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Australian National University Student Media

ANUSM OGM 1 2017 MEETING MINUTES
7 MARCH
5PM – 5.30PM
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Bronte:
Acknowledgement of Country

The ANUSM Board of Editors put forward the following motion:

“That the Association authorise the payment of honoraria to the Members of the Board, at an amount totaling \$6000 per Editor for a 12-month term. The Association authorises this amount to be paid in four instalments – one per quarter.”

Moved: Bronte McHenry
Seconded: Kat Carrington

Does anyone have any questions?

Tom Kesina (Question from the floor):
Have you considered the legal ramifications of an honoraria system? ANUSA have recently undertaken investigation into their honoraria system due to honorarium, by definition, being something that is unexpected.

Kat Carrington:
I was aware of this. Due to ANUSM sharing a Financial Controller with ANUSA and often being in touch with the ANUSA lawyers I am surprised they didn't mention it if it was something they thought we should be looking into. Given there was such a big focus on looking into the system for ANUSA, I feel like they would have mentioned it to us if they thought it was something we should also be looking to change. In saying that, Brendan, the Financial Controller, only spends one day per week focusing on Woroni so it is understandable that ANUSA would have been his priority in this regard. For accessibility reasons, I think it is very important that our honoraria be paid for the past three months. I do think this is certainly something worth looking into though.

Bronte McHenry:
Tom, can I ask what the conclusion of ANUSA research was and what system they have in place now?

Tom Kesina:
They no longer use an honorarium system. But use a stipend system.

Ben Creelman (Reply from floor):
There are ways to do payments prospectively that is legally okay. Although, they will take a bit of time.

Bronte McHenry:
Would it be a legally OK option to have an Ordinary General Meeting every term to approve honoraria in retrospect? This would also mean Editors in the future would be more inclined to have an OGM every term, which really is a win-win.

Tom Kesina:
Yes, that would be an alternative.

Kat Carrington:

I move a friendly amendment to the motion: "That the Association authorise the payment of honoraria to the members of the Board, at an amount totaling AUD \$1500 per Editor for work completed over the past three months."

Seconded: Bronte McHenry

Unknown (Question from the floor):

How does this work for Laretta, who has taken up the position through casual vacancy, and has not technically completed work for three months?

Oscar Jolly:

I don't see a problem with interpreting this to mean that we are paying honoraria for work done in the last three months, it doesn't mean that work has to have been done for this whole three months.

Bronte:

I would like to move the following motion: "That the Association authorise the payment of honoraria to the members of the Board, at an amount totaling AUD \$1500 per Editor for work completed over the past three months."

Vote: Yes – all, No – none, Abstain – none

Thank you for attending. Meeting adjourned.

Meeting closed: 5.46pm