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Dear

On April 19th. a meeting was held at the old Marist Bros. School, Darlinghurst, Sydney, to discuss setting up an artists' representative organization, an 'artists' union'. This meeting was attended by people from all states of Australia and from New Zealand. At this meeting, it was decided that in order to establish principles for an organization meetings should be held in each state, based on a common agenda. This agenda was discussed at the meeting.

We enclose the agenda. and separate notes on each item.

Also discussed was the possibility of applying for Visual Arts Board funding. Those at the meeting felt that an artists' organization should not rely on continual support from any outside body. However it would be helpful to get funds initially, in order to establish the organization, for the necessary research to do this, for inter-state co-ordination, publicity of meetings, etc. We propose therefore to apply for a VAB grant to cover these. This application will need to be submitted by early July, so we must have a submission from other states on each item on the agenda by late June. Therefore, the first public meeting will need to be held in mid-June, It should be stressed that this meeting should receive the widest possible publicity.

To facilitate such an application to the VAB, and short-term organization each state meeting should form a steering committee to facilitate activities in that state. We will need a report on the meeting, stating when and where it was held, how many people attended, and what kinds of people participated. A summary of the proceedings will also be necessary, as well as any other recommendations which may arise.

Preliminary Working Group, Sydney.

P.S. The Sydney meeting will be held on Thursday, June 14th at 7.30 pm at Garibaldi's, Riley St., Darlinghurst.