

Minutes of the 103rd General Service Conference

7-9 April 2017, St Francis Retreat Centre, Auckland

Welcome - We opened at 7.30, Friday, April 7 ,2017, Paul D welcomed new delegates and trustees.

2. Silent reflection
3. Serenity Prayer
4. Reading of Traditions Long Form Read by Teresa O
5. Identification

Paul Donaldson	GSC Chairperson
Christine England	Secretary
Mike Quayle	GSO
Johnny Findlay	Treasurer (Class B. Trustee)
Steve Hale	Board Chair (Class B. Trustee)
Antonia Scott-Clark	1st Year Delegate Central Area
Sarah Cristaldi	2nd Year Delegate Central Area
Kathleen Pivac	3rd Year Delegate Central Area
Jackie Early	Alternate Delegate (Zone 1)
Linda Nicholson	2nd Year Delegate Northern Area (Zone 2)
Diana Foster	3rd Year Delegate Northern Area (Zone 3)
Teresa O Connor	1st Year Delegate Southern Area (Western Zone)
Kathy O'Neill	3rd Year Delegate Southern Area (Eastern Zone)
Ian MacEwan	Class A Trustee
David McKegg	Class A Trustee
Heather Hapeta	2nd Term WSD
Roger Soulsby	1st Term WSD
David Greenwood	Class B Trustee
Viv d'Or	Class B Trustee

Johnny will talk directly to relevant committees regarding funding matters and delegates were reminded that reports are to be submitted Sunday morning.

We broke for Standing Committee meetings at 7.55pm.

Saturday 8th April 8.30am

Conference opened with Serenity prayer

Reading - Leadership in AA: Ever a Vital Need - AASM p36-37 read by Antonia.

Review of Board Advisory Actions from 102nd Conference of GSC

Steve presented his responses to the advisory actions set at October 2016 conference

- Board Budget and Conventions - We ask the board to make a change to the HPC guidelines to reflect a provision for a surplus in convention budgets and bring this back to the April conference for discussion and approval.

This has been actioned and new wording is as follows

“The Convention budget should be prepared in such a way that there is no significant risk that the Convention will make a loss - i.e. it should be prepared using a level of attendance that can easily be achieved. The expectation is that the Convention will make a clear surplus. A surplus in excess of \$5000 would be considered appropriate.”

It was moved that this amendment to the convention guidelines be accepted

Steve moved

Viv Seconded

Passed

- The board are requested to explore the cost of producing pull-up banners for the Steps and Traditions to be used in venues where hanging banners are not suitable.

Mike presented a document (ID 401) showing a range of pull up banner styles and pricing for the alternatives currently available in the marketplace. The primary need for these is seen as being for conventions and assemblies, and it was felt that the area assemblies themselves are responsible for purchasing their own if needed and in the case of conventions there are already large banners; although if these are not viable for a convention venue then a submission should be made to the board for the purchase of a set of banners to be held at GSO for ongoing use by conventions and CPC. The price is indicative of the quality and there is a significant discount for bulk purchases. Delegates discussion indicated that CPC are wanting to utilise these types of banners and at a recent Northern area assembly were unable to hang banners. GSO will make available the necessary artwork for assemblies and groups and they are welcome to call GSO and discuss the best option.

It was moved that pull up banners are added to literature list as a POA and contact GSO who will take them through the options as needed.

Moved: Steve

Seconded: Kathy O

- The board is requested to make the following changes to the bookmark and submit a final version to April conference.

That Number 6 on the bookmark be broadened to include the other standing committees. It was agreed that the wording be amended to “have you considered service on Treatment and Correctional Facilities, Public Information and Cooperation with Professional Communities committees?”

That number 7 is deleted

The italics font will be changed to a more readable option.

