



Minutes – NSW AFI Conference Call

Monday, 8 July, 2019

Time

From: 18:01 hours **To:** hours

Attendees

Michael Forbes, Alex Visotin, Taylor Pallaton, Bob McKay, Sonia Scott, Mark Pellegrino, Barry Sutherland

Apologies

Nil

1. Acceptance of Previous Minutes

Moved: Michael Forbes
Second: Taylor Pallaton
Vote: CARRIED

2. Correspondence In

Michael Forbes reported he received an email from a guy who wanted to live stream out Education Nights. Michael said he has not forwarded it on as he only got it late last week. The person is a firefighter. Michael said he did not think it appropriate, because a cost has not been provided, but Michael believes it will not be cheap and there will only be a handful of people looking at it. The company is JUM Media.

Taylor Pallaton said RFS have paid their memberships.

Moved: Bob McKay
Second: Alex Visotin
Vote: CARRIED

3. Correspondence Out

Nil.

4. President's Report

Michael Forbes reported that we had 35 people turn up at the Tesla Education Night, which is one of the biggest we have had for a while. And we made about \$100 to \$110 on the night.

Moved: Taylor Pallaton
Second: Sonia Scott
Vote: CARRIED

5. Treasurer's Report

Taylor Pallaton reported the Tesla Education Night brought in \$160.00 in total. And our bank account currently has \$37,729.10 in hand. Taylor reported the RFS membership payment was \$2750.00.

Moved: Michael Forbes
Second: Mark Pellegrino
Vote: CARRIED

6. Educations Officer's Report

It was reported that John Gardner is locked in for the AGM Education Night on Arch Mapping. Bob McKay reported that he had no response from Fire Rescue Safety about presenting on photo ionization detectors but would check with them in the morning. Michael said the flyer needs to be done fast. Michael said, and Taylor confirmed that the food and venue were locked in. It was suggested we do AGM first, then the food and finally the Education Night.

Alex Visotin raised a concern that the PID portion may be taken as endorsing the product. Bob McKay said that was not the case and it would be made clear on the night. Bob also added that a presentation on PID was put forward because there was a continual struggle to find people to present at Education Nights.

Alex said he would do a presentation on PID because he would cover all of the pros and cons. Michael asked what Bob wanted to do, and he replied that as Fire Rescue Safety has not responded, he was happy for Alex to do a presentation. Alex said he could do a presentation on PID up to three hours. It was suggested that Alex moves to October and does a presentation on the subject of on scene detection.

Moved: Taylor Pallaton
Second: Alex Visotin
Vote: CARRIED

7. Webmaster's Report

Alex Visotin reported that he received an email from a lady called Barbara from the Greek American Insurance Group, who was requesting to use a NSWAFI video on their web site. The video in question was from You Tube and it is not known who produced it, so NSWAFI cannot authorize its use. Alex to advise.

We have had almost 400 visits to the web site.

Moved: Michael Forbes
Second: Mark Pellegrino
Vote: CARRIED

8. Merchandising Report

Alex Visotin said we received an order for \$100.00 worth of merchandise, with one of the items were lapel pins. Michael said he had some, but none of the new lapel pins. Bob McKay said the old pins were only a map of NSW with IAAI Chapter 47 on it and said that the new pin, featuring NSWAFI logo is much better. Alex said before we get a new order can we get rid of the old ones. Michael said he would bring the old pins to the AGM for Alex.

Alex said he wants to give away coffee mugs at the AGM. Alex said he has 25 coffee mugs.

Moved: Mark Pellegrino
Second: Taylor Pallaton
Vote: CARRIED

9. Membership Report

We current have 155 financial members.

New Members:

Jack Edman - FRNSW

Lewis Alessi -

Craig Gordon - FRNSW

All passed

Moved: Alex Visotin
Second: Sonia Scott
Vote: CARRIED

10. Business Arising

Michael also reported that the AAFI MOU has sent out and all Associations have agreed to sign it. There is some interest in going to New Zealand to discuss the AAFI Conference and sign the MOU.

Chapter Governance re providing Minutes to IAAI

IAAI have requested we provide copies of the AGM Minutes this AGM and each AGM thereafter. We will start from the 2019 AGM.

Automation of Membership Certificates

Alex said he did not think automation is possible. Taylor said she can send over what she did previously. Barry wanted to know if this would be an open ended certificate of one for each year of membership. Sonia will do a template if required. Barry suggest it should be requested.

A motion was put that a tick box be added to the membership application asking if the member wanted a Membership Certificate on Application for Membership. This was put to a vote.

Against: Mark Pellegrino

For: Michael Forbes, Bob McKay, Alex Visotin, Taylor Pallaton, Sonia Scott

CARRIED – A tick box will be placed on the membership application for members to request a Membership Certificate.

Bob McKay to design a Membership Certificate.

Moved: Michael Forbes
Second: Barry Sutherland
Vote: CARRIED

Bob McKay put forward a motion that a vote be undertaken that the Ross Brogan Scholarship be extended to include a provision to allow members to travel overseas for training events. This was discussed and then a vote was undertaken.

Proposal to extend Ross Brogan Scholarship to cover overseas training for members.

Against: Alex Visotin, Michael Forbes, Taylor Pallaton, Sonia Scott, Mark Pellegrino

For: Bob McKay, Barry Sutherland

Carried Against

Bob McKay reported he has done two readings of the IAAI Expert Witness Course and is doing a third read. Once that is done a proposal will be sent to Anna Davies and Experts Direct to devise an Australian Course which will meet IAAI requirements. Mark Pellegrino asked why not have IAAI come out to Australia and run the current IAAI Expert Witness Course. It was pointed out that the U.S. legal system was very different to the Australian and New Zealand legal system. Michal Forbes expressed a view that NSWAFI should continue to attempt to establish a 'local expert witness course' and asked Bob McKay to continue. If this option fails, then we will look to the U.S. course.

11 New Business

Alex Visotin raised a question about the ARTSA Conference using the NSWAFI Logo and was it put to the committee. Michael Forbes said that the matter was urgent and Bob McKay discussed it with Michael. As there was no cost there the NSWAFI and ARTSA had offered to allow members of NSWAFI, QAFI, VAFI and NZAFI discounted conference registration costs, a decision was taken to allow use of the NSWAFI logo by ARTSA. This also raised the profile of the NSWAFI without any cost.

Bob McKay said he sent out a proposal to all committee members regarding Russ Colosi coming to Australia to do a heavy vehicle fire training course. Bob discussed this a little further, but felt it was an excellent opportunity for someone from overseas to come out and do a course, with tested study. Bob reported that Russ was only after the cost of the airfare and a few nights accommodation. Bob said Russ was happy to do a one or two day course. The two day would be a second day looking at burnt vehicles.

Michael Forbes said he now thinks it is a good idea and supports it. Mark Pellegrino raised the question why we were picking Russ Colosi over someone else. Bob McKay said Russ Colosi's CV was sent out with the proposal to all Committee Members.

Michael asked Sonia Scott what was happening with her contact with John Lentini. Sonia said he would come out for \$25,000 USD plus accommodation costs. Michael Forbes said that when he heard this, he emailed Dr Peter Mansi and Steve Carman asking for their opinion on Lentini's offer. Both thought it was an absolute joke.

Michael asked Bob to contact Russ Colosi and get firm costs.

Meeting concluded at 19:36 hours

Next Meeting Monday, 8 September, 2019 at 18:00 hours

Bob McKay, Secretary NSWAFI