

MINUTES OF THE 13th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
ADULTS SURVIVING CHILD ABUSE ("ASCA" or the "Company")
(ABN 49 072 260 008)

Held at Midday on Sunday 22 November 2009
at the Kirribilli Neighbourhood Centre,
16-18 Fitzroy Street, Kirribilli, Sydney NSW.

1. Present (in person)

Cathy Kezelman (Chair and Chair of the Meeting), John Teer (Director and Treasurer), Geoff Bahnert (Director), Susan Leith-Miller (Executive Officer), Terry Nagle (Director elect), Clare Porta (Director and Company Secretary), Michael Salter (Director), Michelle Gortan (Director), Silvio Del Vecchio (Director elect), Lindy Reid, Julie Waddy, Krythia Eastwood.

2. Apologies

Roger Wong (Director)

3. Opening, Declaration of Proxies and Quorum

The Chair opened the meeting at 12pm and advised that a total of 16 proxies had been received.

14 proxies have directed the Chair to vote in favour of the two motions and 2 proxies have directed the Chair to exercise her voting discretion. The Chair noted that she would vote these two proxies in favour of the motions.

The Chair noted that a quorum was present.

4. Minutes of the 12th Annual General Meeting

The minutes of the 12th Annual General Meeting were tabled for consideration.

The Chair noted that the motion to be put to the meeting was "to approve the minutes of the 12th Annual General Meeting".

There was no discussion in relation to the minutes.

The motion to approve the minutes of the 12th AGM was PASSED unanimously.

5. Chair's Report

The Chair proceeded to present the Chair's Report. The following key points were noted:

- ~50 workshops were conducted around the country in 2009. The workshops are unique and have received very positive feedback. There is strong demand for further workshops next year.
- ASCA received some government funding in FY09 from the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) for the workshop program. FaHCSIA has commented that securing recurring funding will be more challenging. However, Senator Mark Arbib (Minister for Employment Participation) is supportive and has commented that he will endeavour to assist ASCA with its efforts to secure further federal government funding.
- Forget-me-knot Day was held on Friday 13 November and was very successful. The concept of the "tangled knot" has been embraced.

The Sydney based events included the launch at Hyde Park Barracks by Senator Mark Arbib, the evening "thank you" event for supporters and service providers at KPMG and several faith based services.

Forget-me-knot Day will be held each year on the second Friday in November (which also falls in International Child Abuse Prevention Week).

The Chair thanked Susan Leith-Miller and Terry Nagle for their significant efforts in organising Forget-me-knot Day. Terry secured Hyde Park Barracks for the installation of the tangled knot and the launch and event managed the evening at KPMG.

The Chair then thanked John Teer for securing facilities and catering at KPMG for the evening event at no charge to ASCA.

Geoff Bahnert also co-ordinated a number of Forget-me-knot Day activities in Darwin including a morning tea for survivors and healthcare professionals and 3 church services.

Forget-me-knot Day received 160 media mentions. The PR was handled by Launch Management Group which provided the majority of its services on a pro-bono basis.

- The 1300 line is staffed by trained counsellors from 9am-5pm Monday to Friday. ASCA will seek funding for the 1300 line with a view to expanding its hours of operation to 24 hours, 7 days. The 1300 line is receiving an increasing number of calls.
- The ASCA website was redeveloped about 12 months ago and has received positive feedback.
- The monthly newsletter has been revamped this year and its new look has been very well received by ASCA members. It is also starting to be more widely distributed to healthcare centres etc.
- Two editions of ASCA's e-Health newsletter have also been produced for healthcare professionals. ASCA anticipates that it will publish a list of ASCA endorsed health services in early 2010.
- The national advertising campaign which was launched in February was confronting and controversial but raised awareness of ASCA and adult survivors.

The Chair highlighted that Susan Leith-Miller, Executive Officer, has been instrumental in developing ASCA's operations and programs throughout the year.

The Chair then thanked:

- ASCA's supporters and service providers for 2009, namely OMD and Whybin TBWA for the pro-bono advertising campaign and securing media space, Government Relations Australia (pro-bono lobbying), HWL Ebsworth Lawyers (pro bono lawyers) and KPMG.
- Silvio Del Vecchio for his outstanding fundraising efforts (\$30k) in his second City2Surf run for ASCA. The funds raised by Silvio have subsequently been matched by Macquarie Group Foundation's matched giving program.
- ASCA's board.
- ASCA Patrons, Professor Freda Briggs and Thomas Keneally, and Ambassadors, namely Anthony & Christine Foster and Vanessa Parry-Williams.

- Mary Uldyne who resigned as a Director on Friday (20 November). Mary was a Director for 3 years and has made a significant contribution to ASCA programs and fundraising over a number of years.
- Michelle Slone who resigned as a Director on 9 November after 2.5 years. Michelle also provided advice and assistance with human resources matters.

6. Financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2009 together with the Directors' Report, Directors' Declaration and Auditor's Report

JT tabled the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2009 for consideration.

The Chair noted that the motion to be put to the meeting was "to adopt the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2009 together with the Directors' Report, Directors' Declaration and Auditor's Report".

The Chair opened the meeting for questions and discussion in relation to the Financial Statements. JT noted the following key points:

- ASCA is in a sound financial position with ~\$300k cash at bank at 31 October 2009.
- ASCA's FY09 revenue (\$674k) was primarily sourced from government grants and fundraising activities (including Jokers Wild in September 2008 and Silvio Del Vecchio's 2008 City2Surf run).
- Most of the government grants received in FY09 (\$405k) have been spent on workshops (including workshops in the September quarter of FY2010).
- Approximately 50% of ASCA's FY09 expenses related to workshops, while the other ~50% related to office overheads including staff and the 1300 line.

The motion to adopt the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2009 was PASSED unanimously.

7. Presentation of Directors

The Chair introduced each of the Directors to the meeting and noted that Silvio Del Vecchio and Terry Nagle will join the ASCA board at the conclusion of the AGM.

Each of the directors proceeded to briefly address the meeting.

8. General Business

- Susan Leith-Miller addressed the meeting and noted that her 2010 objective is for ASCA to be both successful and sustainable. Susan also highlighted Cathy Kezelman's ongoing significant contribution to ASCA as Chair and also as ASCA's media spokesperson.
- Jill Waddy enquired about the number of participants at individual ASCA workshops. Susan Leith-Miller responded that:
 - there were 40 participants at a Perth workshop (the largest) and 4 participants at an Alice Springs workshop (the smallest);
 - the average number of participants is 20-25;
 - workshops have now been run twice in some cities;
 - there are 4 workshops in the series; and
 - the workshops are a source of new ASCA members.

9. Closure

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 12.45pm.

Signed as a true and correct record.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cathy Kezelman', written in a cursive style.

Cathy Kezelman
Chair

Dated: 27th November 2010