



Australian Student Christian Movement

Annual General Meeting 2016

DATE:	Saturday 9 July 2016 Opened at 9:55am.	VENUE: Church of All Nations, Carlton, Victoria
Chair Person:	John Probhudan	
Minute Taker:	Claudine Chionh (AM), Caity Cameron (PM)	
Attendance:	John Probhudan, Claudine Chionh, Sandy Yule, Jeff Wild, Barrie Baker, Lydia Meng Lin Liu, Sarah Tianyi Ci, Henrike Brussaard, James, Christine Tsoi, Brigida Corte-Real, Caity Cameron, Ros Hewett, Andika.	
Apologies:	Esther Hora, Scott Kirkland, Kingson Selvaraj, Ann Ng, Kate Watts.	
Opening prayer:	Led by Sandy Yule.	
Deceased in last year:	John Barnard, Bill Johnston. And earlier deaths notified this year: Ian Williams, Barbara Morison, John Alexander Lyne, David Hillier, Margaret McKinnon, Margaret E. Thom, John Williams, Nigel Watson.	
AGENDA	DISCUSSION	PROPOSALS AND FURTHER ACTION

6a. Business arising from AGM 2015	Sandy proposed that the minutes be accepted, seconded by Barrie.	
6b. Business arising from Executive 2016	<p>(10) Clarification of \$50,000 from Trust – this includes the \$3,000 for fundraising project.</p> <p>(11f) Loan of \$3,000 to WSCF was for Asia-Pacific salary shortfall in 2015.</p> <p>Amount of \$20,000 is loan to Asia-Pacific, still expecting it to be repaid.</p> <p>Bank account signatories not followed up due to change in Treasurer.</p> <p>Ros proposed that the minutes be accepted, seconded by Sandy.</p>	
1. 7a. Constitutional amendment considerations	<p>Current status is that a member of a local branch is automatically a member of ASCM.</p> <p>John tabled Jim Page’s letter about individual memberships.</p> <p>Should ASCM introduce individual memberships with application forms?</p> <p>Sandy: we don’t currently have branches. Suggestion: membership consists of people who are asked for donations. Active membership defined by attending three meetings/events of a local SCM branch.</p> <p>Ros and Barrie expressed concerns about over-formalising the membership process.</p>	<p>FURTHER ACTION</p> <p>Review the wording of membership form as defined in the Rules.</p> <p>Process for local coordinators: suggest to regular attendees that they request active membership, and send the details to the Technology Coordinator for entry into the ASCM contact database.</p>
7b. Student group affiliations	Membership/affiliation request received from Christian Students Uniting (Newcastle). Suggest “Associate membership”.	

	Do they accept the aims of the ASCM and do they have members of different denominations?	
8. Reports		
a. National Coordinator	<p>Establishing presence in all states.</p> <p>Relationship with NCCA – approved two ASCM representatives on NCCA Executive committee as observers. Commitment to promote ASCM.</p> <p>ASCM has become a member of Micah Australia.</p> <p>John represented ASCM on the ecumenical round-table held at the Centre for Christianity and Culture, emphasised the need for formation of younger people. Some links with ACT branch.</p> <p>Barrie moved a motion of appreciation for John.</p>	<p>FURTHER ACTION</p> <p>Discussion of appointment of NCCA representatives.</p>
b. Secretary	Secretary's report has not been received.	
c. Treasurer	<p>Financial report for past year.</p> <p>Question of loan to WSCF A-P included under assets. Suggestion by Sandy that 40% of Australian individuals' donations to WSCF be withheld to service this loan.</p> <p>Question of local bank accounts. Sandy suggested that each local branch or state has its own bank account sponsored by ASCM. (see Victorian report)</p> <p>Discrepancy in honorarium amounts in 2015 and 2016 reflects payment in different fiscal years.</p>	<p>FURTHER ACTION</p> <p>Ros (WSCF Liaison Officer) to discuss Sandy's suggestion with Bronwyn (WSCF treasurer).</p>

