

FINAL Draft Minutes of the 104th General Service Conference

13-15 October 2017, St Francis Retreat Centre, Auckland

Welcome - We opened at 7.30 Friday, October 13 ,2017, - Paul D welcomed new delegates and trustees.

2. Silent reflection

3. Serenity Prayer

4. Reading - Dave G read Concepts - short form page IV - AA Service Manual

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)
Harriet W	Delegate Elect Central Area
Antonia Scott-Clark	1st Year Delegate Central Area
Sarah Cristaldi	2nd Year Delegate Central Area
Kathleen Pivac	3rd Year Delegate Central Area
Jackie Earlly	Delegate Elect Northern Area (Zone 2) Standing in for (Zone 1 Delegate)
Linda Nicholson	2nd Year Delegate Northern Area (Zone 3)
Diana Foster	3rd Year Delegate Northern Area (Zone 2)
Bebe F	Delegate Elect Southern Area (Eastern Zone)- Standing in for Kathy
Teresa O Connor	1st Year Delegate Southern Area (Western Zone)
Annette Reinheimer	2nd Year Delegate Southern Area (Southern Zone)
Heather Hapeta	2nd Term WSD
Roger Soulsby	1st Term WSD
David Greenwood	Class B Trustee
Viv d'Or	Class B Trustee
Ali Holden	Class B Trustee
Julia Hickton	Class B Trustee

Apologies:

Kathy O'Neill 3rd Year Delegate Southern Area (Eastern Zone)

Ian McEwen Class A Trustee (Board)

David McClegg Class A Trustee (Board)

Accept Apologies

Moved Kathleen P Seconded Diana F Passed

6. Previous Minutes: (ID 432)

- Alteration Page 4 - Last line NZ62 should read NZ 32nd has been adjusted
- Alteration Page 13 - Standing Committee Reports paragraph 4 K removed from \$3000K

Accept Final Minutes as a true and accurate record (ID 469)

Moved Sarah C Seconded Jackie E Passed.

7. Correspondence:

Inward

- A nomination for World Service Delegate was received from Jos V - it is noted that this was received in April and is now re-tabled for October Conference. (ID 437)
- Nomination for World Service Delegate from Pip Adam (ID 436)
- NAA had a nomination from Steve King for World Service Delegate which was not been received by GSO prior to the GSC Agenda Committee meeting, this nomination was approved at NAA and all processes were carried out in a timely manner. However when the NAA minutes were sent to GSO the nomination form was not included by the NAA Secretary. As a result this matter was brought to conference awareness for approval outside of the formal Agenda Committee Process under Tradition 2.

It was moved that this nomination be accepted

Moved Roger Seconded Diana Passed 9 For 1 Against

- Response from NYGSO (ID 466) and (ID 469) - Bid Questionnaire

Outward

Email to International desk of NYGSO re hosting WSM - see conference secretary sent emails

Correspondence is accepted

Moved Kathleen P Seconded Sarah C Passed

Matters arising will be managed within Delegate or Board reports, Standing Committee reports, and General Business.

8. Standing Committee Membership

Public Information (PI)

Diana F, (chair) Sarah C, Julia H, Johnny F, Teresa O, Jackie E (from April 2018)

Cooperating with Professional Community (CPC)

Linda N (chair), Kathy O (absent) David G, Ian Mc, (absent) Antonia S, Bebe F

Treatment and Correctional Facilities (TCF)

Kathleen P, Annette R, (Chair)Ali H, Viv D, (Jackie E standing in NAA), David M, (absent) Harriet W

International

Steve H, Heather H (chair), Mike Quayle, Roger S, Christine E. Paul D

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 8.05pm

Saturday 14th October 8.30am

Conference opened with Serenity Prayer

Reading - Julia H read - Concept 1, Page 5 Paragraph 4 - Page 6 Paragraph 3 AA service Manual combined with Concepts

Review of Board Advisory Actions from 103rd Conference of GSC

Steve reported back regarding these matters

- Pull up Banners. - These have now been completed and added to the Literature List - the price is variable depending on freight costs (see GSO report for details)
- Rewrite and resubmission of Board Bylaws. - These are now on website and this is further discussed in General Business.
- Eftpos and Debit/Credit card facilities have been updated and a refund policy is now in place (this has a limit of \$1000). This will be available for the Wellington Convention in 2018 and this matter is addressed in more detail in the GSO report. The It is noted that convention guidelines still need to be updated re eftpos debt cards and refund policy.
- NZ Service Manual/Handbook - The funds provided have been used to develop the Flip Book format and this is now available subject to final grammar adjustments and should be uploaded to the website in the near future. (prior to Christmas)
- Gratitude/Awareness Week - flyers and a pamphlet as well as media releases have been prepared and will be available to area assemblies and groups via the website. (Please see other reports - PI Standing Committee and Board Media Report).