Document # 425 - These changes have been made however it is noted that number 5 should read “who not whom”

It was moved that the Personal Service Inventory Bookmark be conference approved literature with ‘whom’ in item 5 changed to ‘who’

Moved Steve

Seconded Sarah

Passed

- The Board is requested to continue with a resolution to the Maori translation problem. Ali has made contact with and been to Maori Language Commission to look at a more relevant translation of 12 Steps and Serenity Prayer - we want to capture the Wairua of the steps and update the translation to more fully reflect this. When we have received a new translation this will be disseminated to groups to review and approve. It will then come back to conference for approval once it has been thoroughly explored.

Ali H reported that a draft of the 12 Steps and Serenity prayer and has been given to a fluent Te Reo speaker who as an AA member had raised some concerns regarding the initial Maori Language commission translation. The Maori Language Commission (MLC) acknowledges that the fine tuning to the wording as indicated was significant and the MLC are happy to work at making amendments. Once the wording is settled it will be disseminated to the fellowship (anticipated this will be end of May) so it is likely to be available for the next assemblies. This will be sent via [conference secretary](#) to all delegates and that feedback will come back to the board via the email address provided in the covering letter. This should ensure that feedback is available for discussion at the October 2017 conference. Subsequently it is hoped that this will be ready for the National Convention at Te Papa in Jan 2018. It is important that feedback is understood to be around the ‘spirit or Wairua’ of the 12 steps rather than literal translation or dialect differences in word spelling. The covering letter will contain the guidelines for feedback. Ali is confident that what we now have are 3 sets of experienced eyes providing the new translation and that whilst they welcome feedback it will be considered within the parameters of the task.

It is also noted that the translation of the NZ32 brochure is also underway and is expected to be completed by end of May

- Board to continue to manage the APPLE IOS version of the Meeting List App The App for meetings list is being developed – it is slow but it is happening . Mike from GSO is currently managing this - report is available in docstore. (ID364) - *continued over*

The board are not currently spending money on this but there is some development work being undertaken by an associate of Mike from GSO who is developing their skills and is doing this work on an investigative basis. Delegates are asked to enquire within fellowship if there is anyone who has Apple App skills who may be able to liaise

Reports

Reports are taken as read

General Service Board Reports

Board Chair Report Doc 414

General Service Board Chairman's Report Verbal

Steve H - reported back re the board activities as related to the advisory actions

It is noted that a new office assistant has been appointed. The board are quietly seeking new premises which can reduce costs particularly in relation to parking. Looking for an office for 2 with storage, ground floor and parking.

Rewrite and resubmission of Board Bylaws. - Steve, Roger and Viv spoke to provide background to the initial development of the bylaws and the ratification of these is seen as important and delegates are asked to ensure they have a clear understanding of the bylaws and the process that is behind them. Presentation of these to the fellowship is not required, however, ratification of newly developed Bylaws which will be available is sought as a reflection of the constitutional spirit of AA and nature of the growth of AA in New Zealand to the point where we are of a size that we would function as a whole in the Board and Conference model. This is a huge credit to the fellowship. The board needs its own bylaws as a protection from ourselves - so there are some brakes that can be applied. Bylaws are Doc 415 in the Docstore. It is anticipated that the rewritten bylaws will be available at the October conference.

Alanon Contact information for assemblies and conventions.

Alanon has requested a new contact process for conventions and assemblies the guidelines for the convention will be updated to include this information. The new contact information is as follows and assemblies are asked to update their guidelines with the following wording as follows.

For AA Assemblies: The AA host committee of the Assembly (HPC) invites AFG participation via the NZAGSO. The communication line is HPC to NZAGSO.

The best email address for the NZAGSO is: office@al-anon.org.nz

The invitation should include contact details for the planning committee and the date and location of the assembly.

For AA Conventions: the AA Board invites the AFG Board to participate. The communication line is Board to Board.

The best email address for the Board is:

generalsecretary@al-anon.org.nz

Moved that convention guidelines be amended to read as per Steve H report

Moved Steve

Seconded Antonia

Passed

Break for Morning Tea at 10.15

Financial Reports - Doc 411 (Doc 398 and 409 also relate as they contains new guidelines of accounting standards)

Discussion and questions

Essentially little more income than expenditure and this has resulted in a minimal deficit for 2016.

