated earlier) – **MOVED:** Joan Brien **SECONDED:** Christine Phillips

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING:

1. Questions related to the number of meetings to be held annually.

MOTION: To change the no. of meetings per year to 3 (including the AGM)

MOVED: Joan Brien **SECONDED:** Dianna Kellerman **CARRIED**

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

1. Letter from the NSW Dept Fair Trading regarding our constitution
2. Resignation by Robyn O'Connor from the AAIC

OUT:

1. LETTER OF THANKS TO Dr Doris Ang Re: Membership
2. Draft Letter to state members – re: Irlen
3. Letter to state members Ms Sonia Hornery State Member for Wallsend – re: Irlen
4. Letter of thanks to manager Royal on the Park after 2021 meeting

BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE”

1. A letter to be sent to Robyn O'Connor thanking her for her contribution.
2. Re: AAIC Constitution

A special resolution was passed at the AGM regarding changes to the Constitution and the Cover page and the present Constitution has now been updated to reflect these changes.

MOTION: A copy of the current Constitution to be placed on the website

MOVED: Joan Brien **SECONDED:** Dianna Kellerman **CARRIED**

3. Future Direction of the AAIC.

General Discussion about what direction the AAIC could take. It was suggested that RD's meet to formulate some ideas to feed back to the Association.

Suggestions:

1. What to do to make Association more relevant
2. Value of AAIC is the Collegiality
3. Question regarding what benefits do members currently receive

RD's will be canvassed to work out suitable times/dates to meet (Zoom) to discuss further.

TREASURER'S REPORT: (See attached)

Motion: That Treasurer's report be accepted

MOVED: Robyn Ford

SECONDED: Dianne Bevan

CARRIED

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: (See attached)

Motion: That Membership report be accepted

MOVED: Dianne Bevan

SECONDED: Jenni Axtens

CARRIED

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Possibility raised of procuring Irlen contact lens through a NZ lab – currently have to be sent to the USA with the associated negatives of time and cost. Sarah Bycroft (NZ National Director) addressed meeting and explained the NZ process. There is a lab in NZ which has an associated lab in Australia which would be able to distribute lens. The NZ lab manufactures their own lens which they can then tint. Joan explained the cost benefit analysis. Meeting agreed that this is worth looking into. Sarah will follow up and get back to AAIC with more detail.

2. AGM – due to the continually worry about COVID, the meeting decided that for 2022 the AGM will be via ZOOM to be held on the 12th March 2022 with the possibility of speaker presentations held in a similar fashion. If the situation changes – this will be looked at again.

3. Peter Freney asked meeting about what to do with the years of paperwork he has accumulated in regard to the Association. It was suggested that we look into a "Dropbox" repository (On-line storage) for documents that may still be required to be kept.

Joan will look into this as well as the Statute of Limitations regarding documents.

Peter will reduce and sort documents into categories to be upload or stored. Decision still needs to be made regarding the next step once this is done.

NEXT MEETING – FRIDAY 12TH NOVEMBER AT 2PM (DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME)

REMINDER: AGM, 12TH MARCH 2022

Meeting closed – 3.37pm