

**MUSICIANS' UNION OF AUSTRALIA FEDERAL BRANCH  
U4 23A KING WILLIAM RD UNLEY  
MINUTES OF FEDERAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 23, 2024. 4.00 pm**

**1. MEETING OPENED:**

Meeting opened at 3.35 pm

**Acknowledgment.**

*We acknowledge the **traditional owners** and custodians of country throughout **Australia**. We Acknowledge and pay our respect to past, present and emerging connection to land, waters and community.*

**2. MEMBERS PRESENT:** Peter Davidson. Glen Price. John Callisto.

**3. APOLOGIES:** Alan Turner

**4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

**4.1 MOTION:** "That the minutes of the Committee of Management (COM) meeting (email) held on 25 November 2023 be accepted.

(Att 1a and 1b)

**Moved:** Glen Price  
**Seconded:** Peter Davidson  
**All Carried**

**5. BUSINESS ARISING:**

**5.1** Committee of Management Report. (2023 to 2024)  
(Att 2)

**MOTION:** That the Item presented (COM Report) 2024 be accepted as presented.

**Moved:** Peter Davidson  
**Seconded:** Glen Price  
**All Carried**

**6. CORRESPONDENCE:**

**6.1.** Meeting with Accountants.

John Informed the committee that the MUA audit for 2023 to 2024 was now complete and the process was much smoother than previous year. The changes in Auditors worked well especially with the meetings occurring in person at North Adelaide. The Auditors suggested minor improvements in the entry into MYOB especially in account entries for income and expenditure under federal division. They were also prepared to help out further with Paul Rugari coming to the office to adjust some headings and account adjustments in MYOB for MUA. The largest drain on the accounts in 2022 to 2023 was wages and since August the Imports admin fee increase and the subcontractor arrangement has meant the MUA figures should continue to improve for the next financial year

**7. CURRENT MEMBERSHIP REPORT:**

<b>8.1</b>	South Australia	118
	Melbourne	163
	Sydney	118
	Brisbane	60
	Hobart	20
	Launceston	13

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Total: 492

**MOTION:** That the membership report be accepted as presented.

**Moved:** Glen Price  
**Seconded:** Peter Davidson  
**All Carried**

**8. FINANCE REPORT AND ACCOUNTS:**

**7.1 Auditors Report**

John Informed the committee that there were 3 meetings with the accountants to check on day to day running of the union and update on Imports and members. Outstandings and now the subcontract arrangements with the position of Federal Treasurer and Branch Secretary/Treasurer.

John Informed the COM about the new audit report for TCWG members received this morning reporting to the COM about the running of the MUA.

The Committee was very pleased with the final figures showing a much-improved loss compared to last year and that if all is well then next year the Union will be back to surplus.

**MOTION:** That the Auditors Report (Att 3) and the Financial Report (Att 4) and recent Attached Audit Report for TCWT be accepted as presented.

**Moved:** Peter Davidson  
**Seconded:** Glen Price  
**All Carried**

**9. REPORTS, GENERAL OR SPECIAL BUSINESS:**

**9.1** As per FWC 5% rule the Audit report will be on website tomorrow with Correspondence sent to all members by email. 2<sup>nd</sup> Committee of Management meeting 11/11/24 and then lodged with commission on 16/11/24.

Compliance calculator attached. (Att 5)

COM was informed that FWC has the compliance calculator which helps to establish the appropriate deadlines with FWC.

The financials and Audit reports will be placed on the MUA website tomorrow 24/10/24 and dates have been entered/working towards submitting the financials to Fair work by end of November. This is a very good outcome compared to previous years.

Due to the 1-day change in second meeting of the COM the Financial statements will now be lodged with FWC on 16/11/24. Well before the deadline date of 26/11/24

A new copy of the compliance calculator will be attached for COM at next meeting.

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**10. ANY OTHER GENERAL BUSSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE:**

**10.1. PPCA Grants.**

Glen asked for information regarding the final meeting with PPCA. John informed the committee about the last allocation of gr ants to applicants. There was a small of money to distribute and at the meeting there was Lynne, Victoria (PPCA) myself representing MUA and Robyn MEAA. The 32 applications were discussed, and the full allocation of money left was allocated to applicants.

John discussed with COM that moving on members could apply to Creative Australia or if financial members of the MUA then up to \$3000.00 could be allocated for MUA grant applications.

**10.2** COM was informed by John regarding compulsory governance coarse for newly elected officers or officers that have changed roles in the committees. This needed to be done within 6 months of elections.

This was not applicable to Tasmanian branches so just Adelaide branch officers will be participating in the online course. Adelaide Branch committee members will be informed in the next meeting regarding the compulsory governance online requirements.

**11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** (COM) Federal Executive Meeting 12/11/24 at 4 pm.

**MEETING CLOSED:** 4 pm.

Signed:



Dated: 25/11/24