Our assets remain strong and our prudent reserve is still sitting at \$60,000.

Our cash assets are made up initiatives fund and general reserve.

There are detailed comments on page 4 of the report.

Donations generally are lower and it is thought that changing attitudes to this need to be considered and included in this Gratitude week was disappointing and a review of methods of Tradition 7 contributions are reconsidered in today's technological framework and fellowship demographics.

Appendixes 2 & 3 provide a detailed breakdown of budget versus costs and include the 2017 budget which is essentially similar to 2016.

Johnny ran through the initiatives fund breakdown (appendix 1) - In addition Doc 410 provides a flowchart of how the initiatives fund works and is a useful visual aid to explaining the funding process via the fund.

It is moved that the financial reports and the budget for 2017 be accepted

Moved Johnny

Seconded Heather

Passed

GSO Executive Officer Report ID No 408

Discussion re maps as there has been some feedback that the Website comes up with the wellington Map - The solution being currently explored NZ Map will display with bands to select location that searcher is in.

Security certificate for the website is imminent at a significantly reduced cost.

0800 number is a very expensive system fellowship are encouraged to use the website to seek information when possible.

Group Names and Group ID Numbers - Groups are asked to use their group names and ID numbers when communicating with GSO to facilitate accuracy in payment allocations.

Website Group Info please check that your group information is up to date.

Class A reports

Ian M and David McKegg advised that there feedback would come out in the committee reports.

Class B. Reports

These are covered within the more specific agenda items.

Delegate Reports

CAA 1st Year Delegate (ID No 391)

CAA 2nd Year Delegate (ID No 389)

CAA 3rd Year Delegate (ID No 393)

SAA Southern Zone 1st Year Delegate (ID No 392)

SAA Northern Zone 2nd Year Delegate (ID No 407)

SAA Eastern Zone 3rd Year Delegate (ID No 402)

NAA Zone 3 Delegate (ID No 416)

NAA Zone 2 Delegate (ID No 404)

NAA Zone 1 Delegate (ID No 405)

World Service Delegate First Year (ID 399)

World Service Delegates Second Year (ID No 400)

It was moved that the reports be accepted

Moved Kathy O Seconded Steve H Passed

Other Report related items

Editorial guidelines for Website and Mainstay (ID 367)

Feedback had previously been sought but has not been received from all areas and currently we are operating accordance with the draft guidelines. It is requested that delegates seek ratification at their June/July assemblies and advise board of outcome by September 30 so that draft guidelines can be ratified at October 2017 Conference. The editorial guidelines are available on Docstore ID 367 and on AA website.

Break for Lunch 12.30-1.30

Reading - Stimulating Interest in General Service From page S23 AASM read by Jackie E

Feed back on Service Manual (ID 403)

Viv reported back on the progress of the Draft of the NZ Service Manual. Following the October conference Delegates were asked to inform the fellowship that their comments on the content of the Service Manual was sought via the website link. This has been received and is documented in feedback document ID 403. The feedback received is in black and the responses are highlighted in the document in green. It is also noted that the Board are grateful for the feedback which was generally well constructed and valuable. It has stimulated much important discussion and development of the Service manual reflects this. As it is intended to be an online document the use of hyperlink etc to provide supporting documentation is a part of the document development. A point raised within conference was to ensure that hyperlinks avoided additional logins to access information.

There was feedback at this suggesting a first edition hard copy is outside the original brief for an online document but is part of on going consideration and discussions.

Over the next month the draft will be edited to reflect feedback, and it is anticipated that this will be completed by April 30. The service manual will be available on line for a second round of feedback on content (not layout) from June 15 - 31 August and delegates are now asked to go back to the assemblies and seek this feedback.

We thank Viv, Kathleen and Brenda for their efforts and the wider fellowship for their feedback. It was noted that we are offering the fellowship an online publication which will be easily updatable.

