

AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF

INAUGURAL GENERAL MEETING

262 SOUTH TCE, ADELAIDE

10.A.M. 1ST JUNE, 1986.

AGENDA:

1. OPENING:
2. CALL FOR CHAIRMAN:
3. CONVENOR WILL MOVE THAT THE VOTING AT THE MEETING BE RESTRICTED TO THE PERSONS WHO HAVE ALREADY DONATED AT LEAST \$5 TO THE ASSOCIATION.
4. CONVENOR TO SET OUT THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING:
5. ADOPTION OF THE CONSTITUTION AND RULES (SUBJECT TO THE MEMBERSHIP QUESTION):
6. ELECTION OF THE BOARD (THE SET-UP OF THE BOARD COULD BE INTERIM DEPENDING ON THE MEMBERSHIP RULING):
7. DETERMINATION OF FEES FOR MEMBERS:
8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:
9. CLOSE:

B. MULLER:
CONVENOR:
25-05-86.

NOTE:

IF TIME PERMITS, AN INFORMAL MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE AFTERNOON TO ALLOW THE BOARD IF FORMED TO GAUGE THE FEELINGS OF THE MEMBERS AS TO THE FUTURE DIRECTION OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Photocopying problems prevent issue of revised Const. & Rules at this stage. 

AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF:

INAUGURAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF.

1ST. JUNE, 1986.

The Inaugural General Meeting of the Australian Association of the Deaf was declared open by the Convenor, Mr. Bruce Muller at 262 South Terrace, Adelaide at 10.a.m. on Sunday, 1st June, 1986.

PRESENT: Mr. B. Muller, Mrs. Elaine Girke, Mr. John Webb, Mrs. Sandra Lavis, Mrs. Cecilia Mitselburg, Mrs. Bev. Rickards, Mr. Barry Lewis, Mr. A. Sandon, Mr. Clarry Abbott, Mrs. Sandra Hoopman, Mr. David Morgan, Mrs. Neva Salas, Mrs. Annette Phillips, Mr. Vernon Job, Mrs. Cathie Job, Mr. John Hoopmann, Mr. Ben Ferguson, Mrs. Selma Ferguson, Mrs. May Hespe, Mr. Henry Hespe, Mrs. Sue Strong, Mrs. Cicely Elsdon, Mr. Bill Bowyer, Mr. Damian Lacey, (S.A.), Mr. Wyndham Cooper and Mr. Don Burnitt (W.A.), Mrs. Dorothy Shaw, Mrs. Carole Noonan, Mrs. Charlene Grace, Mr. Dennis Johnston, (N.S.W.), Mr. Ken Donnell, (Qld), Miss Merrill Cook, (A.C.T.), Mr. Daniel Beech, (N.Z.), Miss Breda Carty, Mrs. Annette Loader, Miss Teresa Bird, Mr. John Flynn, (Victoria).

CHAIRMAN: Mr. Webb was elected Chairman for the meeting.

APOLOGIES: Apologies for non-attendance were received from M. Shannon, C. O'Reilly, N. Cohen, P. Mundy (N.S.W.), I and M MacGregor (Qld), Mrs. C. Chittleborough and Ms. J. Cox (W.A.), and Mrs. D. Shaw also tendered apology owing to prior engagement and would attend as soon as possible.

MINUTES SECRETARY: Mrs. Girke accepted the Convenor's request to be Minute Secretary.

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING:

The Convenor explained that the purpose of the meeting was to establish the Australian Association of the Deaf and its Constitution and Rules. He stated that the main body of the Constitution and Rules was agreed to in Perth early this year and the meeting needed to select one of the options to settle the membership structure question and also to clear other small matters up.

VOTING AT THE MEETING.

The Convenor moved that the voting at the meeting be restricted to those persons who have either donated at least five dollars to the Association or undertaken to so donate immediately after the meeting. Mr. Sandon seconded. Carried.

MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS:

The Convenor set out the logic of each option for the Membership Rule. Mr. Muller moved that the option 1 as set out in the attachment to the agenda paper be incorporated in the Rules. Mr. Donnell seconded. Mr. Johnston reported that his group met and agreed to Option 1 and it would fit in with the N.S.W. Council of the Deaf. He said that travelling expenses would need to be looked into. Mr. Cooper queried the necessity of members and also the necessity of including national bodies, such as Australian Deaf Sports Federation.

Miss Carty asked:-

1. if each State should establish its branch of the Association or the existing body in each State such as the Victorian Council of the Deaf should constitute itself as a State Branch,
2. if there should be a provision for both full and associate membership and what the distinction between those two categories was, because there was a fear that a hearing person might join as an associate member and might go up and run the Association in future.

Mr. Muller replied that there was no restriction on the method of formation of a State Branch but acceptance of such by the National Association would have to be determined at the time of application and the make-up of such State Branch would have to be looked into before such acceptance.

Mrs. Noonan reported that a N.S.W. Council of the Deaf had been formed to adjust the structure of the Deaf Community in N.S.W. and should be acceptable to the A.A.D.

Mrs. Grace said that the idea the N.S.W.C.O.D. was conceived before the idea of the A.A.D. came into being.

Mr. Donnell said that a Queensland Association of the Deaf had been formed with the object of becoming part of the A.A.D.

Miss Carty suggested that Secretary make up a list of about four names suitable for State Branches.

Mr. Muller's motion was carried.

FORMATION:

The Chairman at 11.30.a.m. announced the formation of the Australian Association of the Deaf.

ELECTION:

It was agreed that in the Board election a limit of 2 be placed on the number each State may be represented on the Board and in the event of three or more from one State getting the required majority, perhaps only two receiving most votes should be elected.

