

# Records Management Association of Australasia

Minutes of the  
35<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the  
Records Management Association of Australasia  
Convened at Convention Centre, Broadbeach, QLD  
Tuesday 7 September 2010

Meeting Opened: 1709 hrs

**34.1 Attendance**

As per the attendance register.

**34.2 Apologies**

Lynne Welling, Helen Onopko, Rebel Barnes, Toni Anderson,

**34.3 Proxies**

As per the proxy register

**34.4 Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The Minutes of the 34th Annual General Meeting having been uploaded on the RMAA website, are submitted for confirmation.

It is Recommended that the Minutes be taken as read and confirmed.

**DECISION:**

Amanda Harris Moved / Chris Holmes Seconded: That the minutes be taken as read and confirmed. CARRIED

**34.5 Business Arising from the Previous Meeting**

Nil

**34.6 Receive the Report from the Chair on the activities of the Company in the preceding year**

It is recommended that the Directors Report for period ending 30 June 2010 be received.

**DECISION:**

David Pryde Moved /Ray Holswich Seconded: That the Directors Report of the RMAA for the period ending 30 June 2010 be received. CARRIED

**34.7 Financial Report**

It is Recommended that the duly audited statements of accounts be received.

**DECISION:**

Trish Wichmann Moved / Chris Colwell Seconded: That the Audited Financial Statements be received. CARRIED

**34.8 Appointment of Auditor**

It is Recommended that WHK Garrotts Chartered Accountants be appointed for the year ending 30 June 2011.

**DECISION:**

Donna-Maree Findlay Moved / Amanda Harris Seconded: That WHK Garrotts Chartered Accountants be appointed for the year ending 30 June 2011. CARRIED

**34.9 Other Business**

Special Resolution 1:

It is recommended that the name of the Company be changed to Records and Information Management Professionals Australasia (RIMPA)

Trissa Dent / Chris Colwell Seconded: That the name of the Company be changed to Records and Information Management Professionals Australasia (RIMPA) FOR 70 / AGAINST 26 Motion LOST

Discussion: Anne Cornish - Professional Records and Information Management Australasia (better acronym).

Debbie Prout - Moving forward - perception - new careers - education

Stephen Smith - Choice of terms

Mike Steemson - Very reluctant to change the Brand (RMAA)

Amanda Harris - Strong brand, developing brand, profession developed, need to move forward - the word "professionals"

Paula Smith - Grown as a profession, reality RM has a "stigma" - we know not the case and need to change the perception.

Connie Christiansen: Need to broaden name, felt passionately about keeping term records - rebranding - Australasia critical

Kemal Hasandedic: Passionate - discussed for many years, gone to membership, terminology, name options, proud of the RMAA, acknowledge that we are more than just records management, acknowledge that most working with information, we are about ensuring accountability.

Dianne Harley (WA): Records management is what she does, so shouldn't change the name.

Maureen Lipinski - support RIM concept, 75% of Branch Council (Baby Boomers), getting engagement with the correct communities

Chris Fripp - been involved for a long time - name changes discussed numerous times - pushing professionals - change management - direction that we're heading - embrace the change.

Chris Simpson - perception - change in our own workplace - manage the record within the information.

Special Resolution 2:

It is recommended that the Company Constitution be adopted.

Kemal Hasandedic Moved / Chris Colwell Seconded: CARRIED FOR 66 / AGAINST 5 - ABSTAIN - 11

**DISCUSSION:**

Chris Gousmet - Did not know what he was voting on as hadn't seen a revised Constitution.

**34.10 Declaration of Company Board Directors**

The following are declared Company Board Members for the forthcoming year:

NSW – Christopher Colwell (Term Expires 2011)

ACT – Amanda Harris (Term Expires 2012)

QLD – Kemal Hasandedic (Term Expires 2011)

SA – Donna-Maree Findlay (Term Expires 2012)

NZ – David Pryde (Term Expires 2013)

WA – Trissa Dent (Term Expires 2011)

NT – Currently Vacant (Term Expires 2012)

VIC – Debbie Prout (Term Expires 2013)

**34.11 Declaration of Board Executive**

Chair of the Board – David Pryde (Term Expires 2011)

Vice Chair of the Board – Debbie Prout (Term Expires 2012)

Executive Member – Christopher Colwell (Term Expires 2011)

#### 34.12 Close of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair of the Board will declare the meeting closed.

Meeting Closed: 1756 hrs

Chair of the Board:

Date:

Chief Executive Officer:

Date

#### Special Resolution Voting at RMAA AGM declared invalid

The RMAA held its AGM on 7 September 2010 where two significant Special Resolutions were put forward for voting.

After active discussion and passion from all sides, the Resolutions were put to the floor and votes and proxies counted.

The outcomes of the motions were made at the AGM, however, subsequent probity auditing of attendance lists revealed a discrepancy between financial professional members of the RMAA (hold ARMA, MRMA or FRMA status) and the vote outcomes.

This has led the Board to declare both Special Resolutions invalid.

The Board will be undertaking further discussion in relation to the options legally available for both Special Resolutions moving forward.

It is an unfortunate situation, however, in accordance with the Constitution, only financial professional members are entitled to vote, it is the only option available. This position was made clear at the beginning of the meeting by the Chair, however, the audit revealed that this was not the outcome.

The remainder of the AGM remains valid as Special Resolutions require a different process to normal items.

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