

**AWCI of SA**  
**Executive Committee Meeting**  
**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2009**

**At 3.00pm**  
**Council Room**  
**TAFE Gilles Plains**  
**Blacks Road**  
**Gilles Plains SA**

1/	P Coymans (Pres )	Coymans Ceilings
	I Spanovskis	Rondo Building Systems
	J Bricher	Laser Linings
	M Hayward	CSR Building Materials
	D Costaridis	Heritage Plaster Products
	B Mahne	Boral Plasterboard
	P Klepczynski	TAFE Gilles Plains
	B Biggs	Executive Officer

(a) **Apologies** G Hazzard, R Beckett, I Spurr, N Wilson

2/ **Welcome & Opening** The President welcomed all in attendance and opened the meeting calling for apologies.

The President spoke of the National Group Training Scheme not being funded by the Manufacturers and the impact this is having on future funding projections by the National Office, with only the magazine to provide any further funding to the state bodies.

The addition of further KPI's added to the E/D job specification is in fact going into job overload for a one man office, and no additional funding forthcoming to meet the deadlines.

National Licensing is still being formatted as to how much control by the federal body and current state systems as they exist, and the role that the state bodies may play in the recognition of trade skills and competencies.

This are could in the future contribute to the states earnings, by conducting trade tests and skills development for the work-force on a fee for service basis.

The National Conference is in Queensland this year to be followed by New Zealand in 2010, where the National Executive has decided to open to bids for holding the next conference.

This is based on the US model where Vegas is the venue each year owing to its popularity as a conference and holiday venue, which results in growing attendances each year, and contributes to the funding of the association.

3/ Minutes of Previous Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> May meeting Confirmed M/ B Mahne  
S. / I Spanovskis

Accepted

#### **4/ Business Arising**

No business arising

#### **5/ Correspondence IN/OUT Attach (1)**

NOTE: Industrial Relations Commission Awards Modernisation

This is still ongoing as the last log of claims is before the Fair Pay Commission before that body is absorbed into Fair Work Australia.

Ministers Regulation for unfair dismissal under 15 employees.

CIF (Construction Industry Forum) letter on that body's opinion on Security of Payment.

#### **6/ Finance Report:**

Tabled the current financial receipts and accounts outstanding as at the end of this financial year 30<sup>th</sup> June 2009.

Finances are very tight as usual for this time of the year so any form of funding or fund raising is vitally important; in fact it is imperative that social events run at a profit.

The subscriptions this year will be called on the new National scale of subscriptions plus members details update, as current records go back some years and cannot be verified as accurate.

#### **7/Sub-Committees**

##### **7/1 Passive Fire Committee B Biggs**

Course 25 now open with four applications received.

Re-Appraisal Passive Fire Contractors

With regard to the poor response from the 140 registered certificate holders the committee directed the proposed courses be cancelled, and that certificate holders be called up in groups on designated nights, that all holders be given 90 days to attend or surrender their certification.

The funding for the course requires a minimum attendance of twenty persons to cover costs of conducting the course plus attendance by the manufacturer's representatives to deliver updated fire manuals.

Manufacturer's representatives raised the issue of the high cost of Passive Fire Manuals and where possible some contractors may opt for the DVD version, however most present felt that most contractors would use hard copy for site reference.

##### **7/2 BISCA of SA-J Bricher**

BISCA is still pursuing Security of Payment in association with AMCA, NECA, and PIA, with CCF now adding their input to the working party.

The Bill was tabled in the Lower House by the member for Newland Tom Kenyon MP as an independent member's bill in the March sitting of the house. However the working group has met with the member concerned and as a result of that meeting is happy with the concern shown by Tom Kenyon for the current problems faced by contractors in being paid for the work performed. Meetings have been held with the HIA Executive Director David Gaffney re support for security of payment legislation, with agreement reached to include all residential building and construction, this also picks up owner builders who are the subject of increasing concern to all sectors of the industry. In discussion with the working party members most of the associations have responded in a similar manner highlighting the urgency of passing the proposed Bill in its current form, the earliest this could happen would be the Sept. sitting of the House.

The same working party is now discussing the way forward with Contractors SA as the peak lobby group for all trade Associations, and looking at the feasibility of all the associations being housed in one building to minimise running costs. The working group have sought to register the name to legalise the group's identity but have run into problems with OCBA over the use of a generic title, however the group have agreed to proceed in this direction in establishing our identity.

**7/3 Social Report** N Wilson (Absent) B Mahne reported  
Awards of Excellence 2009 The National Wine Centre the evening Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May. The committee discussed the night as a whole and agreed it was enjoyed by the people who attended however most people were taken unaware of the auction, and feedback after indicates more would participate in this area in the future. The Banner display this year was across the back of the room, with the stage located in the centre giving all attendees a good view, some of sponsors indicated that in future the banners be displayed on each side of the stage as they feel the banners form an important part of their sponsorship.

With the changes to state funding, resulting in federal funding direct to states being discontinued events such as the awards night become our major fund raiser for the year.