	<p>Barrie moved a motion of appreciation for Lydia.</p> <p>Henrike proposed that the report be accepted, seconded by Barrie.</p>	
d. Technology Coordinator	<p>Claudine spoke to her report.</p> <p>Acceptance proposed by Christine, seconded by Andika.</p>	<p>FURTHER ACTION</p> <p>User accounts to be reviewed at every AGM, Claudine to check with account holders who are no longer active.</p> <p>To check: Ann Ng, Daniel Broadstock, Andrew Hammer.</p>
e. Pastoral Care Officer	<p>Barrie spoke to his report.</p> <p>Acceptance proposed by Claudine, seconded by Jeff.</p>	
f. WSCF Liaison Officer	<p>Ros spoke to her report, providing an update on WSCF's financial situation.</p> <p>A new Pacific representative to Human Rights committee needs to be found by February – end of Adam Li's term. Suggestion: Sean Whiting.</p> <p>WSCF's Give One Be One campaign – suggestion of US\$1 contribution by each member.</p> <p>Proposed by Sandy, seconded by Caity.</p>	<p>FURTHER ACTION</p> <p>Collection for Give One Be One to be included as part of AGM proceedings and also included in national appeal.</p>
g. Area Councils		
Queensland	<p>Brigida (Qld area council) spoke to John Bretz's report.</p> <p>Esther is running weekly meetings at QUT.</p> <p>Bart Seaton – Conservatorium field worker and Qld secretary.</p>	

	<p>Attending chaplains' conference on "Digging, Diversity and Dialogue".</p> <p>Brigida – University of Queensland.</p> <p>Twice-yearly lunches with school students.</p> <p>Ros expressed appreciation for Tiffany Sparks's mention of SCM on Q&A.</p> <p>In-principle acceptance of Bart's proposal that Esther Hora be appointed as ASCM liaison with the Solomon Islands.</p>	
Western Australia	<p>Barrie reported.</p> <p>Initiative with young (school-age) people in the Anglican parish of Duncraig (Kate Watts's parish).</p>	
ACT	<p>Caity reported.</p> <p>A few meetings, attendance at rallies. Small attendance.</p> <p>Contact with ANU chaplains, who are supportive.</p> <p>Plans for an ACT/NSW training day with local contacts.</p>	
South Australia	<p>Kingson Selvaraj has been appointed as South Australian development worker.</p> <p>John reported on Kingson's plans: contact with universities, senior friends, Riverland Youth Ministry.</p>	
NSW	<p>John tabled Scott Kirkland's report.</p> <p>NSW staff worker role to be advertised, along with international students' ministry position. (ASAP)</p>	

	<p>There are many committed Senior Friends in NSW.</p> <p>Sandy expressed appreciation for CSU-led visit to Alice Springs.</p>	
Victoria	<p>Henrike spoke to her report.</p> <p>Monthly Bible studies and theme evenings continue.</p> <p>Sandy spoke about the new Victorian committee and relationship with Victorian Council of Churches (with new SCM office).</p> <p>Victorian bank account: if this is sponsored by ASCM for local work, there are fewer fees involved. Useful for other local committees.</p> <p>State appeal in first half of year, national in second half of year.</p>	<p>PROPOSAL</p> <p>1. That ASCM recognise the new Victorian Committee (consisting of Sandy Yule as chairperson, Christine Tsoi as deputy chairperson, Ann Ng as Treasurer, Sarah Tianyi Ci as Secretary and Jeff Wild as Committee Member).</p> <p>1. That ASCM accept the model of local committees operating their own bank accounts on behalf of ASCM, for local work.</p> <p>DECISION: Approved.</p> <p>DECISION: All state reports were accepted.</p>
9. Timor Leste project	<p>4 participants are going, Andika, Kingson, Caity and Ann. There will be a rural visit, unlike in previous years. Participants will meet with SCM in Timor-Leste, and will build a relationship with them to understand how ASCM will be able to help Timor-Leste SCM in the future. The mission is a positive way to grow this SCM network.</p> <p>ASCM has contributed to Timor-Leste SCM for staff funding, however, ASCM received no feedback and this will have to be reviewed.</p> <p>Brigida will act as ASCM Timor-Leste Liaison Officer.</p>	<p>Planning for future trips will have to take place. Any ideas are welcome.</p> <p>There is a lack of interest, which is a problem for future missions.</p> <p>Whether the mission is an effective way to build this relationship will have to be reviewed, as there may be a better way to use our resources.</p> <p>ASCM will donate staff worker funding to Timor-Leste through Sunita at WSCF AP, to avoid money disappearing.</p>
10. Newsletter and publicity material	<p>A newsletter was once published in the past year. ASCM aims to publish more than one per year, but funding etc can cause problems.</p>	<p>Digital media working group</p>

