

AMWU
MINUTES VICTORIAN STATE COUNCIL

23rd October 2019

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT 251 QUEENSBERRY STREET, CARLTON SOUTH
COMMENCING AT 10:00pm, WEDNESDAY 23rd OCTOBER 2019

President Bro. Mick Terry presided and declared the meeting open at 10:15am

STATE COUNCILORS PRESENT:

Bro. T. Mavromatis	Bro. D. Andrews	Bro. A. Anderson	Bro. M. Terry	Bro. P. Lavery
Bro. D. Rozario	Bro. M. Kennedy	Sis. N. Nam	Bro. P. Springer	Bro. Mick. Bull
Bro. S. Wise	Bro. R. Kenna	Bro. A. Thomas	Bro. M. Green	Bro. N. Mitchell
Sis. M. Sikk	Bro. C. Brown	Bro. L. Malgeri	Bro. J. Hefford	Bro. D. Fairchild
Bro. P. Difelice	Bro. M. Cannon	Bro. S. Brooks		

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STATE COUNCILORS APOLOGIES:

Sis J. James	Bro. W Morris	Bro. T. Piccolo	Bro. L. Jones	Bro. Z. Cimbora
Bro. V. Pepi	Bro. K.Topp	Bro. C. Ormsby	Bro. K O'Brien	Bro. R. Balantyne

Moved and Seconded:

'The minutes of the State Council meeting of the August 21st 2019 be endorsed.

Carried

Moved and Seconded:

'The minutes of the State Admin meeting of the October 10th 2019 be endorsed.'

Carried

DECLARATION OF MATERIAL PERSONAL INTEREST

State Secretary Tony Mavromatis reminds State Council members of their obligations as "Officers" under the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009 to disclose all material personal interests that may arise with their union role as an elected Official to representative bodies of the AMWU.

Declaration forms are available throughout these proceedings for those Officers requiring to make a new disclosure.

'State Council notes no Declarations were mad for the April 17th State Council meeting'

STATE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Resolution 1

This State Council endorses the funding of Sister Dyson's position in the Victorian membership area until Friday, June 27, 2020, the date upon which she wishes and will retire from the Union.

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Funding for this period of employment will be from the Victorian Vehicle membership areas promotional fund which is to be consolidated into the AMWU Victorian Branch's promotional funds.

Resolution 2

That this State Council endorses the Victorian State Secretary, Tony Mavromatis recommendation that Brother Dylan Wight be appointed to the position recently vacated by Brother Courtney Borg.

It is noted that Brother Wight will incorporate duties as a whole of Union Organising.

Moved and Seconded:

Carried

Bob Yette and Georgie Kimmel 2019 Awards

Bob Yette Award – Shop Steward of the Year 2019

and **Georgie Kimmel Award** — Health and Safety Representative/s of the Year 2019

The State Secretary calls for nominations for the Bob Yette award for Leading Shop Steward and the Georgie Kimmel Health and Safety Representative/s for 2019.

Moved and Seconded: 'State Council notes the report and that award winners will be announced at the December 13h State Council End of Year Function.'

Carried

ACCOUNTS

Item 1 **Maurice Blackburn Lawyers**

Invoice from Maurice Blackburn Lawyers for 'Esso Termination Application' for the total amount of \$284.90– Invoice No. 506319

Moved and Seconded: 'State Admin endorses the Invoice from Maurice Blackburn Lawyers for 'Esso Termination Application' for the total amount of \$284.90– Invoice No. 506319'

Carried

Item 2 **Foley's List Pty Ltd**

Invoice from Foley's List P/L for 'Craig Mathews v O.I Operations for the total amount of \$4,875.00– Invoice No. 1219836

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Moved and Seconded: 'State Admin endorses the Invoice from Foley's List P/L for 'Craig Mathews v O.I Operations for the total amount of \$4,875.00– Invoice No. 1219836'

Carried

OTHER BUSINESS

Item 1 Annual Retired Members Labour Day Lunch

Each year the State Council has put on a luncheon for our retired members division on Labour Day. The next RMD Labour Day luncheon is on Monday March 9th, 2020.

