

The inaugural meeting of The Editors was held at the Kirribilli Neighbourhood centre on 16 May 1979.

One of the purposes of this meeting was to elect an official committee. As only members of the interim committee were nominated, there was no election and the committee were confirmed in the positions they already held.

The committee is as follows:

Barbra Ker Wilson	President
Jacqueline Kent	Secretary
Elaine Russell	Secretary
George Morrison	Treasurer - Membership
Bruce Champion	Treasurer - Catering
Jim Robins	Newsletters and Information
Gil Teague	Newsletters and Information

George Morrison read out the financial statement and Bruce Champion gave a statement of the catering expenses to date. We now have eighty-six members.

The frequency of meetings was discussed as some members have found that they could not attend every four weeks because of other commitments. A vote was taken and it was decided by nineteen votes to thirteen that we should meet every six weeks in future. As the Centre is already booked for 20 June, the next meeting will still be on that date and thereafter meetings will be held at six-weekly intervals.

An advertisement placed by Rigby in the English Book-seller was read out to the meeting. This advertisement offered positions for editing, production and art and design at Rigbys in Adelaide to ex-patriates and people who had worked in Australia. As no one present at the meeting had seen any of these positions advertised in Australia, it was decided that we should write to the Publishing Manager of Rigbys enquiring whether they had advertised locally. It was also decided that no other action, if any, should be taken until a reply had been received and read out at a future meeting.

Topics for future meetings were discussed and it was suggested that members would be interested in the history of the Book Editors Award and where it stands today. Members voted that they would be in favour of such a meeting. It is intended that representatives of the Australian Journalists Association together with book editors who were involved with the establishment of the Award should be invited to speak.

NEXT MEETING OF THE EDITORS

LITERARY AGENTS

There are very few literary agents in Australia, but there are many overseas. In an industry where copyright and subsidiary rights affairs are becoming everyday issues, it will be of value to all of us to share their knowledge.

You never know when your next author will come via an agent.

SPEAKERS

Tim Curnow  
Rosemary Cresswell  
(Barbra Mobbs and Judy Barry will also attend)

CHAired BY

Ann Ingram

Members of the A.S.A. have been invited.

Wednesday, June 20. 6.30 p.m.  
Kirribilli Neighbourhood Centre,  
16-18 Fitzroy Street,  
Kirribilli

Followed by the usual superb:-  
Buffet Dinner AND Wine - \$6.00  
Parking is available in Fitzroy and Bligh Streets.

R.S.V.P. by Monday June 18.  
Narelle Koute 43.5207  
438.1451

BRING A FRIEND!!

OTHER MEETINGS

Wednesdays 1 - 8 - '79  
12 - 9 - '79  
24 -10 - '79

The Constitution of the Editors was discussed and it was decided to amend it to include people employed part-time as book editors (their exclusion was unintentional!). We shall also be adding a few clauses concerning quorums, annual general meetings, etc, to cover all eventualities and suggested amendments will be circulated for discussion among members.

Other suggestions made at the meeting included looking into the possibility of running one-day instructional courses on subjects of special interest to editors, such as indexing. The Society of Editors in Melbourne has successfully run similar courses. Also the Society of Industrial Editors has held seminars on editorial topics and we shall be investigating the possibilities of liaison. As there are other societies (e.g. Galley Club, Australia Society of Authors, Society of Industrial Editors) whose interest coincide with ours in certain areas, it was felt that we should invite members of other such societies to our meetings if the subject is of mutual interest.

With the formal part of the meeting over, everyone got stuck into the food and grog and had a good time.

#### DRAFT CONSTITUTION

We're working on it and should have copies ready for distribution and comments (in writing) during June.

#### NEWS

Have you got any news - worthwhile or gossip - that we could include in future issues? All information will be treated anonymously if you wish!

#### BON VOYAGE(S)

To Barbra Ker Wilson, the first president-elect of The Editors.

And secondly to half the Managing Directors who have gone to the A.B.A.

Hope you've enjoyed our first "official" newsletter. We hope that the next one has part of you in it.

#### STOP PRESS

On Monday July 2, a report on the Australian Publishing Industry will appear in the Australian Financial Review. It will be covering copyright and many other aspects that should be of interest to editors.

### FREELANCE REGISTERS

The Book Editors and Artists and Designers registers are still growing. If you know of anyone who would benefit from this listing have them fill in a form. They can only get more work! We'll be sending copies to as many publishers as possible.

### NEXT NEWSLETTER

Who's Who in The Editors?

We'll publish a list of members and where they work - then you can contact whoever you wish to find out what's on when there's a mail strike.

### ANY SUGGESTIONS?

Is there anything you would like to see featured in your newsletter? How about a profile on a different publisher each issue?

If you have any requests (editorial not rude) please let us know what they are!!