

**Minutes of
VALA – Libraries, Technology and the Future Inc.
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 2007
Held on
Wednesday 27th June 2007 at 6.10 p.m.
Tutorial Room, Baillieu Library, University of Melbourne**

1. Present:

Tom Denison (President) plus 9 (nine) members as per the attached attendance register.

2. Apologies:

Cathie Jilovsky, Ebe Kartus, Jane Viner, Darrin Vouch, Teresa Wight, Craige Hicks, Anne Beaumont.

3. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 2006 Annual General Meeting:

Confirmed: Alyson Kosina **Seconded:** Jennifer Eddy.

Carried.

4. President's Report

The President's report was distributed at the meeting and the President, Tom Denison, spoke to the report. He reported on the five general meetings, the VALA Award, the Travel Scholarship, and the VALA Student Awards. He also spoke about VALA's contribution to an industry fund, set up under the auspices of ALIA, to help fund the involvement of Australia's expert, Alan Butters, on the ISO Committee working on a standard for RFID in libraries.

Tom thanked Committee members and the speakers at the monthly meetings. Particular thanks went to Ted Chrisfield for chairing all the meetings in Tom's absence overseas, and to Anne Beaumont for chairing the Programme Committee meetings. Tom then specially thanked Lian Todd, Darrin Vouch and Helen Wolff, for their years of service on the Committee.

Motion: *That* the report be adopted.

Moved: Tom Denison, **Seconded:** Bart Rutherford.

Carried.

5. Treasurer's Report:

Copies of the audited accounts were distributed at the meeting, and the Treasurer, Jennifer Eddy, then commented on the accounts. She noted that, as is normal in a non-Conference year, there was a deficiency for the year. VALA Secretariat fees for the General Account were higher than usual because of additional work, the change of name, and turnover of Committee members. Jennifer also noted the effect of the continued rise in investment markets

Motion: *That* the report be adopted.

Moved: Jennifer Eddy **Seconded:** David Feighan.

Carried.

6. Appointment of auditors:

Jennifer informed members that Peter Shaw, the director and registered company auditor with whom VALA had dealt for many years, had sold his equity in Shaw & Gay Pty Ltd, the company that had been VALA's auditors. As part of the sale agreement, and subject to VALA's consent, Peter would remain as consulting accountant and registered company auditor to VALA, under his new company name of Nirvana Australia Pty Ltd. Accordingly, the 2006-07 audit had been undertaken by Nirvana Australia Pty Ltd.

Motion: *That* the firm of Nirvana Australia Pty Ltd be appointed as auditors for the year ending 31st March 2008.

Moved: Jennifer Eddy **Seconded:** Alyson Kosina.

Carried.

7. Subscriptions:

The Treasurer, Jennifer Eddy, reminded members that the last increase in membership fees had been two years ago. She noted that Committee had considered the costs of the Association's general operations, and had decided to recommend an increase in subscription rates.

Motion: *That* the subscriptions for 2007/08 be set at \$60.00 plus GST = \$66.00 for personal members and \$150.00 plus GST = \$165.00 for institutional members.

Moved: Jennifer Eddy **Seconded:** David Feighan.

Carried.

8. Election of Committee:

The President reported that three written nominations had been received for the four vacancies on the Committee. Accordingly, David Feighan, Bart Rutherford and Holley Dumble were declared elected.

The President then called for nominations from the floor, but none were received.

9. Other Business:

There was no other business.

10. Close of Meeting:

The formal part of the meeting was closed at 6.30 p.m.