

NOTICE OF MEETING 2017 MEDIA RESOURCE CENTRE (MRC) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



28th April 2017

Dear MRC Member,

The MRC's 2017 Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held at 6pm Wednesday 31st May 2017 in the Mercury Cinema at 13 Morphett Street, Adelaide.

Please find attached:

1. The Agenda.
2. The Minutes from the 2016 AGM.
3. Nomination Forms for the Board of Management, and a Proxy Form in the event you are unable to attend the meeting.
4. Membership form.

Positions Vacant for Election

Board of Management: Two positions are up for election and election is for 2 years. Current incumbents in the first year of their term hold two of these three positions. They will stand for re-election in order to meet the requirement to elect half the board each year.

All positions are voluntary.

Nominations and Voting

Any member of the MRC may nominate any other financial member to serve on the Board.

Signed nomination forms must be lodged at the MRC office by 5.00pm, Wednesday 17th May 2017.

After the close of nominations, information about the candidates will be available at the MRC.

If there are more nominations than positions available, an election will be held.

Membership and AGM Procedures

To be eligible to vote or to be nominated to the Board of Management, you are required to have been a member of the MRC for more than 28 days prior to the AGM (that is, you must be a member as of close of business, Wednesday 3rd May 2017). There is a membership form attached should you need to renew your membership.

MRC members who nominate for the Board are entitled to nominate a proxy to vote at the AGM.

Change to Constitution to remove Member's Production Group (MPG) and Member's Exhibition Group (MEG)

The board proposes to remove the MPG and MEG from the constitution. The reason for this proposal is two-fold:

- The lack of engagement by our members in these sub-committees reflect wide spread change – members keep in contact with us and each other via social media, and there is less requirement for formal engagement via committees. For eg. there is now a dedicated MRC Facebook members page and digital communication makes it much easier to conduct surveys of our programs. The MRC commits to shaping its programs in part in response to such surveys. Similarly, the Mercury is active online and the community nature of many of our key programs such as Seniors on Screen means we source involvement far more directly via foyer conversations etc.

- Currently the MRC has the least staff resources than it has had over the last 20 years and is without the staffing to coordinate two sub-committees. Several attempts to have the sub-committees to be self-driven have not been very successful.

The changes to the Constitution will involve

The removal of the last line in 9.2 which currently reads as “The Board must in addition to any sub-committee convene a Members’ Production Group and a Members Exhibition Group.

The removal of the second line in 9.3 which currently reads as “The Board shall in addition include one representative of the Members’ Production Group and one member of the Members’ Exhibition Group elected from the members of those groups.”

Copies of the Constitution are available on our website at www.mrc.org.au or please contact MRC reception if you would like to receive a hard copy.

The meeting will be followed by drinks in the Mercury Cinema Foyer.

With kind regards,

Gail Kovatseff
DIRECTOR