



Annual General Meeting 2015 for FreeSchools World Literacy Australia

FreeSchools World Literacy Australia

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DATE commencing: Saturday 11th Apr 2015 TIME: 9:00 am
DATE completion: Sunday 30th Jun 2015 TIME: 9:00 pm

INTERNET VENUE: FreeSchools Literacy Australia email network
fswl-australia@googlegroups.com

Member pre-registration is essential to participate and vote

Minutes of the Meeting

1. Rollcall of members present and apologies.

There were 12 participants in attendance (*Committee member)

Bernie Belarski*
Merindi Belarski*
Donna Cervantes*
Robert Coenraads*
Ian Esmore*
Delphine Swadling*
Kathleen Swadling*
Sue Tennant

2. Welcome and background briefing by the Chairperson/President.

Dear Committee and Friends,

It is now again time to announce our Annual General Meeting - even though it hardly seems that long ago since we finished our last one!

It is a fitting time to open our meeting following the Easter/Passover Season. What better time than just after celebrating the lives and efforts of those who came before us - lives given on our behalf, to now strive to serve ourselves to do the best we can for humanity in our own place and Time.

Our 2015 AGM will open on Saturday 11th of April at 9:00am and allow all of the Committee Members ample time to register and vote. Please find attached the standard Agenda for the 2015 AGM. The main purpose of this meeting is to present the 2014 Annual Report containing the audited accounts of FreeSchools World Literacy for 2014, and to elect our new Committee of Management for 2015.

Could you please acknowledge your ability to participate in this years AGM? Thank you for your continued support since the last AGM and for your attendance at this meeting.

Kind regards,
Dr. Robert Coenraads
President; FreeSchools World Literacy - Australia

3. Minutes of previous year's Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2014

Motion: That the minutes of the 2014 AGM be accepted by the Committee.
Move: Kathleen Swadling Second: Ian Esmore Carried

4. President's Report. As circulated to membership

President's Report

It has been a decade and a half now since Mark Bloomfield and I traveled to Motihari Evening School in Bihar State, India in 2000 – a single schoolhouse for the poor children of the village being run by Sister Crescence. There, I realized for the first time in my life, the real need for free education for the poor, and the ability of education to drastically change the lives of those who were lucky enough to get it. I also saw the benefits of that knowledge spread from the student back to their families and to the local community.

Now, fifteen years on, as we enter year 2015, there are over 3,000 students being taught by 87 teachers at 74 FreeSchools World Literacy funded centres in India, Bangladesh, Thailand, and Zambia with donors in Australia having raised a total of \$74,126 to those efforts since that time.

Thanks to the continuing selfless work of our overseas field partners; Sister Crescence and the Fakirana Sisters Society in Bihar State, India; Rev. Ashish Amos and ISPCCK in New Delhi; Amarok in Bangladesh; the Mirror Foundation team in Thailand; and Immanuel Mercy Reachout Ministries in Zambia; we are seeing the real benefits of this education flow back into the local community.

A total of \$5,417 was raised for FreeSchools World Literacy aid projects during 2014 reporting period in the following campaigns:

1. \$2,540 was raised for the Thai schools due the efforts of the Coenraads Family's Francis C. Nieves Memorial Fund, Linda Alcorn's fundraising efforts at Whitebridge High School, the Forest Kirk Womens Fellowship and individual members of the Forest Kirk Uniting Church.
2. \$1,100 was raised for the Indian FreeSchools in Bihar thanks to the fundraising efforts of a dedicated group of regular monthly donors including Kathleen and Trevor Swadling, Melissa Alldis, Bernie & Merindi Swadling, and Andrew & Delphine Swadling.
3. \$1,770 was raised for the Immanuel Mercy School in Zambia, our Africa project now one year old, thanks to the single-handed commitment of Donna Cervantes.

FreeSchools World Literacy maintains high-quality audited annual accounts and reportage presented to Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) standard.

Finally, I would especially like to thank the FreeSchools World Literacy Committee of Management, many of whom have been members and donors since the Committee's inception.

