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TO: ALL ALAEA MEMBERS

RE: ACTU NATIONAL CONGRESS

At the October 2006 ACTU National Congress our Federal Secretary, Stephen Purvinas was elected to ACTU Executive in the position of Small Unions Representative. This position represents the 34 smaller unions of Australia who have less than 8,000 members. It is a proud moment for the ALAEA, for it is the first time that one of its officials has been elected to such a coveted role and shows our ongoing commitment to the Union movement as a whole. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Stephen on his appointment and encourage all to get behind our efforts to strengthen our union ties throughout the country. In the face of Workplace reforms and policies that go against the very grain of our souls as unionists it is important we present a unified front for the Australian Public.

The ACTU Congress unanimously endorsed the ACTU's latest policy in regard to the new workplace laws the present government has introduced. This policy will be debated as the basis of the Australian Labour Party's Industrial portfolio going into the next election. This National Conference was attended by Stephen and Forstaff Councillor, Danny Moraji, who conducted themselves in a professional manner befitting of our association. Other union officials have commented that it was warming to see that all were concerned about getting on with the job rather than being hung up on past issues, to which is I might add the very reason for having an ACTU in the first place. With EBA negotiations under way we all do well to realise that the next Federal Election will be a crucial one.

Our Federal Secretary's new role involves the attendance of a one day ACTU Executive meeting once a month and will enhance the knowledge base for our Association. It will also allow key links to be made within the union movement and our Federal Parliament with a number of current ACTU Executive members already pre-endorsed by the Labour party in safe seats for the next Federal election.


P.D. PAUL COUSINS
Federal President

"To undertake supervise and certify for the safety of all who fly."