

**Minutes AGM of the Sydney Branch, ASSLH
6pm Wednesday 28 September, 2011**

Meeting opened at 6pm in Training Room, Trades Hall Sussex St.

Light refreshments served.

Minutes of AGM 24 March 2010 adopted.

Attendance: Nick Dyrenfurth, John Dean, Sue Tracey, Paul Tracey, John Shields, Jim Rooney, Damien Stapleton, Nick Martin

Apologies: Danny Blackman, Michael Quinlan, Margaret Walters

Sydney Branch Talks

7 July 2010 Pay Equity: The 2010 Equal Remuneration Case in Historical Context. (Special General Meeting)

The venue was changed on the night to the Madison Hotel

Anne Junor, Professor of Organisation and Management at UNSW spoke of the gender inequities enshrined in industrial agreements since the 1880s and the strategies to be employed to overcome the inequities.

The SGM approved the amendment of the constitution so at the AGM shall be held in September each year.

9 September 2010: Faces on the Street: Faces of Radical Sydney

Held at Trades Hall, 377 Sussex Street, Sydney. This talk, by the authors of *Faces on the Street: Faces of Radical Sydney* and Sydney Branch members Terry Irving and Rowan Cahill was part of History Week 2010. There were about 50 people in attendance. The Trade Union Choir, which includes Sydney Branch's Executive member Danny Blackman and President, Sarah Gregson sang.

15 November 2010 100 Years of Labor Government in NSW

Held at Trades Hall Auditorium as a joint event with the ALP to mark the centenary of the McGowen Government with the address given by eminent Labor historians Michael Hogan and Lucy Taksa. It was quite well attended but there were few members of Sydney Branch present.

10 March 2011,: Heroes and Villains the Rise and Fall of the Early Australian Labor Party.

Held at Gleebooks, Glebe Pt Rd. Paul Howes, Secretary of AWU launched Sydney Branch Vice President, Nick Dyrenfurth's book. (Sydney Branch member, Bradon Ellem introduced Paul Howes.) It was well attended but there were few members of the Sydney Branch present.

25 May 2011 With Fists and Boots being Freely Used: Anti-IWW violence in Cobar.

Held at the Shannon, 87 Abercrombie St, Chippendale. PhD candidate Rowan Day spoke of the violence towards the "wobblies" in 1917 by vigilantes, which included craft unionists. The meeting was well-attended but the venue seem ill-equipped for future meetings.

Hummer

There have been two editions of Hummer published since March 2010 and another is shortly to go to press.

Secretary's Report

Sydney Branch Email Account

Over 90% of Sydney Branch membership possess an email address. For a number of years emails have been sent to members from a variety of email accounts. The executive determined to set up a specific account for the Sydney Branch

A few months ago the Sydney Branch set up an email account:

SydneyBranch.ASSLH@gmail.com

The contact groups include: Executive, Financial 2012 and Life Members.

Archives

In October 2010 the records of Sydney Branch ASSLH were deposited in the Mitchell Library. The nine boxes of material included minute books, 2 vols, from 1983-2001; correspondence, membership records, conference material

Minutes

The minutes of the branch and the executive are now in electronic form. The minutes from 2010 onwards are on the Sydney Branch website.

Venues for Meetings

A number of different places have been used for meetings and it would be desirable if a permanent location could be found.

Acting Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report covers the period from 28/02/2010 – 30/06/2011. This report covers a period of more than 12 months because the time of the AGM was changed from March each year to September each year at the SGM held on 7 July 2010. The financial reporting year from now will be from 1 July to 30 June.

The Sydney Branch had an excess of expenditure over income of \$1,031.27. This is due to payment for work that had to be done on the Hummer website to overcome some technical glitches.

The branch is to receive royalties for 2010-11 of \$814.91 which is to be sent from the ASSLH Federal Office.

Sydney Branch ASSLH Financial Report

	28/02/2010-30/06/2011	01/03/2009-28/02/2010
Opening Balance 01/03/2010	\$4,663.00	\$5,320.27
Income 01/03/2010- 30/06/2011		\$935.00
Expenses 01/03.2010-30/06/2011		-\$1,591.94
Closing Balance 30/06/2011	\$3,512.91	\$4,664.33
Petty Cash on hand	\$120.15	\$120.15

Profit/loss	-	\$1,031.27	
INCOME			
Membership	\$1,100.00		
Donations	\$5.00		
Publications	\$15.00		
Events	\$0.00		
Total Income	\$1,120.00		
EXPENDITURE			
Hall Hire	\$0.00	\$418.00	
Catering	\$100.00	\$172.70	
Rental of PO Box	\$253.00	\$117.00	
Federal ASSLH Membership Levy	\$57.00	\$0.00	
Bank Fees & Charges	\$74.97	\$55.34	
Hummer Printing costs	\$673.50	\$458.00	
Postage of Hummer	\$110.00	\$192.90	
Hummer Website costs	\$1,120.00	\$0.00	
Travelling (SA Speaker		\$178.00	
Total Expenditure	\$2,388.47	\$1,591.94	

Elections

Paul Tracey conducted the ballot:

President: John Shields

V President: Jim Rooney

Secretary: Nick Dyrenfurth

Treasurer: Sue Tracey

Committee: Danny Blackman, John Dean, Damien Stapleton

Guest Speaker

Nick Martin, ALP National Assistant General Secretary spoke on **The Ideas and life of G.D.H. Cole**, the famed English guild socialist, co-operative movement advocate and Fabian, and the relevance of his ideas for today's labour movement. Afterwards there was a lively discussion.

Meeting closed at 8pm.