Australian Workers Union

Continuation of Minutes of Convention Held in Albury Feb 1895.
Eleventh Day 26-2-95

Convention met at 9.30 a.m. all present except Fred Hindleiff, A. Poynton & T. Temple Batters attending dinner and soft law. Minutes were read and confirmed.

Worker

Macdonald moved that this convention medal money end all approve of the Editorship of the Worker by Medway Day during the past year.

Monte moved that this convention Poynton recommend the reappointment of Medway Day to the Editorship of the NSW Worker for the current year. Carried.

Vic & S.A. Worker

It is moved that the WR is amended to read: 'That the carrying out of the publicisation of reports be recommended to the management for the publication of reports on local affairs of matter of importance to the workers in the shape of supplements to the book moved.'

Carried

It is moved that the members of the WR be asked to consider the award of $50 to J. W. Anderson for the best machine for settling ship disputes.

Carried

It is moved that the members of the WR be asked to consider the award of $50 to J. W. Anderson for the best machine for settling ship disputes and the committee urge our members to urge its adoption by shipowners.

Carried.
Mr. Anderson here stated that he proposed to give the full
profit of the sale of the Lister in Queensland for two years to
the Executive of the A.W.U to be used for Labor Journals
only.
Mr. Jooney also offered to devote 20 per cent of his four shares profit
for a period of one year to same purpose.

Resolved that the Convention accept the offer and
expresses its best thanks to Mr. Anderson
and Jooney for their liberal offer.
Carried.

Gilbert moved that all Branch Sec.
Temple be instructed to procure
samples of the Aerial Bat Wool
Lister with a view of exhibiting them
at local shows & securing their
speedy adoption. Carried

Balance Sheet.
Moree Branch.
March 15, 1916

Committee of Managers

S. H. Meeker, Chairman

The Committee of Managers met at 1:45 p.m. on March 15, 1916, at the Wood’s Hotel in Westport. The minutes were read and approved.

Agenda Item

1. Approval of the 1915-16 budget

Decision: Approved

2. Adjournment of the meeting

Decision: Adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

The Committee of Managers considered the financial statements of the company and approved the budget for the upcoming fiscal year.
Twelfth Day

Convened met at 9.30 a.m.
All present except Messrs Reid and
Miss Ewell and A Poynton.

Minutes of previous meeting were
read and confirmed.

The question of arrangement for
paying off all liabilities of the Union
was taken into consideration.
6. Poynton moved: That his committee prepare a
book of various branches' financial
positions with explanations as to the
reasons for the assessment of branches
on the scale laid down as follows:

- Bowral 600
- Wagga 600
- Goolymble 300
- Seone 300
- Sandburn 150
- Horse
- Adelaide 35

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Carried.

Gilberts: That no statement of
assets & liabilities of the
branches be published.

Carried.

To Poynton: That a branch in
Adelaide be opened.

Carried.
That the Convention recommend the S & A branches to inform the outside 7 & 26 that they are unable owing to the severe struggle recently undergone to pay the present affiliation fees and will be compelled to withdraw unless a substantial reduction is agreed to.

Carried

Convention adjourned for lunch and reassembled at 2 p.m.

Gen Sec read letter from P. Moses Hope Sec Unemployed Sydney sending report of public meeting and resolutions carried thereat.

Received

Go to and that this Convention urges Temple Branch Secs to carry out the rule providing for the issue of uniform balance sheets and that the number of one members paying for each year with the total amount received respectively in clearly stated manner and that where itemised colonial sheet shall also be laid before Conference.
The Executive is supplied
information necessary to
approve and the foregoing
Carried

Slattery moved that matter of
the journey fixing laboratories
be left to branches.

O Panton moved that Convention
Gilbert ended [lay down a scale]
of wages for laborers.

Carried. All sheds under jurisdiction of Adelaide
in N.S.W. shall be fixed to convene under the

O Panton moved that the minimum
Slattery or current station hands employed during shearing
be 20/- per week and nation
and in no case shall day wages
ever be accepted.

Carried.

Slattery moved in the event of any
Slattery and shed laborers demanding
a higher rate than the above no
such demand shall be enforced
unless two-thirds of both sheavers
and laborers as such shed decide
by ballot in favor of such increased
rate.