Robert Coenraads

Dr. Robert Coenraads

President – FreeSchools World Literacy (Australia)

5. Treasurer's Report.

Dear Committee,

I have the pleasure of submitting the FreeSchools World Literacy Financial Report and Audited Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2014 as part of full FreeSchools World Literacy Annual Report for 2013. The accounts are an unbroken record dating back to the beginnings of FSWL in 2001 and are presented in ACFID standard format.

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TABLE OF CASH MOVEMENTS FOR DESIGNATED PURPOSES

Cash movements for year ended	Designated Project	Cash available at beginning of year	Cash raised during year	Cash disbursed during year	Cash available at year end
2014	Bihar, India	\$ 200	\$ 1,100	\$ 1,237	\$ 63
2014	Thailand	\$ 400	\$ 2,540	\$ 2,940	\$ -
2014	Africa	\$ 239	\$ 1,770	\$ 2,020	\$ (11)
2014	Interest	\$ 62	\$ 7	\$ -	\$ 69
TOTAL 2014		\$ 901	\$ 5,417	\$ 6,197	\$ 121

The figures in the President's Report are taken from the Cash Movement Summary, which shows \$901 available in the FreeSchools account at the beginning of the year, plus \$5,417 raised during 2014, minus \$1,197 dispersed during the year, giving a total of \$ 121 available at the end of December 2014.

Motion: That the President's report and audited accounts be received and accepted as read as part of the FreeSchools World Literacy Annual Report for 2014.

Move: Merindi Belarski Second: Ian Esmore Carried::

6. Election of Committee of Management and Nomination of Public Officer

The majority of the 2014 FreeSchools World Literacy Committee of Management indicated its willingness to re-stand for office during 2015. They were elected as follows:

ROBERT COENRAADS nominated as President_Chairperson FSWL

Move: Ian Esmore Second: Kathleen Swadling Carried:

IAN ESMORE nominated as Secretary FSWL

Move: Robert Coenraads Second: Delphine Swadling Carried:

MERINDI BELARSKI nominated as Treasurer FSWL

Move: Robert Coenraads Second: Ian Esmore Carried:

IAN ESMORE nominated as Public Officer FSWL

Move: Robert Coenraads Second: Kathleen Swadling Carried:

BERNARD GABRIEL BELARSKI nominated as Committee Member FSWL
Move: Robert Coenraads Second: Ian Esmore Carried:

DONNA MARIE CERVANTES nominated as Committee Member FSWL
Move: Robert Coenraads Second: Ian Esmore Carried:

DELPHINE SWADLING nominated as Committee Member FSWL
Move: Robert Coenraads Second: Ian Esmore Carried:

KATHLEEN SWADLING nominated as Committee Member FSWL
Move: Robert Coenraads Second: Ian Esmore Carried:

7. Chairperson to confirm appointments.

President Robert Coenraads confirmed the appointments to the Committee of Management as listed in Item 6.

8. Confirm schedule of membership fees

It was confirmed that FSWL Australia will have NIL membership fees for 2013.

Move: Robert Coenraads Second: Ian Esmore Carried

9. General Business :

ROBERT COENRAADS – I would like to propose a letter of thanks for

Mr Robert Mills CPA
3 Wakely Place
Forestville NSW 2087

On behalf of the Committee of Management of FreeSchools World Literacy for volunteering his services to audit our 2014 annual accounts.

As a result of his kindness, we do not have to spend valuable funds to pay an auditor (an ACFID requirement).

SUE TENNANT President FSWL Canada – Letter of thanks for Australian Committee

Dear Friends.

It's remarkable how so many of you have hung in all these years, even through the frustration of not being able to get charitable tax status. But some day you will. The important thing is, you have been loyal to the cause - a continuous push for literacy that the world desperately needs. The need is not going away anytime soon. But I want you to know that all of us involved and invested in FreeSchools understand the heroic effort you have made to continue on without a breakthrough yet. We love and appreciate you all the more, for the difficulties you have weathered. But your day will come!

I am so proud to include FSWL-AU as our global partner. We all thank you so much. We ask that you stay with us, because great things will happen in the future. God's bless each of you in unexpected ways!
All my love, Sue

10. Set date and time for next Annual General Meeting. Close meeting

The next Annual General Meeting of FSWL will be held in March 2016.

The Committee is thanked for its involvement in the AGM

END OF MINUTES