	It was agreed that a working group to update the website, national Facebook page, and other social media , with group members yet to be decided. The technology coordinator would oversee the group, but there would be separate roles for others to perform.	A process of how different groups could cooperate with a set of content standards. Claudine will be the head of the committee. Henrike, Claudine, (suggestions:) Daniel Broadstock, Bart Seaton, Jim Page.
11. Membership form	Attendees filled out membership forms.	
12. NCCA representation	ASCM will have two delegates, a man and a woman, as observers at the three NCCA Executive meetings that convene each year.	NCCA observers John Probhudan, Ros Hewett and Caity Cameron were suggested as possible delegates.
1. 13. Micha Coalition	a) Voices for Justice conference: ASCM intends to send at least one delegate from each state to the conference. Each delegate has to be able to attend all three days (Saturday, Sunday and Monday). b) Campaigns team: Micha has asked for volunteers for a strategy committee, based in Sydney. If ASCM were to volunteer someone, it would be a contribution, not compulsory attendance.	
2. 14. Election/Appointment consideration for National Treasurer		It was DECIDED that Andika is appointed as the National Treasurer, to replace Lydia Meng Lin Liu. Signatory responsibility to be given to Andika, with a search for another Sydney based signatory.
15. ASCM Fundraising Project	ASCM will not be able to continue donating to other movements ie WSCF AP etc unless we raise additional funds from other sources , otherwise the bank account will dry up. ASCM will have to make some focussed approaches to requesting funding from additional sources.	It was DECIDED there would be an appointment for a fundraising committee, paid in an honorarium. A suggestion to write a ‘begging letter’ was made. State level conferences would be a good way for ASCM to attend and promote to gain funding. Barrie will send John the bequest form.

		ASCM will seek a person to perform the role. Sean Whiting is a suggested participant.
16. Performance review policy	Staff worker role descriptions to be written up. Progress made at the staff meeting on 8/7 was useful for this policy.	ACTION Staff workers to write up their own position descriptions, or review existing ones if these exist.
17. National Action Plan review	Each state at the staff meeting created ministry plans for the year to come.	
18. Staff appointment and review: personnel committee	Personnel committee job description is to be written. Staff self-review was suggested as a way for staff workers to reflect on successful and less successful areas of their job. Personnel committees to be appointed to each state, as a place to go for assistance from other staff workers. State staff workers will have a committee to report to and the national executive will have a national personnel committee.	ACTIONS Informal selection process to appoint new staff members for these committees. Notification of the positions needed to be filled, and volunteers to be chosen. Ros to receive and alter the WSCF self review form to be distributed to staff workers to each state. Issues faced by each staff worker should be expressed in their reports.
19. Proposed strategic plan and adoption of individual staff work plans.		
20. Proposed budget and proposed funding allocations for 2016/2017	Lydia led the budget item. Treasurer to talk to ACT area council about contributing to Caity's salary. Brisbane does not expect to need any ASCM grants for the upcoming year. Possible cuts to state staff worker funding in most states, the East Timor mission, WSCF airfares, and appeal printing & postage/ newsletter, and voices for justice make the expected deficit much smaller.	It was AGREED that the amended budget would be accepted. TO CLARIFY Where do donations received via NCCA for East Timor fund go? Are these for the ASCM Timor project or to be given to Timor SCM?
21. Any other business		

a. Digital content working group		
b. YATRA report	Henrike reported that 30 people were invited to/attended the conference, run by WCC. The theme was religion in public space, predominantly on a theological level discussing challenging and progressive issues in many religions, and pushed for thinking 'outside the box'. She said it was a worthwhile program for ASCM to continue sending delegates to.	
c. ASCM Endowment	Needs to have a more focussed agenda to fit it into the allotted three hour time slot. At the last Skype meeting there were technical difficulties which caused the meeting to be delayed.	
d. ASCM Logo	Adam Van's friend Ron has volunteered to update the current ASCM logo, but has been uncontactable for some time, and no progress on the logo.	
22. Dates of the next National Executive Committee meeting	The next Executive Committee meeting will be held on 11th and 12th February 2017.	
23. Closing	The meeting closed at 4:50pm, with prayer led by Barrie Barker.	