Carried.
Mac answered that in any negotiations between the PU and the AWU the question of sha labour's wages shall be included in any settlement agreed to whether local or general carried

Relief Fund
Slattery moved that 50 per cent of all sick leave allowed during 1894 be paid in a relief fund carried

Slattery moved that 30 per cent of all 1894 leave taken by members paid during the current year together with all donations made for that purpose be paid into a Relief Fund for the assistance of prisoners and their families and the remaining 20 per cent into a defence fund for the legal assistance of members unjustly prosecuted carried

Macdonnell that branches are urged to take action steps to collect for above funds carried
That the question of establishing a Christmas Home in Sydney be postponed till next Conference.

That where no other Union except Branches of the A.W.W. in N.S.W. be constituted District Council of the Labor Federation and affiliated direct with the Provincial Council of N.S.W.

Carried

That the working of membership shall be so altered as to provide that membership that member shall forfeit all privileges upon acting disloyally to the A.W.W. Carried

Anderson moved That Conference Mclnerny be printed upon members the advisability of giving the Trade Union shear the preference. Carried

Journey moved That the additional be transferred from $1 to $5. Members sharing with the next season to five amount. Carried
Johnny moved That branch committee be elected by ballot of members at same time as election of officers.

Johnny moved That the AWU be registered under the Trades Union Act. Lost.

The union then adopted the resolution of 3rd day of December 1911. By Mary 192 certificates subject to imprisonment for $50 and $100 to be surrendered.

Macdonnell moved That the executive take to look at what might be considered the most opportune time to have petitions prepared and forwarded to all branch two agents under their respective branch offices for the purpose of having them signed throughout the country asking for the release of the men now imprisoned through responsibility the union cause some of whom at least are innocent of the crimes of which they are convicted. Carried.

Convention at 6pm on adjourned till next morning.

Arthur Rawl
Chairman
Feb 28th 1976
Thirteenth Day

Convention met at 9.30 a.m.
28.2.95.
Minutes of previous day were read and confirmed.

Mr. Tomney moved that steps be taken by Convention to organise the Carriers into the ranks of the A.W.U. Carried.

Mr. Donaldson moved that branch see Gilbert 2 supply information to the Gen. Sec. in regard to the best accommodation in their respective districts and that the Health Department in each Colony be supplied by him with full details of the worst cases. Carried.

Mr. Mac moved that the Sec. of Rush branch of Gilbert 2nded be required to refund deficiency caused by his action in issuing certificates for 94 and 95 for 81 instead of 257 in contravention of rule 130. Lost.
Temple moved That any Secretary Journey ended for agent issuing tickets under the fixed price including entrance fees and fines for arrears be compelled to pay deficiency on same.

Seconded that the rules relating to enforcement of payments of 5/- arrears be rescinded.

Journey moved That all members Journey ended in arrears who pay up for 1895 prior to 1st July be exempt from fine.

Monta moved That President Williams Journey 2nd be asked to explain his alleged action in reversing approval of the candidacy of Hon. J. Byrne for the House when a Labor Candidate was in the field.

Carried MacDonald That all such reps be Monta elected by ballot.

Carried
Gilbert moved That a vote of censure on Temple amount be passed on the conference for going contrary to the plebiscite vote regarding amalgamation Lost. 

Division
For
Gilbert
Journey
Temple

Against
Mackinnon
Roynon
Mount
Cook
McInrney
Anderson
Slattery
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Resolved that above division list be issued published.

Constable Martin case was called on when ten lines read a letter from Geo J Martin asking for assistance as he had been discharged from the Police force for supporting unionism.

No action taken.

Journey moved That rule 122 be amended
McInrney moved to provide that a Committee of three or as many as may be deemed desirable be elected to act with sub-reps.

Lost
Tourney moved, That nominations
temple for Executive
officers be advertised in the Worker
one month before date fixed
for closing nominations. Carried

Macdonell moved, That the number
Gilbert ended, it necessary to form a quorum
at Brandon general meetings, be
reduced to 20.

