

Minutes of the ASSLH Adelaide Branch Executive 19 May 2016 Box Factory 5000

Meeting opened 5.30pm

Present: David Faber Chair & Minutes; Allison Murchie; Greg Stevens; Ralph Clarke; Kevin Kaeding; Steve Acton; **Apologies:** Marlene Fenwick, Sue Marks, Fletcher O'Leary

As advised by email, business handled in caretaker mode as Business Arising from the Minutes of 17 March 2016 & Other Business. Agenda accordingly drafted as follows:

Reports: Newsletter; Financial; Website; New Audio Recorder; Labour History Banner; National Executive teleconference; Correspondence; Branch Program 2017 – Preliminary discussion.

Newsletter: Reception Autumn-Winter number good. Spring-Summer number: #SA, G. Megalogenis et al on Immigration; #All hands post election review; #GS Sturt campaign #GS Gnatenko legal Pt.2 # Guest writers Jamie Newlyn & Joe Szakacs #RC Foreign Affairs & the South China Sea standoff #DF Winton on Class – The elephant in the room. Printing – GS to liaise & report.

Financial: Balance sheet 1/3/16-30/4/16 tabled. Comments: Expenditure modest & well targeted. No donations, 1 concessional & 1 full membership for the period. Balance healthy. Acceptance moved RC/AM

Website: Permission to be sought from Tim Winton or *The Monthly* to use his article on class. Facebook facility to be built in, training provided to DF et al; all EC members welcome to participate in site building consultations.

New audio-recorder required after `death` of the old one. AM recommended purchase from Derringers of Zoom H5 Handy Portable Recorder RRP\$529 discounted to \$389. RC to purchase ASAP & be reimbursed. Expenditure of \$389 + 75 (\$25 reimbursement to AM to be itemised for auditor). Moved RC/SA

Labour History Banner: AM referred MF's suggestion that the Branch purchase a banner suitable for marches & meetings. Suggested DF that a key design element be the old ALP style badge featuring a map of Australia encircled by a sash bearing the legend `Unity of

Labour is the Hope of the World'. Kathie Muir to be approached to design & realise for a reasonable fee. Moved AM/RC

May National Executive teleconference: DF reported on successful meeting. Major item discussed expenditure of 10% of national operating funds (\$10,000) to finance a further semester of residence of National Office @ University of Sydney, which desires to be quit of the Office as staff not staff of the University, with a view to buying time to negotiate details of transfer to Monash. Noted that Secretary Julie Kimber is on Swinburne staff & a move to Melbourne would accordingly make sense. Treasurer raised the issue of staffing of the Office but consensus was reached that time ought to be allowed for proper industrial consultation & that transition was not a time to cut staff.

DF @ instigation of Julie Kimber to prepare input to ASSLH national submission addressed to the Engagement & Impact Consultation Paper of the National Innovation & Science Agenda. Anticipated to Julie & the Branch EC that DF likely to recommend that there are grave concerns with the NISA which will need to be laid to rest by the Federal Govt & the Australian Research Council. These are the apparent implicit STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths) emphasis on applied at the expense of pure research & the likewise apparent emphasis on the positive sciences @ the expense of humanistic social studies like history & languages. Julie & the Branch EC endorsed this approach.

Correspondence tabled with member Robert Rowe-DF reiterating the Society's autonomy from & good labour movement relations with the ALP. Suggestion of widest possible dissemination of the Newsletter particularly during the election duly noted.

Next General Meeting/seminar Sunday 19 June Rhonda Sharp `Are We There Yet? The evolution of superannuation policy in Australia,. GS to continue to liaise with RS, noting that the Branch & the Box Factory do not dispose of an overhead projector. Alternative arrangements to be made. GS/AM drafted notice from Abstract & Bio supplied; & details referred to the Box Factory as per agreement.

21 August AGM/seminar SA reported on availability of Paul Chapman (Carnegie-Meilon) Theme: Economic Transition in SA from Playford to Weatherill. SA to furnish notice details (title & Bio) & refer also to Box Factory. KK/SA to prepare accounts for auditor Tom Auld

Preliminary discussion 2017 Branch program: Andrew Stuart to present on penal powers. Chris White on the Right to Strike, independently or in conjunction with Stuart. Further discussion adjourned to 21/7/2016 to be chaired by the President. AM thanked DF for his work as Acting President. DF replied thanking GS as VP & all the EC for their support.

Meeting closed 6.35pm