



Annual General Meeting 2016 for FreeSchools World Literacy Australia

FreeSchools World Literacy Australia

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DATE commencing: Saturday 20th Feb 2016 TIME: 9:00 am
DATE completion: Sunday 22nd May 2016 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*
Graeme Chapman*
Anya Ramani*
Sue Tennant
Thellie (Mirror Foundation)
Veronica Zambesi (Immanuel Mercy Reachout Ministries)

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

Dear Committee and Friends,

It is now again time to announce our Annual General Meeting.

I hope all of you have enjoyed a restful holiday season with family and friends, with time to reflect on just how lucky we are to be enjoying life in the luxury of a first world country

Our 2016 AGM will open on Saturday 20th of February at 9:00am and run for a few weeks, thereby allowing all of the Committee Members ample time to register and vote.

The standard Agenda will be followed for the 2016 AGM. The main purpose of this meeting is to present the 2015 Annual Report containing the audited accounts of FreeSchools World Literacy for 2015, and to elect our new Committee of Management for 2016.

Could you please acknowledge your ability to participate in this year's AGM, and thank you for your continued support since the last AGM and for your attendance at this meeting.

Yours sincerely,
Dr. Robert Coenraads
President; FreeSchools World Literacy - Australia

3. Minutes of previous year's Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2015

Motion: That the minutes of the 2015 AGM be accepted by the Committee.
Move: Ian Esmore Second: Robert Coenraads Carried

4. President's Report.

As circulated to membership

It has been a decade and a half now since Mark Bloomfield and I travelled 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, sixteen years on, as we enter year 2016, 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 \$79,477 to those efforts since that time.

Thanks to the ongoing selfless work of our overseas field partners; Sister Crescence and the Fakirana Sisters Society in Bihar State, India; Rev. Ashish Amos and ISPCK in 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 \$5,351 was raised for FreeSchools World Literacy aid projects during 2015 reporting period in the following campaigns:

1. \$2,126 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 Women's Fellowship and individual members of the Forest Kirk Uniting Church.
2. \$1,222 was raised for the Indian FreeSchools in Bihar thanks to the fundraising efforts of a dedicated group of regular monthly donors including Melissa Alldis, Kathleen and Trevor Swadling, Bernie & Merindi Swadling, and Andrew & Delphine Swadling.
3. \$2,000 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.

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 2015 as part of full FreeSchools World Literacy Annual Report for 2015. 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
2015	Bihar, India	\$ 63	\$ 1,223	\$ 1,210	\$ 76
2015	Thailand	\$ -	\$ 2,126	\$ 2,106	\$ 20
2015	Africa	\$ (11)	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,969	\$ 20
2015	Interest	\$ 69	\$ 2	\$ -	\$ 71
TOTAL 2015		\$ 121	\$ 5,351	\$ 5,285	\$ 187

The figures in the President's Report are taken from the Cash Movement Summary, which shows \$121 available in the FreeSchools account at the beginning of the year, plus \$5,351 raised during 2014, minus \$5,285 dispersed during the year, giving a total of \$ 187 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: Kathleen Swadling Second: Robert Coenraads 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: Kathleen 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:

GRAEME CHAPMAN nominated as Committee Member FSWL
Move: Robert Coenraads Second: Ian Esmore Carried

ANYA RAMANI nominated as Committee Member FSWL
Move: Robert Coenraads Second: Kathleen Swadling 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 2016.

Move: Merindi Belarski Second: Kathleen Swadling 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 2015 annual accounts.

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

Move: Robert Coenraads Second: Kathleen Swadling Carried

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

Dear Friends.

It is wonderful that Ms. Anya Ramani has put her name forward as a nominee for the position of Committee Member in 2016.

I would like to thank all the Committee for their faithful support of FreeSchools over the last year. While 2015 was an unsettled and stressful time for me personally; we are happily settled in our vastly downsized living situation in Barrie, Ontario (just 1 hour from downtown Toronto).

Eef and I begin this week with a website design company that specializes in not-for profits to totally redesign and update our FreeSchools website. When we are a bit further into the design, we will show you how you can make your contribution to the Australian pages. I apologize that this has been such a long-time coming!

Best wishes,
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 2017.

The Committee is thanked for its involvement in the AGM

END OF MINUTES