Altered to read as follows
That where a fortnight's public
notice of a general meeting has
been given and the
required quorum of 25 members
is not present to members
shall have the power to proceed
with business. Carried

Poynton moved, That the resolutions
previously passed to
effect that a public notice be taken on
question of rate of contribution
be rescinded owing to amalgamation
having been agreed to. Carried.
Temple moved, That all proposals for the Business dealt with by this Convention in reference to existing rules other than proposed increased contributions be accepted as applying to the Southern Colonies for the future.

Carried.

Moved, That one Shall, Matting, Rep only shall be appointed for Shearers & Shear hands to be elected by both Sections mutually.

Carried.

Color of Certificates Green. Adopted.

Convention adjourned for Lunch at 12-30 and reassembled at 2 p.m.

Gen. See read letter from Whitley King notifying that they did not intend to propose any alteration in agreement or the relations to the Workmen's organisation.

Copy of reply as drafted by Geo. See was read and with slight addition approved.
Temple moved That the draft be MacDonnell I approve it and send to W. King as rapidly as possible. Carried

Gilbert moved That color of political MacDonnell Ticket be black with and red for 96 both on white paper. carried

MacDonnell That a fine be voted imposed on all members who accept or use a reference shall be regarded as blacklegging and shall be fined such sum from $5 to $50 as members may decide. This to take effect during coming season. Carried

To Bynum That all members given a donation to the strike fund of 1894 equal to the levy struck be considered as having paid their levies. Those that have only paid subscription equal to a part of levy be asked to pay the amount sufficient to complete their levies. Carried
Division

For
Gilbert
Poynton
Anderson
Temple
Journey
McInerney

Against
Macdonald
Howe
Cook
Mac

Journey proposed that the Executive Council of the A.W.W.U. be instructed to take steps to organize the gold miners and all other classes of labor in the Colony of Western Australia during the current season. Carried.

Journey moved that with further consolidating the labor forces of Australasia the Executive of the A.W.W.U. be instructed to open up negotiations with the officials of the New Zealand Workers Union with the A.W.W.U. and if deemed necessary to appoint a delegate to visit NZ prior to
The arising of during next season for the purpose of laying the whole scheme of amalgamation before the various labor bodies of that colony.

Macdonnell: That the gen. sec. mourant write to the sec. of the N.Y. W.W with the view of securing the cooperation of that union in keeping that scale carried.

Toomey moved that:

Mr. McDermott moved, that this conference recommend the young branch to pay $5 claimed by Joe Whipp for loss sustained in reference to the call out.

Macdonnell: This conference upholds the action of the young branch in refusing to pay the amount claimed.

Mr. Toomey explained that the young branch committee had refused to pay the full amount claimed by Whipp but had made him an offer to pay the portion they had deemed him entitled to. Both motions amended were then withdrawn.
Matter more shall this convention or executive not to entertain any proposal from any town or district to organize any labor for current year other than shearsers or carriers and that the latter be instructed to enroll in the branch in which they are situated.

Thereupon moved that the miners and others at all country centres and centres of population be requested to form district committees and appoint a secretary of propaganda committee to carry on union business under the supervision of the branch pending further consideration of next convention—Carried.

That upon the removal of the head office to Sydney the Gen Sec. with the assistance of the exec. and other members endeavor to establish rank.
of the A W U in Sydney & from
Regulations dealing therewith,
providing the same do not
conflict with the rules and
constitution. Carried

Journey. That members
of Porketown, enrolled for cities
of Habour pay in advance
at rate of 16/- per annum
for yearly tickets or 3/- per
quarter for quarterly tickets
Carried

Convention at 6 - adjourned
for Tea and reassembled
at 7 - 30 p.m.
Place of next Conference.
The following places were
nominated

Ballsarat 5. 5. 6. 7. 8
Sydney 4. 6. 6. 4
Brisbane 7. 5. 6.
Orange 2
Melbourne's 5. 6. 1

An exhaustive vote was
taken and resulted in Ballarat
seeing the place of next conference.

Mackinnon moved in view of the threatened trouble in store for us during the forthcoming hearing season it would be wise to avoid disputes among members in sheds by postponing the proposed plebiscite on the question of feuding troubles until next year.

Carried.

Temple seconded that the resolution previously passed prohibiting the secretary from holding the office of Executive Councillor be rescinded last.