It was moved that this process continue as documented above

Moved Sarah C Seconded David M Passed

Update Society of Alcoholics in Action (ID397)

This has been an ongoing project and conference are asked to consider the best way forward

Paul spoke with Brenda and received an email from her which said we can expect a solid draft for review by 2019 and have a final copy available well before 2021. Brenda would like to have the following support and that people can email her at brenda.h@xtra.co.nz

- stories and anecdotes from members of the fellowship
- incidents, events ,occurrences which will show the growth and strength of the fellowship.

As a point of clarification it is noted that although \$500 funding has been offered it has not been taken in the past and is not sought in the future.

Brenda is happy to update conference re progress over the next 2 years and we as conference support her to focus on this as her service work for the fellowship. Paul has agreed to continue to liaise with Brenda

Draft Conference Guidelines

It is noted that not all areas have ratified the changes as presented at the October 2016 Conference and the current status is that

NAA have ratified

CAA and SAA have not and although a discussion was had ratification was not agreed and minuted Delegates are asked to refer to the minute from 102nd GSC as shown below. This ratification is sought by October Conference

“Christine H as conference chair reviewed the Guidelines for GSC and tabled the documents ID (347) original GSC Guidelines (ID349) Conference Chair suggestions for changes. We worked through this document and discussed the changes that had been

suggested. Many of these were technical matters arising from changes in the structure of Conference and Board. Christine consulted with other long serving AA members with conference and board experience during this review process. Proposed changes were discussed at some length and resulted in amendments being made. Delegates are asked to take the updated Draft Conference Guidelines ID 376 back to area assemblies for approval. Delegates are also reminded that document ID314 is an explanatory note about the initiatives fund should they have any questions relating to this from areas assemblies. As part of the discussion it was agreed that the following phrase would be included in each Standing Committee Section. (Section B)

“It is recognised that Standing Committees may have an overlap in responsibilities and will work together when specific liaison between the standing committees requires them to communicate effectively with the organisations and community groups who work with the still suffering alcoholic.

General Business

Convention Reports

These are taken as read

Convention 2017 (ID 413) - David spoke to the closing report presented by the convention committee it is noted that a surplus of \$ \$12,898.07 was contributed to carrying the message to the still suffering alcoholic.

It is also noted that the report is a well presented document and is a very useful resource for those planning a convention and highlighted some important aspects of managing an event of this type and size.

Delegate feedback was that it was very well organised and workshops were very well attended with up to 100 people at the workshops. This may have been at the detriment to the meetings

It is noted that convention guidelines will need to be updated re eftpos debt cards and refund policy. - Board advisory action

Convention 2018

Kathleen offered a verbal report and will present a full written report at October conference.

Venue sorted and signed

Budget signed off with board

Website is ready but Online registrations for individuals are sorted but multiple registrations are not yet finalised but are not far off and should be ready by end of week.

Convention 2019 (ID 416/418/419)

There are some serious concerns about the current budget and by implication the venue and refreshment costs. It was requested by Diana that the board representative have financial skills as this would be helpful for the HPC. Concerns were raised about the current budgets and presenting a budget with a loss is an issue and the board does not accept this budget as it stands. Steve H will attend the next meeting in an advisory capacity only but it is acknowledged that there are no easy answers. The HPC are asked to specifically

- Rework the budget to reflect a \$5000 surplus.
- Consider an alternate venue.
- Clarify the pricing of food and refreshments as this appears excessive and can be adjusted.
- Steve and Johnny will advise Diana about ways the budget can be trimmed
- Alanon is not allowed for in the venue cost specifically and this is highlighted.

It is moved that the convention reports be accepted

Moved Heather H

Seconded Steve H

Passed

Convention Continuity and Support for HPC

Discussion was had about lack of continuity that prevails with conventions year to year and as the structure of AA precludes the appointment of someone beyond a 3 year term this does impact. There is no answer that is obvious within the current structure. Steve also reminded us that this always feels overwhelming at the start but we get there in the end. A suggestion was made that a carry over person from previous convention committee act as advisor to incoming convention committee. It was felt that previous HPC chairs and committee members would be available by phone or Skype to offer advice when panic sets in but we also need to be mindful of their personal needs and respect their right to say no. We are also reminded that we have convention and HPC guidelines. When Mike sends out info from GSO he will highlight people with previous HPC experience in the region and the outgoing convention chairs. The use of the same venue in a set location would reduce some of the load, also the possibility of using the same chain of hotels or suppliers may provide a better costing structure.

