



**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
18th June 2021**

MINUTES

DATE: 18th June 2021

WHERE: Desert Knowledge Precinct
475 Stuart Highway
Alice Springs NT 0870

TIME: 11.00am – 12.30pm

MINUTE TAKER: Wendy Anders
This meeting was recorded for accuracy.

Attendance and Apologies

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Patricia Waria-Read (Director SA, attended)
Hanna Taylor (Member, attended)

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Christine Ross (Director WA, attended)
Joslyn Eades Tass (Member, attended)
Michelle Elwell (Member, Phone)
Dorinda Cox (Member, phone)

NEW SOUTH WALES

Beverly Collins (Director NSW, attended)
Ellen Myers (Member, Phone)

TASMANIA

Bianca Templar (Director TAS, attended)
Mary New (Member, Phone)

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY



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Karen Parter (Director ACT, attended)
Lydia George (Member, Phone)

NORTHERN TERRITORY

Tanyah Nasir (Director NT, attended)
Kathleen Buzzcote (Member, attended)
Patricia Miller (Member, attended)

QUEENSLAND

Sandra Creamer (CEO NATSIWA, attended)
Kadie Asskov (Member QLD, attended)

TORRES STRAIT ISLAND

Ivy Travellion (Patron TSI, attended)
Sasau Mills (Member, phone)

VICTORIA

Jessica Bennett (Director VIC, Phone)
Wendy Anders (Staff, VIC Member, attended)

STAFF PRESENT: Sandra Creamer (CEO), Wendy Anders (Senior Project Officer)

APOLOGIES: No Apologies Received.

SIGNED:
Chair – Christine Ross

DATE:

Welcome

Welcome to Country:

Aunty Pat Miller, Arrernte Elder and Traditional Owner welcomed everyone to Mparntwe (Alice Springs) and gave an overview of the country and how the Desert Knowledge precinct . Came about.



Chairperson's Welcome:

Christine Ross (AGM Chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting.
The 2020 AGM was held over to June 2021 due to Covid.

Item 1. Confirmation of previous AGM Minutes 2019

Business Arising from Minutes

Aunty Pat Waria-Read queried the removal of Affiliates and why we still have association with Affiliates?

Christine (Chair) advised that we are one of 6 Alliances funded through Office of Women and that we did not have funding or Capacity to support Affiliates around Australia.

Moved Bianca Templar (TAS), seconded Karen Parter (ACT), That minutes of AGM held in Launceston, Tasmania on 15th November 2018, be accepted as correct. Carried.

Item 3. Financial Report

Financial Audit Report was tabled.

Financial Report was presented by Regina Turner (Treasurer).
Moved Beverly Collins, Seconded Patricia Waria-Read. Carried.

Item 4. Reports

Christine Ross spoke to the Chairpersons report.
Sandra Creamer spoke to the CEO Report.

Item 5. Appointment of Directors.

Christine thanked the outgoing Directors from – Western Australia - Christine Ross, Australian Capital Territory - Karen Parter, Queensland - Susan Sewter.

3 states have had elections, the successful applicants are:
Joslyn Eades-Tass WA – 3 years
Karen Parter ACT – 3 years
Tanja Hirvonen – 3 years



Item 6. Changes to Rule Book

Motion to make changes to Rule Book:

1. Removal of Affiliates

To remove all references to State or Territory Alliances – primarily because NATSIWA is not funded to support Alliances, and to ensure that NATSIWA is representative of all members throughout Australia. This also included changes to 'How to Become a director'.

Discussion:

Patricia Waria Read asked if that in the future would we be receptive to reconsidering the State affiliates if funding becomes available.

Wendy Advised that if funding and NATSIWA capacity was to increase the subject of State Affiliates can be revisited.

Christine (Chair) advised that as one of the 6 Alliance funded by the Office of Women we have had to put in a Tender for or future funding. We will know in August 2021 if we have been successful.

2. Changes to 6.7 How to remove a director.

By resolution of the members in a general meeting:

Proposed Change From:

- Directors can only remove a director if the director fails to attend three or more consecutive directors' meetings without a reasonable excuse.

Proposed change to:

- By the other directors:
- Directors can only remove a director if the director fails to attend three or more consecutive directors' meetings if no apology provided.

Patricia Waria-Read sought clarity around point 6.7 "by other directors" meant. She would like to see it state "By the Board of Directors"

3. Changes to 3.8 Cancelling membership:

A person's membership can be cancelled by members passing a special resolution at a general meeting if the member:

- can't be contacted for two years
- misbehaves
- is not an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person (if this is a requirement for membership). The directors must give the person notice of the cancellation of their



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membership at the person's last known address as soon as possible after the special resolution is passed.

When a person's membership is cancelled, the corporation must put their name, address and the date they stopped being a member on the register of former members.

Discussion

Patricia Waria -Read queried 3.8. Cancelling a Membership, what was meant by the second dot point 'Misbehaves'. Pat queried who decides if someone "Misbehaves".

Christine advised that as NATSIWA is an organisation that empowers women, and as such should a member behave in a manner that is detrimental to NATSIWA would constitute Misbehaves.

Wendy advised that the rules of behaviour are mandated by the rules of the Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006. We also have a Code of Conduct.

Patricia had asked that we be more specific with what constitutes "Misbehaviour" and to have a "please refer to the Code of Conduct and the relevant ACTS. In the rule book.

Patricia sought clarity around what process we have in place if we suspect that a person is not of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander descent.

Wendy advised that we could request a Proof of Aboriginality form.

Bianca queried what happens if the person is not accepted by their community or able to prove their Aboriginality?

Wendy advised that we work through any issues with the person to ascertain their Aboriginality.

3. 12. GIFT FUND RULES

INSERT:

The corporation shall maintain for the main purposes of the corporation a gift fund:

- to be named 'The *National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women's Alliance Indigenous Corporation Gift Fund.*'
- which must receive gifts of money or property for the purposes (objectives) of the corporation.



- which must have credited to it any money received by the corporation because of those gifts.
- allocation of gift fund monies must be allocated according to the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women's Alliance Indigenous Corporation gift fund application process.
- expenditure of gift funds must be endorsed by the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women's Alliance Indigenous Corporation Board of Directors and recorded in the Minutes prior to the funds been expended.

The gift fund cannot receive any money or property other than that for the purposes (objectives) of the corporation.

Discussion:

Dorinda Cox from WA requested that in terms of the Donations funds that a registry and is recorded in the Minutes.

3.8 Cancelling membership.

Proposed Change

Changes From:

- can't be contacted for two years.

Changed to:

- cannot be contacted. Where all means of contacting the person have be exhausted.

Discussion: No Discussion

Motion to accept Changes listed above to the NATSIWA rule Book.

The members resolve that the Motion to make changes to the rule book be endorsed with noted amendments from discussion.

Moved Kadie Aaskov, Seconded Tanyah Nasir.

Carried



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Lidia George from Canberra. Asked that we have more representation from among TSI women. Regina Turner is the Current TSI representative – Ivy Travellion is our Patron.

Item 7. Date of next meeting and conclusion

Annual General Meeting was closed at 11.31am
Next AGM will be held November 2021 date to be advised at later time.

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