

**NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PST GRADUATE ASSOCIATION
ABORIGINAL CORPORATION MEETING HELD IN
MELBOURNE ON 13TH AND 14TH FEBRUARY 2006**

Present: John Browne (President)
Kim Burke (Treasurer)
Nola Hawken (Elder)
Jennyx Saxon (Women's Officer)
Adrian Hepi (Mens' and Media Officer)

Apologies: Christine King (Secretary)

Agenda Items:

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

There was welcome to country acknowledging the traditional owners and their ancestors

President reported on the fact the he was invited to the CAPA/ACM/equity meeting last December 2005. Funding for NIPAAC was \$ 6120.00 for the first half of 2006. It is expected that the second half of the year funding will be another \$6120.00.

President verbal report was acceptable to members

NIPAAC 'S WEBSITE

NIPAAC Information does not appear to be in the right place. Changes have already been made to reflect changes in Executive. Pennyx has volunteer to redesign the NIPAAC Website. Kim will work with Pennyx on this project.

Motion: That in return for a Website design and changes that are necessary that Pennyx Saxon be allowed to have on the bottom of each website page her business name and logo which is Orbiting-Arts.

All agreed. Carried.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership on NIPAAC should be increased to include a Disability Officer to complement the new Disability officer on CAPA and to handle matters and issues raised by disabled Post graduate students who are Indigenous.

Motion: That NIPAAC increase their membership to include a Disability Officer.

All agreed. Carried.

Recommendation: That the NIPAAC disability officer be a member of the CAPA Executive .

VICE PRESIDENT VACANCY

As the vice president had resigned earlier this year it was vital that new person be elected as acting in the position.

Motion: That Adrian Hepi be the acting vice president of NIPAAAC until the AGM elections in 2006.

All Agreed. Carried.

Adrian has accepted the role.

ACTION POLICIES

A) Motion: In regard to Action policy 5.3.10.8, that NIPAAAC will examine working with Regional Committees to developing an MOU with PGAs' on cultural protocol.

All agreed. Carried.

John to communicate this to the NOC committee meeting on the 11th March 2006 in Melbourne at Trades Hall.

B) Motion 6 of CAPA Action Policies

This is ongoing due to changes of support to child care agencies connected to the universities that will be affected by the VSU.

C) Motion: NIPAAAC request that CAPA moves that Motions 14 and 19 of the previous CAPA ACM be rescinded.

Explanation: NIPAAAC considers that Abstudy payments for post graduates is \$19,232.00 which is a better outcome than Austudy post graduates income.

Motion 14 portrays all Indigenous students as having deficits in self esteem and this can be perceived as discriminatory to Indigenous people.

OTHER MOTIONS

Motion: That NIPAAAC purchase a Micro Tape recorder and Tapes to record minutes of national meetings which also includes stationary.

All agreed Carried.

Last Motion: That NIPAAAC handle their own affairs and that it is insulting for NIPAAAC who have not been given the opportunity to manage their own affairs.

All agreed. Carried

Explanation: This has caused undue hardship to executive when issuing travel funds after the event.

Meeting closed at 3.00pm on 14th February 2006

Next meeting:.....