Meeting in the Pocket (ID 396) - contains a minute which reflects previous discussion.

Diana has bought this back to the table and showed an example of the meeting in a pocket booklet currently produced by Auckland GSO but it is requested that this be produced as conference approved literature so that it is available nationwide. Some of the difficulties with doing this are

- Many quotes are unattributed
- It appears that globally each area produces it for use in their local area.

It was generally felt that the previous minutes as noted in ID 396 as below cover the item

December 2011

Conference to discuss producing “ Meeting in a pocket ” from India.

19. Advisory Actions

1. That the Board reviews the pamphlet “ Meeting in a Pocket” from India to make it suitable for NZ Distribution.

Conference Minutes April 2012

Advisory Actions from 92nd Conference

1. That the Board reviews the pamphlet “ Meeting in a Pocket” from India to make it suitable for NZ Distribution.

1/ Pamphlet Pocket – More expensive than worth and can be produced on laptop. Concern about more pamphlets on the shelf at GSO. Large number of copies in stock if professional print – conference to consider validity of having them. Already others available. Conference to advise board.

Meeting closed at 5.33pm

Sunday 9th April 8.30am

Opened with Toronto Declaration and Unknown quote from Bill W.

General Business continued

Price of Banners - these have been increased as the suppliers costs have increased - these are now priced at \$70

Group Treasurers Notebook - this is a document which provides a format for groups to follow and the current stocks are low and it is felt we should update before the next printing. Delegates are asked to take this back to assemblies for feedback which should be submitted at next conference in October.

Standing Committee Reports

Cooperation with Professional Community (ID 422)

New Chair for the committee is Linda

Following earlier discussion at this conference CPC are asked to follow up on a discussion about being able to provide more information to police and presenting to new recruits etc. Kathy is exploring this and it is not part of the current report and will be brought back to October 2017 conference for discussion.

Treatment Correction Facilities (ID No 429) & Board Report ID 424)

New chair Annette was unable to make conference and the meeting was chaired by Kathleen P

International Committee (ID No 430) (ID 427 - USA Board report)

Public Information (ID 423)

Discussion relating to the current artwork for the conference approved A5 “If you want to drink poster” be made available to be manipulated into a landscape and a portrait version. Approval is given only for the page orientation and format of the information to be adjusted, no changes are approved to content.

It is moved that this proposal be accepted

Moved Diana Seconded Sarah Passed.

It was moved that Standing Committee reports be accepted

Moved David M Seconded Diana F Passed

Standing Committee Budget Requirements

Johnny spoke about the requirement of conference to approve the allocation of Initiatives fund within the standing committees and that returns and requests for funds be clearly noted and approved in standing committee reports for clarity of process. A format for this will be developed for October conference and for future use.

Conference is asked to approve the following budget requirements from standing committees

CPC - Overall Return \$2288

CPC - We are proposing to have a stall at the conference and its associated literature, send 2 delegates and run a 1 hour AA speaker meeting at this event. We anticipate a budget of \$3000

Treatment initiative- We are proposing to develop links with professional services through this initiative in order to facilitate treatment centres' clients a seamless passage into AA. Anticipated budget for this is \$700

TCF -There are no new requests or returns

PI - There are no new requests or returns however inline with the Standing Committee report PI committee are asked to send the final breakdown of costs to the Board as soon as the information is to hand.

PI Finances: PI had asked for money for TVNZ On Demand advertising and \$5000 for a Listener article. Article re 70 years of AA and survey results plus ad didn't eventuate so money will be re-purposed.

We propose a total budget of \$27639 for PI for 2017/8

International - There are no new requests or returns.