The State Secretary encourages your attendance and asks you to contact Sister Naomi Diehm to offer your support on the day.

Moved and Seconded: 'State Council endorses the holding of the Annual Retired Members Labour Day Function on March 9th, 2020 and authorises the State Secretary to make the necessary arrangements and thanks Sister Naomi Diehm for coordinating this event each year'

Carried

Item 2 District Committee End of Year breakup's

Moved and Seconded: 'State Council endorses that an amount of up to \$600.00 be made available for each District Committee upon request towards their end of year break ups'

Carried

Item 3 Wodonga Gold Cup/Race Day

A request has been made from the AMWU Wodonga branch to pay for the band playing at the Union members race day on 29th November 2019, with a cost of \$1,200.00.

Moved and Seconded: 'State Council endorses the \$1,200 payment for the band at the Wodonga Cup on 29th November 2019.'

Carried

Item 4 National Council

Qantas Club

'The Victorian State Council calls on National Council to resolve the issue by the way of providing all National Council equal benefits.'

Moved and Seconded

Carried

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Item 5 Food Industry Funding

‘The Victorian State Council notes the report from the Food Industry and calls on the National Steering Committee/National Council to provide and fund the submission made from the Food Industry Committee’

Moved and Seconded

Carried

Item 6 State Secretary Leave/Quorum

This meeting of STATE COUNCIL

NOTING THAT:

- the composition of the National Steering Committee (**NSC**) includes each of the State Secretaries; and
- the responsibilities of the NSC include the development and presentation of draft budgets for consideration by National Council; and
- for the meeting of the NSC on 19 September 2019 there were 4 State Secretaries absent on approved leave and there were 3 acting State Secretaries present, including the acting Victorian State Secretary; and
- the 3 acting State Secretaries were not entitled to vote at the meeting and their participation was limited to the status of “observer”; and
- the Quorum Rule 5I provides that at any meeting of the National Conference, National Council, State Conference or State Council, one half plus one of the members of the body concerned shall constitute a quorum for any meeting; and
- despite the Quorum Rule, a quorum for the NSC is just four members of the NSC, of which at least one member must be the National President or the National Secretary, according to Rule 5C(1)(b)(iii); and
- the Rules do not presently provide that in the absence of the State Secretary on leave, an Assistant State Secretary will act in his or her role,

HEREBY RESOLVES THAT:

1. It is unsatisfactory that the Rules:
 - a. do not provide that in the absence of the State Secretary on leave, an Assistant State Secretary will act in his or her role, and
 - b. provide for a quorum for the NSC, an important national body, that is low and undemocratic and out of step with the Quorum Rule, Rule 5I.

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2. The Rules of the Union should be altered so that:
 - a. an Assistant State Secretary appointed in writing by the State Secretary shall in all respects act in the role of the State Secretary if he or she is absent on leave, including acting as the State Secretary on the NSC and other national bodies; and
 - b. the quorum for a meeting of the NSC will be one half plus one of the members of the NSC, in keeping with the Quorum Rule.

3. The State Secretary arrange for this resolution to be placed on the agenda of the next meeting of the National Council.

Moved and Seconded

Carried

GIFT REGISTER DECLARATIONS

Moved and Seconded: *'State Council notes there were no declarations for the October 23rd State Council'*

Carried

DIVISIONAL REPORTS

Moved and Seconded:

'State Council notes the Divisional reports'

Carried

Meeting Close 3:35pm

<p><u><i>Next State Council Wednesday October 23rd 2019 commencing at 10:00am</i></u></p>
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2020 State Council Dates – Please put in your Diaries

10:00am

11th March 2020

10th June 2020

9th September 2020

11th December 2020