Division

For
  Temple
  Cook
  Slattery
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  Poyntton

Against
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Macdonald moved that no member of the eligible for any office in the ALWT petition he has been a member for 12 months. Carried

Temple that this Convention accords Gilbert Murray vote of thanks to the Mayor and Alderman of the Albury Borough Council for the kindliness and cordiality received by them both individually and collectively.

That this Convention records a hearty vote of thanks to the President and committee of the Albury Mechanics Institute for their kindness and liberality towards us during the present sittings of our body.

That the President and Secretary of the Waverly Branch of the Womanhood Suffrage League be written to thanking them for their kind expressions of goodwill.
and assuring them that this Union fully recognises the equal rights of women with men in all matters whether social, political or industrial. Carried

Slattery Thar 12 2 be voted Temple Caretaker as an honorary Carried

Macdonnell moved Thar 100 be Temple 2 be voted to cover expenses of President for the year Lost Carried

Slattery Thar delegates fees be fixed at 12/6 per day Lost

Jomney moved Thar Salaries Cook and allowances be fixed same as last year Carried

McG Portrait to be the Chair Collection of officers

Messrs A. Race and
At Poynton were nominated for office of President.

The call for resulted:

Mace 6
Poynton 3

Mace was declared elected. Nominations made for the Poynton did not vote.

For Vice-president the following were nominated:

6 Poynton [illegible] 6 [illegible]
Townsley [illegible] 6 [illegible] 6 [illegible]
Cook [illegible] 5 [illegible] 5 [illegible] [illegible]

White [illegible] 4

Voting resulted as above when question was raised as to whether the vote should have been taken singly or for two at a time. Mr. Snowdon said that he was unsure that members could plump. He moved that the ballot be taken done seconded by Mr. Hanan.

Mr. Townsey thought the three highest Temple stand be put to the vote.
The result of ballott
finally resulted in favor
of C. Poynton & J. M. Dorney

Gen. Sec. W. S. Spence

Treasurer.

Nomination White

J. Slattery 5
A. Poynton 2 3
J. M. Dorney 2 14

Mr. Slattery was elected Treasurer.

Trustees.

Nomination - J. White

McInerney - Gilbert

Midway Day
J. C. Watson

Messrs. McInerney & Gilbert

withdraw and Ann.

J. White Midway Day & J. C. Watson

were appointed Trustees.

J. White, J. McInerney,

F. J. Gilbert were elected

Trustees.
A lengthy discussion took place in reference to the action of the officials of Young Branch in connection with the publication of a report of meeting of Young Committee and McDoonesy action in writing to the P.U.

Macdonnell moved that the conference hold that McDoonesy acted improperly in disclosing the content of confidential communication from the P.U. to his committee, and that he together with his committee are deserving a vote of censure for negotiating for a conference with the P.U. without consulting the other branches of the Amalgamation, and also for the publication of such misleading statements as appeared in The Worker.

The motion was put and a...
as follows—
For
Mackinnell
Monat
Slattery

Against
Poynter
Tobin
Temple

The vote being equal no decision was arrived at as the Chairman declined to give a casting vote.

McInerney moved that the Young Slattery and 2nd Branch Committee Secretary and Executive Council be met and unanimously in issuing the report of the meeting held on the 5th due to the public.

Carried.

Mackinnell that following be added to the motion that the Committee in continuing in deciding to continue negotiations with the P.U. after being informed that the Council had disapproved of their doing so.

Lost.
That the decision of Convention on the question of action be not published in either the official report or working report. Carried for.

McInerney
Poynton
Slattery
Temple

To move that Convention reprehends the action of those of the Executive who concealed the reduction of price of shearing in certain districts in Victoria & NSW last.

For:
Journey
Anderson

Against:
McInerney
Cook
Poynton
Temple
Here more: That in accordance with the resolution a settlement may be agreed to on the following lines as a last resource in Victoria and South.
Australia
1. That the eighth clause be not accepted
2. That the nature and extent of concessions if any be decided by the Executive Council when the question arises and after a vote of the members of branches concerned has been taken. Carried

The minutes were taken as read. Confirmed and at 9.15. Convened closed with a vote of thanks to the chair moved by Vice President C. Paynton

Arthur Rich
President.

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