



Branch Council Meeting Minutes

31 August 2016 9:00am

Parliament House

Room 1R3, Parliament Drive, Canberra ACT 2600

The meeting opened 12:53pm with Mark Sterrey, President in the Chair for the Branch Council meeting 31 August 2016.

Disclaimer:

Moved Joan Catlin/Sarah Dufty that the identical matters indicated in the Branch Council meeting of the HSU NSW/ACT/QLD agenda dated 31 August 2016 have been dealt with previously by way of resolution or information purposes at the immediately preceding HSU NSW/ACT Union Council meeting, may not require further discussion after being moved, seconded and voted upon. Consistent with this, Branch meeting times run shorter than would be reflected in the Agenda.

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Attendees

Mark Sterrey
Gerard Hayes
Andrew Lillicrap
Mercedes Polanco
Sue Davis
Raymond Dunn
Joan Catlin
Gillian Reilly
Sharon Carney
Steven Fraser
Leanne Burns

John Holgate
Alan Wilcock
Leigh Bush
Claire Charles
Sarah Dufty
Sharon Joseph
Lindy Twyford
Shirley O'Riley
Josephine Peacock
John Jetty Dore

1. Observers/Proxies/Apologies

Resolution: BC 01/2016

Moved: Sharon Carney/Ray Dunn

“That the apologies Sharalyn Haynes, Leanne Starr, Darrieca Turley, John Chester, Stephen Austen, Ronald Pike and Warren boon be accepted and observers Clark Eaton, Elliot Waugh, Angela Nigro, Ayshe Lewis, David Perry, Phil Kessey, Adam Hall, Rob Sheehy, Adrian Coates, Tim Thorburn, Paul Compton and Linda Zutitis be admitted to the meeting.”

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2. Conflict of Interest, Related Party Transaction Disclosers and other Disclosures

No conflicts or other disclosures were made.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting/s:

Resolution: BC 02/2016
Moved: John Holgate/Lindy Twyford
“That the HSU Branch Council Minutes 31 May 2016 be accepted.”
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Resolution: BC 03/2016
Moved: Claire Charles/Sarah Dufty
“That the HSU Branch Council Minutes 4 July 2016 2016 be accepted.”
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4. Business arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising that were not already on the agenda.

5. SECRETARY'S REPORT

- Gerard Hayes, Secretary reported on a number of items including the HSU NSW/ACT growth bringing HSU membership to nearly 33,000
- Update on the Woman's Committee and the notification email regarding the leadership program which Leanne Burns will discuss via teleconference scheduled for Thursday 1 September 2016 where it will be determined who attends Women's Committee meeting in Melbourne conducted by the National Office
- Gerard discussed the Australian Electoral Commission and Fair Work Commission attacking Unions and downgrading the Industrial Program
- The potential for document distribution via DropBox
- The tender process for linen services in Wagga Wagga
- Internal legal costs being reduced due to 4 lawyers currently working in-house at the HSU.
- Next year, privatisation.

Resolution: BC 04/2016
Moved: Leanne Burns/Lindy Twyford
“The HSU Branch Council accepts the Secretary's report.”
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5.2 QLD Branch Rule Change

The NSW Branch of the Health Services Union has attempted to assist in the rebuilding of the Queensland Branch of the HSU over the past three and a half years. During this time the NSW Branch has assisted with operations resources and administrative resources.

Despite all the reasonable attempts, Queensland Branch has not been able to develop a structure that would establish further growth and development.

It is with this in mind, the NSW Branch offered to absorb the Queensland Branch with the view to decreasing administrative costs and applying on organizing strategy that will promote growth.

The National Council has now resolved to change the National rules of the Union to reflect all members employed in New South Wales and or the ACT and or Queensland shall be members of the New South Wales Branch.

