

Minutes of ECA NSW Annual General Meeting 17th May 2018 Club York, 6.30pm

Agenda Item	Agenda Topic	Motion/ Decision/Details		Moved by
1.	Present: Anita Javanovski, Jannette Leonard, Sandra Cheeseman, Deb Clarke, Leonie Arthur, Amanda Holt, Jan Langtry, Chris Legg, Natalie Grenfell, Tracy Snow, Wilma Murdoch, Ian Alchin, Magan Mitchel, Tracey Dooner, Carol Burgess, Chris Legg, Margaret Young, Rose Todd, Susanne Stuart-Watt, Nan Greig, Tonia Godhard, Debbie Yates, Linda Windley, Gabby Holden, Amanda Holt, Julia Ham Apologies: Meg Mendham, Catherine Jones, Selma Wastell, Marina Papic, Rebecca Minter, Michele Carnegie,			
		Acknowledgement of Country – Read by Chair, Carol Burgess		
2.	Adoption previous minutes	Minutes 2017, previously sent out, tabled and read.		Adopted unanimously Linda and Nan
3.	Regional Group reports	Regional group reports: previously sent out, tabled and read.		Adopted unanimously
4.	President's Report	Carol Burgess Carol discussed the National RAP. Report given to all in a brochure. Conversations discussion and the start of Penrith groups. Discussion on the success of regional groups. Discussed the NSW teacher's scholarships. Scholarship winners get \$10,000 to develop their particular interest. It is specifically for Early Childhood. Past scholarship winner talk about the success of their studies. Discussed the National Conference. Natalie spoke on the tours. Exciting opportunities to see. The International Convention centre is the venue. Very exciting event Membership for Early Childhood Australia is vitally important. It is an act of advocacy. Carol spoke on the voluntary work and thank the executive. Discussion on the Dept of Education legacy funding. Conversation evenings. Presentation was presented to Sue for her work on ECA NSW.		Adopted unanimously
5.	Treasurers report	The printed summary report provided to members was tabled. A full report is available from Nan Greig. Carol spoke on the funding and how it works.		Moved Nan Greig; Seconded Ruth Newman That the Treasurer's report be adopted. Adopted unanimously
6.	Regional Report	Tracey spoke on New England. Use of conversations evening. 80 years old.		

		Julia spoke on the Riverina Regional Group. Tracey Snow taking on the rep position.	
7.	Election of office bearers	<p>Sandra Cheeseman took the chair for election of office bearers. As an equivalent number of nominations were received for the number of positions, no voting was necessary. Sandra Cheeseman read out the names of the nominees.</p> <p>President – Carol Burgess Vice President - Natalie Grenfell Secretary – Rose Todd Treasurer – Nan Greig Committee members: Ian Alchin Chris Legg Jan Langtry Anita Jovanovski Gabby Holden Maria Papic</p> <p>Annual Report accepted by Chris Legg and Jan Langtry.</p>	All elected unopposed. Sandra Cheeseman Tracey Dooner.
8.	Guest speaker	<p>Carol Burgess resumed the Chair and welcomed Megan Mitchell, National Commissioner for Young Children.</p> <p>How can we support the rights of the children. Convention on the rights of the child. Basic rights. How the world view our children. Quoted Alice in Wonderland. Members see children in the moment. Article 31 children have a right to play. 28-29 a fundamental right to education. Discussed pregnant teenagers. Motivated to do well in life. Article 19 – children need to properly cared for. 1990 the convention was ratified. Statement of Intent. Created to support educators. High level principals and rights. Discussed the partnership. National child safe services. Discussed the Royal commission’s report on child abuse. Emotional abuse, neglect, physical and sexual abuse in that order for currency. Cultural safety and inclusive. 10 principals. The importance on well-being. Creates conditions that children will thrive on.</p>	

		<p>Children want to belong. Megan spoke on what young children want. Help to support them to focus on their hopes and dreams.</p> <p>Children have a right to be heard. Participation and empowerment that contributes to safety and wellbeing.</p> <p>Working with the UN to implement the child’s rights. A National Minister for children may be available. Very fragmented now. Commitment to be child focused.</p> <p>Children are human beings.</p> <p>Call to help with the submission.</p> <p>This was followed by a discussion on the budget by Chris Legg. The budget surprised everyone particularly the states and territories. Concerns that the CCS is being launched. No IT funding to support families . Need ipads in every room. Back up . No money to do this.</p> <p>Bitterly disappointed no ongoing funding for ACECQA.</p> <p>Lack of national partnership funding 7 million less for NSW. This money was used to uphold regulations. Education is a responsibility of states and territories.</p> <p>Shortage of EC students. No more recognition for workforce strategies.</p> <p>No commitment to the convention reflected in the budget.</p> <p>No long term vision for young children in Australia. Using the rights of the child for a bi partism vision.</p> <p>Report on the reasonable costs.</p>
<p>Close of Meeting: 8.30pm.</p>		

I certify that this is a true and accurate record of the meeting that was held by the Early Childhood Australia N.S.W. Executive.

Signed: __Carol Burgess_____

Adopted at meeting: .