It was moved that Conference has approved these budget requests and they are submitted to the board. (ID 431)

Moved Steve Seconded Teresa Passed

Upcoming Nominations

WSD

Nominations for WSD Delegate are required by 14th September to the October Conference. Nominations must be endorsed by area assemblies and nomination forms are on the website.

Board Vacancies.

The Board are looking to appoint 3 Class B trustees. Two will be Conference experienced delegates, and the other to have legal experience. Nominations need to be in by July 31st. Forms are on the members website.

GENERAL BUSINESS AGENDA ITEMS FROM FLOOR

Delegate attendance at conference

If a delegate is not able to attend conference they should advise the Conference chair or Secretary who will contact the area delegate to check availability of the alternate delegate. In the absence of a delegate their reports will be presented by their senior area delegate. It is suggested that alternate delegates be allocated a webmail address and be included in the send out of conference related material so they are fully informed in case of emergencies. They are also expected to attend assemblies in their areas. This will be reviewed in line with conference guidelines at the October Conference.

It was agreed that Awareness week will be from 29 October - 4 November

Budget for Service Handbook

Viv presented a budget for the final development of the online document. The budget is at the top end of potential costs and are not final costs but are anticipated and reflect the professional presentation requirements of this document. Currently the budget stands at \$5900 and will be funded as part of the initiatives fund.

It is moved that this budget be accepted

Moved Viv Seconded Kathleen Passed

Discussion was also had relating to the final presentation format as an online document or an E book will influence the accessibility and cost of the Service Handbook to the fellow-

ship. There are in built security options within programmes such as Adobe Digital which would prevent sharing of downloaded documents. These matters will be considered at the October conference.

Relationship with Treatment and Correctional Facilities - (Ian M Class A trustee)

Ian M began his observations with comment about how the relationship between TCF and AA has changed over time and how the exposure to the message of AA has been diminished within TCF programmes. Ian talked about the concerns with reciprocity (or lack of) from the institutions and what we need to consider to ensure that this reciprocity be nurtured and encouraged. This is particularly the case in DHB funded treatment facilities and prisons.

In addition many workplaces do not encourage disclosure of recovery by employees as there is a perceived conflict of purpose for a range of reason. Ian was asked about the thinking behind the change and he felt that it was that the early work was because people found recovery and worked in the field and the subsequent closure of facilities such as QM at Hanmer as well as the pressure to keep AA recovery quiet within DHB and other government funded structures.

Suggestions or ideas - Ian was very aware that these may cause conflicts with the traditions of AA and his ideas and suggestions are given within that understanding and as a starting point for discussion.

- Encourage members of the fellowship to seek a career in treatment facilities. - further comment was made that although this can be seen as 2 hatting by some members of the fellowship, however, when considered within the context of of Ian's Class A trustee observations which were pertinent ,relevant and informative this is not the case. AA is not in the business of treatment but we are in the position to support those who choose recovery and we are reminded that we can and must continue to carry the message within the changing face of the various TCF management structures. We were also reminded that there are guidelines for AA members who work in the recovery and treatment fields. How can we support members of the fellowship who are in teaching and treatment roles to carry the message. There is information available on this and conference could print these and have them available at meetings.
- Higher public profile in professional treatment and facilitates professional events - presenting at Cutting Edge is a good example of this. Research indicates that recovery is best supported by 12 step programmes and contact with non drinking groups.
- Concentrating our efforts on specific areas would be useful and it was suggested that the standing committees get together to do this. e.g.
 - Suggestion was made that CPC put forward an abstract to Cutting Edge for a presentation. If this is successful the budget would need to be revised.
 - We were also reminded of the Justice department trial was also highlighted as a programme that is working extremely well and so is this something that we can foster in other areas. (see minutes and standing committee reports from 102nd GSC)

We thank and acknowledge Ian for his pertinent observations, thoughts and comments.