The current numbers are down on last year and each member of the executive has chased up members who have not responded to the invitations sent out and we improved on numbers to get over the 200 on the night. While the final figures are not in, it appears we will make a small profit on this year's event, much improved over last year.

The next event on the social calendar is the annual golf day scheduled for the 11<sup>th</sup> of September @ the Mount Barker Golf Course, so we should be planning the day now and looking at the sponsors for this event. The day normally commences with teams of four in Ambrose competition hitting off at 8am in turn from front and back nine, which gets everybody back in the clubhouse for lunch by 1pm.

In view of the overrun of expenses on last years golf day Martin Hayward volunteered to have a look at the A/Cs and provide input for a better outcome on this years event, also how we can better manage sponsorship for future events.

#### **7/4 Fibrous Plaster Manufacturers D Costaridis**

D Costaridis addressed the meeting the on the problem he has experienced with apprentice training in Fibrous Plaster manufacture, P Klepczynski responded on behalf of the college, pointing out that currently funding is not available for this area of training.

Agreed that the E.O. would approach ARC members re accrediting training for this area as previous, using the joint Industry/TAFE developed log book to cover this area that is not addressed in the National Training Package.

### **8/ Portfolio Reports**

#### **8/1 Training –R Beckett/P Klepczynski**

Robert on sick leave and not in attendance, Paul Klepczynski addressed the meeting on the hours allocated to the units in the new training package.

Currently we are going through the hours designated for the training units in the Wall & Ceiling package as defined by Victoria, this may entail having to re-write some of the course delivery details for some units, we will provide feed-back to Bernie to gauge overall comment nationally.

The training programs are currently delivering White Card (new site induction OH&S training) being conducted by the college, and courses are still being filled as the old green card expires and people update to the white card.

Pre-vocation training as well as industry up-skilling are priority items in the training calendar this year, as the recession takes hold more workers will need to up-date skills in order to remain employable.

#### **8/2 Work-place Safety B Biggs**

The submission for funding the review of It's Not a Board Game has been lodged by Swinburne University and we provided a letter of support.

Swinburne has reported back on funding for the review as approved and will shortly be putting the steering committee together and getting under way on the new package.

Work-Safe has just completed a confidential survey on the take up of OH&S requirements by on-site workers and the results show far too many people taking foolish risks on work-sites.

#### **8/3 Industrial Relations-B.Biggs**

The commission ( ABCC) as it stands is under review and we expect it to be absorbed into the Fair Work Commission under the Dept. of Employment and Work-place Relations later this year.

The Fair Work Australia Bill was passed in the Lower House of Federal Parliament late in November, and already new EBAs are being negotiated from the first of Feb.09 whilst the other changes such as wages and conditions come into effect 1<sup>st</sup> July 09. The minister for work-place relations has issued the regulation for dismissal by business entities under 15 employees (tabled) which will be mailed to all members in the next mail out.

#### **8/4 Membership – The Vice Presidents Group**

The President delivered the report on current packages in the pipeline to assist in convincing new members joining the association.

The President requested that we invite non members to the awards night and called on members to make them welcome, so we had some attend the awards night and indicated their support for the association and they will be included in the next members mail-out.

The other item in the pipeline is the National Executive has agreed on a common subscription for all membership grades across Australia including transfers from state to state, this is being put together for members mail-out so members can update their details and select the fee structure that applies to their business.

Currently at the printers is the update by the Linings Council on AS/NZ 2589, which is a comprehensive easy to read document to be produced in A5 format to fit in the glove-box, it is anticipated to produce the document in sufficient numbers to cover all contractors in the industry.

#### **8/5 AWCIANZ Report's P. Coymans**

The President Phil Coymans reported on the National Executive Director Monthly reports and the progress in reshaping the AWCIANZ way forward, how ever some states are still proceeding on their own path-way, and not supporting the national initiative, to make this work we must all pull to-gether.

The 2009 conference has now been booked by Queensland for Sanctuary Cove, a popular destination for all delegates and families, we advise dates as 13-17<sup>th</sup> of October 2009, why not make up a party to attend.

A particularly strong emphasis is to be made on the trade exhibition of new products and technology for this conference with builders and trades attending daily.

AWCIANZ will be conducting a skills competition similar to the previous World-Skills format but completely under Associations control and development, the top apprentices from regional world skills competition will be invited to compete in Queensland.

The 2010 national conference is now definitely set for NZ with South Island as the choice and Christchurch the host city for the venue to be chosen.

The 2011 national conference is yet to be decided as overseas experience has shown that a popular venue has more attraction for delegates than the current cycle of past years by the rotation of the states.

The national executive decided at the last meeting that this conference could be put up for bids by a host state as a total conference package.

9/ Any Other Business

The meetings program for 2009 has been completed and venues to be advised to members on a meeting by meeting basis.

10/Next Meeting Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September @ 3pm  
Venue-Boral Plasterboard  
39 Burleigh Ave Woodville North

Meeting closed @ 5.00 pm