The following persons were elected from nominations received:-

Mrs. Dorothy Shaw, N.S.W.:	President
Mr. Bruce Muller (S.A.) :	Secretary/Treasurer
Miss Breda Carty (Vic) :	Board member
Mr. Ken Donnell (Qld) :	" "
Miss Merrill Cook (ACT) :	" "

URGENT DECISION:

Mr. Muller reported that the Australian Federation of Deaf Societies required a decision from the AAD before lunch time on composition of the Australian delegation to the Congress of the Asian Region of the World Federation of the Deaf in the coming October.

A.F.D.S. MEETING:

Mr. Muller moved that Mr. K. Donnell and Mrs. E. Girke be the AAD representatives to meet the AFDS delegates to discuss the Congress of the Asian Region of World Federation of the Deaf in Japan in October. Mrs. Mitselburg seconded. Carried.

CONGRESS DELEGATES:

Mr. Cooper moved that Mrs. D. Shaw be selected as one of the Congress delegates if she is interested. Mrs. Grace seconded. Carried.

Mrs. Grace moved that in the event of Mrs. Shaw declining the selection, Mrs. E. Girke be selected in lieu. Mr. Muller seconded. Carried.

It was agreed that if another deaf delegate be required, Mrs. C. Noonan be the second delegate.

NEXT CONGRESS:

Miss Carty moved that Australia refuse to have the next regional Congress and the Association decide the feasibility of such at a later date. Mr. Muller seconded. Carried unanimously.

MEMBERSHIP FEES:

Mrs. Loader moved that for the purpose of Charter Membership any person attending this meeting and paying five dollars by the end of the meeting be admitted as a Charter Member. Mr. Muller seconded. Carried unanimously.

Mr. Muller moved that any member joining after the end of this meeting be required to pay an entrance fee of Ten Dollars and an annual membership fee of five dollars. Mrs. Salas seconded. Carried.

CLOSE:

Mr. Muller moved a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

The meeting was closed at 1.15.p.m.

BRUCE MULLER,
SECRETARY.

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CHAIRMAN. .../.../.....

AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF:GENERAL MEETING OF THE AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF,1ST, JUNE, 1986.

A general meeting of the Australian Association of the Deaf was held at 262 South Terrace, Adelaide at 2.30.p.m. on Sunday, 1st June, 1986 with President, (Mrs. D. Shaw) in the chair.

A.F.D.S. REPORT:

Mr. Donnell and Mrs. E. Girke reported on the meeting with the Australian Federation of the Deaf Society. They ascertained from Mr. Muller that Mrs. D. Shaw had declined to be the delegate to the Congress.

They reported some difficulty with Mr. Lamont of Queensland Deaf Society. They announced that as Mrs. Shaw was not interested in the Congress, Mrs. Girke was selected to represent Australia at the Congress of the Asian Region of the World Federation of the Deaf in Japan in October and was authorized to select an interpreter who would be a delegate for the AFDS. The report was received.

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Donnell expressed concern at the education of the Deaf. Miss Carty suggested that the Association support the Mt. Gravatt College of Advanced Education project to train deaf teachers of the Deaf.

Miss Carty also advocated that deaf children be trained in Deaf Culture by deaf adults.

Mr. Webb suggested that each Board member be given a different project to advance the Deaf as it would be too much for Secretary to carry all the work.

Mrs. Phillips was desirous of having the Association to write to the Education Department of each state to encourage the Sign Language as a second language in the whole education system.

Mr. Muller warned that it was useless to expect any authority to do what the Association wished. He said that each project had to have a well-researched and well-attested submission to have a good chance of acceptance. Research meant research by academically qualified persons or any persons who could present their cases convincingly.

There needed to be leadership qualities to be imparted to those who had the capacity of rising to that level.

Mrs. Phillips suggested that the Association book a timeslot at the next A.F.D.S. conferences in Hobart for a workshop meeting.

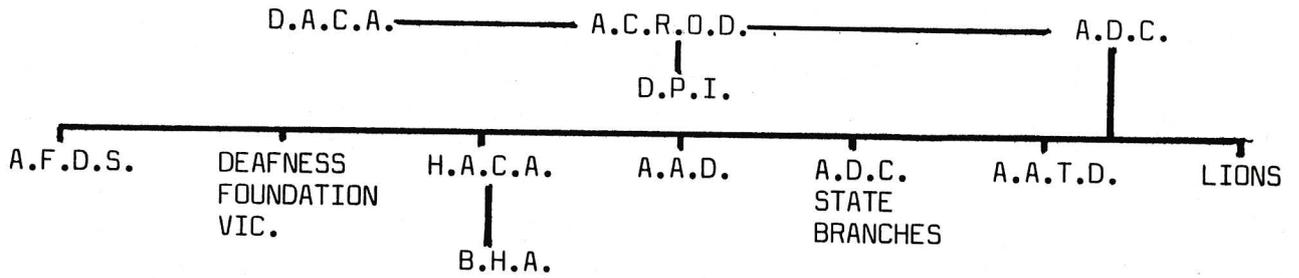
Mr. D. Johnston placed importance on standardization of deaf aids in Australia and the Association should insist on approval of one firm to make one or more types of aid to give the Deaf the benefit of economy of scale flowing into cheaper aids.

Ms. Cook said she could make a submission as she had had some experience in that respect in the course of her occupation.

Mrs. Noonan drew attention to the Hearing Dog debacle and the Association should put the foot down on the project.

Comments were made on the need for interpreters and note takers in the education of the Deaf especially in the tertiary education.

Ms. Cook drew up a chart of relationship between various organisations of and for the Deaf as follows:-



CLOSE: The Chairman thanked all present for their interesting contributions on how the Association should operate and declared the meeting closed at 4.10.p.m.

BRUCE MULLER
SECRETARY.

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CHAIRMAN. .../.../.....