

Shawn O'Brien

From: Darren Churchill [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 6 February 2013 12:09 AM
To: Shawn O'Brien; FAD
Cc: Roger Howe
Subject: Most recent Australian Democrats Minutes
Attachments: NE minutes 130129.pdf; NE minutes 130131.pdf; NE_MINUTES_Sept_2012.pdf

Importance: High

Hi Shawn,

The September NE Minutes (still in their draft form here) were approved at the NE meeting of 31st January 2013. I'm expecting the approved version from Roger soon.

The other minutes are still drafts too. They cannot be approved before our next meeting (27th February).

The 31st January NE meeting was preceded by an Emergency Meeting to consider disciplinary action. The draft minutes are yet to be circulated. I am expecting them soon. Julia Melland was the minute-taker agreed to by the meeting. The Emergency Meeting saw the following members suspended from membership: Hayden Ostrom Brown, Stuart Horrex, John Davey, Drew Simmons, Paul Cole, Paul Young, Michael Pilling, Paulene Hutton, Mathew Burke.

Roger, as Secretary, is currently in the process of writing to them advising them of the process and how they will now be called to give account of themselves to NE and explain why they shouldn't be expelled. The charges against the first five are particularly severe and we are considering contacting the police.

NB: Meeting refers to face-to-face meetings or teleconference meetings only. Motions considered by email subject to Standing Order 40 do not constitute a meeting and are subject to declaration at a subsequent meeting.

National Executive has met this financial year (so far) on 4th July 2012, 5th August 2012, 18th September 2012 and 31st January 2013. National Executive did not meet between 18th September and 31st January, due to a ballot being conducted for a new National President (which was declared on 20th December 2012). Six Committees exist (under Section 7 of the Constitution to run the day-to-day business of the organisation.

Kind regards,
Darren

Darren Churchill
National President, Australian Democrats
[REDACTED]





Date: Thursday 31st January 2013 at 10.42pm AEDST
(via Chorus Call)

Meeting Opened by National President Darren Churchill in Chair at 10:42pm

1.0 Welcome / Roll Call / Apologies /AWOA/ Proxy Registrations
(P=present, Pa=Partial, Ap=apology, ?=absent, NV=non voting)

Voting Members

National President

P Darren Churchill

SDNP & Deputy National Presidents (5)

P Roger Howe SDNP

P David Collyer DNP

P Chris Ridings DNP

(4th & 5th DNP Vacant)

Divisional Presidents/Proxies

Recognised Proxies: SA, ACT.

P Robert Livesay VIC President

P Greg Croke SA Proxy

P Trevor Jenner ACT Proxy

Non-Voting

Officers, Subcommittee Office Holders

PNV Roger Howe (Acting) National Secretary

PNV Anthony David IT Coordinator

PaNV Max Baumann Policy Convenor

PNV Robin Davis Membership Officer

PNV Julia Melland Ballots Administrator & Minute taker

Chair outlines meeting rules under National Standing Orders.

Say name to be heard by Chair, Don't interrupt speaker (Chair is allowed to interrupt), No discussion after motion put to vote. If you are named 3 times you will be required to leave

2.0 Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of previous National Executive meetings as circulated by the National Secretary.

Motion: That the minutes for the August and September 2012 NE meetings be accepted.

Moved: David Collyer
 Seconded: Roger Howe
 Carried unanimously.

2.1 Business arising from the minutes

Deferred to next meeting.

3.0 Reports as tabled by NE members

Deferred to next meeting.

3.1 Business arising from the Reports

Deferred to next meeting.

3.1.1 SA Division membership motions

Deferred to next meeting.

4.0 Correspondence In

1. Resignation email from National Treasurer, Bruce Carnwell.
2. Email from AEC advising there had been an attempt made to appoint Stuart Horrex as National Secretary and Paul Morgan as Registered Officer.

4.1 Business arising from the Correspondence

1. Charlie Bell has offered to act as Treasurer until June 2013.
Motion: That John Charles Bell be appointed as acting National Treasurer until 30th June 2013.
 Moved: David Collyer
 Seconded: Chris Ridings
 Carried unanimously.
2. **Motion:** That National Executive confirms that it has not met since 18th September 2012 and the attempted appointments are invalid. National Executive also confirms the ongoing appointments of Roger Howe as National Secretary and John Charles Bell as Registered Officer.
 Moved: David Collyer
 Seconded: Roger Howe
 Carried unanimously.

5.0 Email motions

Motion: That all proposed email motions conducted between 18th September and the present are invalid.

Moved: Roger Howe
 Seconded: David Collyer
 Carried unanimously.

Action: That all motions are invited to be re-submitted to the Secretary in time for a future National Executive meeting.

6.0 Closing of Pre-selections

Motion: That National Executive instructs Divisions to conclude pre-selections for 2013 Senate Election by Wednesday 27th March 2013.

Moved: Chris Ridings
 Seconded: Greg Croke
 Carried unanimously.

7.0 Communication to the members

Deferred to next meeting.

8.0 Building a co-operative way forward

Deferred to next meeting.

9.0 Planning for Face-to-Face NE

Deferred to next meeting.

10.0 New Business

10.1 Anderson Report 1 2012(1)

The report from Troy Anderson was tabled.

Motion: That the report be noted.

