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Minutes of the eLearning Industry Association of Victoria's Annual General Meeting

The meeting was held at "Oaks on Market", 60 Market St, Melbourne on Tuesday, 23 October 2007. It commenced at 8:00am.

Present:

Marc Niemes, Steve Neil, Jonathan Finkelstein, Roe Maas, Simon Veitch, Renee Hoareau, Andrew Bennetto, Ben Maas, Geoffrey Powell, Graham Whelan, Stuart Tait. Richard and Glenys Gijsbers attended *ex officio*.

Apologies:

Peter Maggs, Cecilie Murray, Virginia Krumins, Tony Armstrong, Colin Bell, Pietro Cerone, Gordon Clarke, Nikki Deighton, Ria Dunkerley, Gillian I, Richard McRoberts, Marek Palka, Philip Spencer, Virginia Westwood, Nick Pitsas, Steve Grocott, David Knowles.

Minutes

1. Financial Statements:

The financial statements and associated reports as presented and as audited by Peter Gray of Milura Financial Services were accepted. These documents will be stored on the Members' area of the website.

Moved: Marc Niemes
Seconded: Geoffrey Powell
Passed

2. Election of Auditor:

It was moved that Peter Gray of Milura Financial Services be appointed as auditor.

Moved: Marc Niemes
Seconded: Stuart Tait
Passed

3. Election of the Management Committee.

Richard reported that nominations were received as follows:

President: Marc Niemes
Secretary: Steve Grocott
Treasurer: Stuart Tait
Ordinary Members: Roe Maas
Graham Whelan
Renee Hoareau

There being no other nominations and that nominations were received for each position, it was declared that the names above formed the new committee.

4. President's Report.

The president presented his report. A copy of his notes will be stored in the Members' area of the website.

In brief, Marc reviewed the past year—the first of the Association’s existence. He emphasised that it had been a time for setting things up and providing a firm foundation for the future development of the Association and the industry.

He reviewed the activities hosted by the Association and pointed to what was being proposed for the coming year. These included having a signature event to bring the industry together, and developing areas of special interest such as industry development, Games/eLearning crossover, standards and the Arts.

He stated that we needed to lift the membership base and develop services to the industry including employment, resourcing and other industry-wide databases. He suggested that the Association could also be used to help tackle issues such as skills shortages, troubled youth, learning accessibility, distance education, financial management and the aging workforce.

Following his report a discussion followed including the need for qualifications in eLearning, the need for relevant standards, and the desirability of the association producing a hardcopy newsletter.

5. Any other business.

There was no other business. The meeting closed at 9:30am.