Society of Alcoholics in Action - Subsequent to earlier discussion it was also suggested that the current 1985 book - Society of Alcoholics in Action be made available as a free PDF on the website. It is currently in soft copy for \$17. This would preserve the original version, although it was felt that conference (Paul) discuss this with Brenda and bring this back to October conference

Hosting a WSM

Viv suggested that we put in a bid to host the WSM as we last hosted this in 1998. The process would be for Conference secretary to make contact with International Desk of NYGSO and let them know we are interested and ask if they could advise us of the procedures. email contact is international@aa.org

Moved that Conference Secretary contact NYGSO to host a WSM.

Moved Viv

Seconded Kathleen

Passed

2017 National PI AWARENESS Week - 29 October - 4 November

Dissemination of Conference Documents to GSR's

During conference discussions it was highlight that the dissemination of information is at times ineffective. Steve talked about the NAA Steering Committee Structure and how this works - Following the Steering Committee agenda meeting (4 weeks prior to assembly) NAA secretary sends out documents to all GSR's. The DCM also circulates the information from NAA assembly secretary to their database as do Auckland Service Centre

It was suggested that the Conference secretary disseminate info which needs to be ratified or discussed by the assemblies prior to the next conference. Following discussion it was decided that this will be undertaken via a Delegates action list which is part of these minutes.

Gratitude Week will be run in conjunction with PI awareness week and the board will provide flyers or information relating to this. Ideas can be emailed to GSO and Board at any time and are welcome

It is moved that Gratitude week be trialled in 2017 to run in conjunction with PI Awareness week 29 October - 4 November

Moved Diana

Seconded Sarah

Passed

Board Advisory Actions

- Add Pull up Banners to the literature list as a POA item.

- Rewrite and resubmission of Board Bylaws. - Steve, Roger and Viv spoke to provide background to the initial development of the bylaws and the ratification of these is seen as important and delegates are asked to ensure they have a clear understanding of the bylaws and the process that is behind them. Presentation of these to the fellowship is not required, however, ratification of newly developed Bylaws which will be available is sought as a reflection of the constitutional spirit of AA and nature of the growth of AA in New Zealand to the point where we are of a size that we would function as a whole in the Board and Conference model. This is a huge credit to the fellowship. The board needs its own bylaws as a protection from ourselves - so there are some brakes that can be applied. Bylaws are Doc 415 in the Docstore. It is anticipated that the rewritten bylaws will be available at the October conference.
- It is noted that convention guidelines will need to be updated re eftpos debt cards and refund policy. - Board advisory action
- The board are requested to make conference approved funds available for the professional development of the NZ Service Manual/Handbook
- Gratitude Week will be run in conjunction with PI awareness week and the board will provide flyers or information relating to this.

Advisory actions were approved as read

Moved Steve H

Seconded Sarah

Passed

Delegates actions

Te Reo Banner feedback is sought from fellowship re the new MLC translation which will be forwarded in May.

Update assembly guidelines re Al-anon invitation to assemblies

Editorial Guidelines for Website & Mainstay is required from assemblies

Conference guidelines amendments for ratification by CAA and SAA

Apple app skills - the Board would like to hear from anyone who has skills in this area to assist with the development of an APPLE IOS version of the Meeting List App

Fellowship is reminded that 0800 number is a very expensive system and fellowship are encouraged to use the website to seek information when possible.

GSO have asked that Group Names are used when communicating with GSO and to ensure that the group information is up to date. GSR's are asked to please check your group details on the website and update if needed.

Update of a Society of Alcoholics in Action - stories, anecdotes and relevant events etc are sought by Brenda H for this project.

Gratitude Week ideas can be emailed to GSO and Board at any time and it will be run concurrently with PI Awareness week.

Nominations for Trustees and WSD are sought.

Standing Committee Actions

CPC to follow up re speaking to police recruits.

Group Treasurers Resource review

Items carried forward for Agenda Committee to consider

Observing at conference

Availability of Minutes

GSC Future Conference Dates

13-15 October 2017

6-8 April 2018

19-21 October 2018

2019 dates: 5-7 April 18-20 Oct

Close the meeting at 12.35pm with the Serenity Prayer.