Resolution: BC 05/2016
Moved: Leanne Burns/Lindy Twyford
“The HSU Branch Council notes the members that are employed in Queensland are members of the New South Wales Branch.”
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5.3 Registered Organisations Commissions Bill – ACTU (attachment)

5.4 Fair Work Commission Inquiry into HSU NSW Branch

The HSU NSW Branch is subject to an enquiry by the Fair Work Commission in relation to a referral by the Trade Union Royal Commission. The Fair Work Commission has requested documents from 2007 to 2012 that relate to the Ian Temby report, the Harmonisation Agreement between the HSU East and the HSU East Branch and policies and procedures.

This information has been required by the 23 August 2016. The Union has sourced all available documents as requested.

Resolution: BC 06/2016
Moved: Leanne Burns/Lindy Twyford
“HSU Branch Council note the Fair Work Commission request for documents and the Branches compliance with the request.”
MOTION PUT AND CARRIED

6. ASSISTANT SECRETARY’S/TREASURER’S REPORT:

Andrew Lillicrap reported on the budget moving forward as per the reports attached and extended his appreciation of the huge efforts and the amount of work within the financial team to Angel Nigro and Janaki Puvanarajah.

Resolution: BC 07/2016
Moved: Sharon Carney/Leanne Burns
“The HSU Branch Council accepts the Assistant Secretary/Treasurer’s report.”
MOTION PUT AND CARRIED

7. FINANCE REPORT:

7.1(2)(3 The Financial reports for July 2016 are attached.

Resolution: BC 08/2016
Moved: Alan Wilcock/Gillian Reilly
“The HSU Branch Council accepts the finance report including the profit and loss statements and balance sheet as at 30 July 2016.”

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Andrew Lillicrap reported on the 2016/2017 budget and the finance report projections.

Resolution: BC 09/2016

Moved: Steven Fraser/Raymond Dunn

“The HSU Branch Council discuss, review and adopt the Budget and Cashflow Projections for the 2017 financial year.”

MOTION PUT AND CARRIED

7.4 Audited Financial Statements 2015/2016

Resolution: BC 10/2016

Moved: Lindy Twyford/Josephine Peacock

On the 31st August 2016 the Branch Council of Health Services Union NSW Branch passed the following resolution in relation to the general purpose financial report (GPRF) for the period ended 30 June 2016:

The Branch Council declares that in its opinion:

- (a) the financial statements and notes comply with the Australian Accounting Standards;
- (b) the financial statements and notes comply with the reporting guidelines of the General Manager;
- (c) the financial statements and notes give a true and fair view of the financial performance, financial position and cash flows of the reporting unit for the financial period to which they relate;
- (d) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the reporting unit will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable; and
- (e) during the financial year to which the GPRF relates and since the end of that year:
 - (i) meetings of the Branch Council were held in accordance with the rules of the organisation including the rules of a branch concerned; and
 - (ii) the financial affairs of the reporting unit have been managed in accordance with the rules of the organisation including the rules of a branch concerned; and
 - (iii) the financial records of the reporting unit have been kept and maintained in accordance with the RO Act; and
 - (iv) where the organisation consists of two or more reporting units, the financial records of the reporting unit have been kept, as far as practicable, in a consistent manner with each of the other reporting units of the organisation; and
 - (v) where information has been sought in any request by a member of the reporting unit or General Manager duly made under section 272 of the RO Act has been provided to the member or General Manager; and
 - (vi) where any order for inspection of financial records has been made by the Fair Work Commission under section 273 of the RO Act, there has been compliance.
- (f) no revenue has been derived from undertaking recovery of wages activity during the reporting period.

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Resolution: BC 11/2016

Moved: Gillian Reilly/Sharon Joseph

“HSU New South Wales Branch Council notes that the Audited Financial Statements were received by Branch Council meeting of 31 August 2016. Branch Council has heard the report of the Auditor from Nexia Court and therefore adopts the Audited Financial Statements for the period ending 30 June 2016.

HSU New South Wales Branch Council therefore authorises the Assistant Secretary/Treasurer to sign the Operating Report and Committee of Management Statement for the report ending 30 June 2016.

Further, that the audited financial report be made available to HSU members on the HSU website.”

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There being no further business, the meeting closed at 1:07pm.



Chairperson

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