Moved: Roger Howe

Seconded: Chris Ridings

Carried.

Motion 10.11: Whilst National Executive accept that Julia Melland acted in good faith and accept the recommendation to re-ballot the whole National Executive, we find the report lacked full consideration of the actions of members who are since subject to disciplinary action.

Motion 10.12: That National Executive accepts the Melland ballot result, as members voted in good faith.

Motion 10.13: That National Executive calls for nominations for the 2013/14 National Executive Ballot.

Motion 10.14: That National Executive appoints Lyn Allison as Ballot Administrator.

Motion 10.15: That National Executive recognises the appointment of Julia Melland as Ballot Administrator for the Melland ballot.

Motion 10.16: That National Executive thanks Deanne Crabb for his work as National Returning Officer.

Moved Motions 10.11 to 10.16 (incl.): Greg Croke

Seconded: David Collyer

Carried unanimously.

10.2 Proposed meeting on 2nd February 2013

Motion: That the proposed Brisbane meeting on 2nd February 2013 is not valid.

Moved: Greg Croke

Seconded: Chris Ridings

Carried.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 5th March 2013 AEDST (TBC)

Meeting closed 11:25pm.





Meeting Date: 29th January 2013 8:30pm AEDST
(via Chorus Call)

1.0 Welcome / Roll Call / Apologies – Chair: National President Darren Churchill
(P=present, Pa=Partial Ap=apology, ?=absent, NV - non voting)

Voting Members

National President

P Darren Churchill

SDNP & Deputy National Presidents (5)

Ap Roger Howe SDNP

P David Collyer DNP

P Hayden Ostrom Brown DNP

Pa Chris Ridings DNP

Pa Stuart Horrex DNP

Divisional Presidents/Proxies

Recognised Proxies: SA, ACT, Tas

P Drew Simmons NSW President

P Robert Livesay VIC President

P Paulene Hutton TAS Proxy

P Greg Croke SA Proxy

P Trevor Jenner ACT Proxy

Ap Paul Young Acting WA President

YADs President

P Matthew Burke YADS President

Non-Voting

Divisional President

PNV Paul Cole Qld President (insufficient length of membership for a vote on NE)
(ie. < 1 year) No proxy appointed.

Officers, Subcommittee Office Holders

Ap Roger Howe (Acting) National Secretary

Guests

PNV Michael Pilling Observer

PNV Alex Bond Observer

PNV Julia Melland Observer & Minute taker

PNV James Long Observer

8:30 PM Meeting failed to come to order and open. Chair declared the meeting out of order and to be reconvened.





**Australian Democrats National Executive
Teleconference Minutes**

Meeting Date: 18th September 2012 8.30pm AEST
(via Chorus Call)

1.0 Meeting Opened by Senior Deputy President Darren Churchill in Chair at 830pm

2.0 Welcome / Roll Call / Apologies – Chair

Voting Members (P=present, Pa=Partial Ap=apology, ?=absent, NV – non voting)

National President

Vacant

SDNP & Deputy National Presidents (5)

P Darren Churchill	SDNP (Chair)
P Jason Heeris	DNP
P Roger Howe	DNP
P David Collyer	DNP
Pa Hayden Ostrom Brown	DNP

Divisional Presidents/Proxies

Recognised Proxies: Tas, WA, Vic

Ap Paul Young	WA Senior Deputy President (WA President locum)
P Tim Neal	WA Proxy
P Drew Simmons	NSW President
PNV Roger Howe	VIC President
Pa Rick Westgarth	VIC Proxy
Ap Josh Mitchell	TAS President
P Paulene Hutton	TAS Proxy
P Paul Stevenson	QLD President
P Michael Pilling	SA President
PNV Darren Churchill	ACT President
Pa Trevor Jenner	ACT Proxy

YADs President

P Aaron Moss	YADS President
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Non-Voting Officers, Subcommittee Office Holders

PNV Drew Simmons	National Journal Editor
ApNV David King	IT Officer
XNV Bruce Carnwell	National Treasurer
ApNV Max Baumann	National Policy Convenor
PNV Roger Howe	(Acting) National Secretary
PNV Tim Neal	National Fundraising Officer

Guests

PNV Andrew Starr	Observer
PNV Julia Melland	Observer
PNV David Orr	Observer

PNV Alex Bond (SA)

Observer

Other Apologies

ApNV Anthony David (ACT)

833 PM Quorum Confirmed and meeting opened by Chair Darren Churchill.

Chair outlines meeting rules including

Rules – Note - Under National Standing Orders. Speaking limits apply.

Say name to be heard by Chair, Don't interrupt speaker(Chair is allowed to interrupt), no discussion after motion put to vote.

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3.0 Confirmation of Minutes

Motion: That the minutes for the August 2012 NE meeting be accepted as amended

Moved: Roger Howe

Seconded : David Collyer

Amendments :

Michael Pilling doesn't like the formatting

836 Paul Stevenson, Rick Westgarth, Hayden joined

Procedural motion – That Michael Pilling- Chair and Jason Heeris take minutes.

Moved unclear (noise prevents clarity)

Calling over chair.

Jim page joins the meeting 846

Meeting failed to come to order; meeting abandoned

851 Michael **unilaterally** took over the meeting and proceeded with discussions