Advisory actions were approved as read

Moved Steve H Seconded Sarah C

Review of Delegates actions from 103rd GSC

The Area Delegates have actioned this as is evidenced by their reports they are reminded also the the following items should be mentioned at each area assembly to ensure the fellowship remain informed

Standing Committee Actions from 103rd GSC

- CPC to follow up re speaking to police - this is completed and covered in CPC Standing Committee report
- Group Treasurers Resource review - NAA/CAA /SAA took it back to assemblies and provided instructions for members to give feedback if they wanted to - no new feedback has been received by GSO to date. The board are requested to develop Version 2 based on previous feedback prior to April 2017 and present this to the fellowship for feedback prior to next assembly. Feedback to be received by 31 August.

Reports

Reports are taken as read

General Service Board Reports

- Board Chair Report ID No (454) - Highlights are below and the full report is in the doc store.
- Steve covered the Board Advisory actions from previous conference and discussed the nominations for Board Trustees - there are 2 new nominees for conference approval - Mahesh L and Rowena - there is still a need for one more conference experienced Class B trustee - there is one nomination in the wings however this person is still under stand down and additional nominees are still being sought.
- GSO has new premises in Lower Hutt
- NZ Service Manual is ready for conference approval subject to minor grammar updates - Viv will speak to this in General Business.
- Board Bylaws a new draft is available for consideration and will discussed in General Business
- Steve thanked those who have provided support expertise and considerable effort during his time as Board Chair.

Financial Reports - ID No (450)

Johnny presented key points - Finances are in good health and there is a surplus for the period available for new initiatives of \$18,381 against a budget figure of \$7,224 (it was noted that Public Awareness campaign is coming up) Although donations are less than budgeted at this stage of the financial year, gratitude week monies will be coming in over next few months. Donations from Area Assemblies are less than expected. The surplus has arisen as we have some less than expected expenditure. This has offset the lower level of donations but this is not anticipated to continue and as always we are seeking more sustainable approaches to donations.

Questions

- Where did the other income of \$11,000 come from - this relates to convention and interest received.

It is moved that the Board Chair and Financial reports be accepted

Moved Sarah C Seconded Kathleen P Passed

GSO Executive Officer Report ID No (453) Attached as an appendix to these minutes

- If members request changes to Groups details then providing correct group number and name is helpful.
- If requesting events be added to website please check that these are not already there before sending request.
- More detail regarding eftpos, apple app, banners refund policy etc are in the report. Mike highlighted that buying sturdy quality banners is overall more economical than buying the cheaper options. Base pickup from office price is \$185 plus any delivery costs to other areas, generally this is expected to be under \$200 delivered

Moved that report be accepted

Moved Antonia Seconded Heather Passed

Class A reports ID No

None presented as both Class A delegates were absent

Class B. Reports ID No

These will be presented as part of general business

Delegate Reports

CAA 1st Year Delegate (ID No 441)

Antonia presented her report - Cutting Edge was a key focus for Antonia in Sept and Heather and Sarah also provided support. Primarily they distributed information packs and AA literature and answered questions. The CPC interface was particularly relevant in this format - although looking at presentation of the literature might be a useful for future events - this is thought to be a CPC initiative but conference approves literature. (see also CPC Standing Committee report for information about this)

In addition to her report Antonia has taken new GSR's through the GSR literature and this was well received and valuable for all. GSR packs did not contain pamphlet Circles of Love and Service. - Mike will check this.

CAA 2nd Year Delegate (ID No 443 - 444 and 446)

Sarah presented her report which is accompanied by 2 PDF's showing some significant advertising on buses and on a billboard by Wellington PI committee. (ID 444 and 446) The report addresses the delegate advisory actions from previous conference and responses from Area assembly

Question - How do we quantify results from advertising - this is difficult to measure and Julia commented that much of the coming PI Awareness Week initiative is digital and it may be easier to measure some aspects of this. (see Media Report)

CAA 3rd Year Delegate (ID No 445)

Kathleen P presented her final report and the overall sense was the amount you give is what you receive and a sense of gratitude for the opportunity to work with conference members. Working on the service manual has been a huge but rewarding task and it is a living document is significant as it can be updated and new versions implemented as needed. Paul thanked Kathleen for her work on this project.

SAA Southern Zone 1st Year Delegate (ID No 433)

Teresa presented her report which highlighted meetings and attendances.

SAA Northern Zone 2nd Year Delegate (ID No 447)

Annette presented her report which focused around TCF activity in the area

SAA Eastern Zone 3rd Year Delegate (ID No 449)

Annette presented Kathy's report in her absence - we are saddened to hear of her health challenges and send her our best wishes it was noted that she has been a great delegate and her contributions have been appreciated. Kathy remains in her role until the end of 2017 when her term ends.

Break for Morning Tea at 10.30

NAA Zone 3 Delegate (ID No 457)

Diana presented her report - the main point to make is that due to the Zone 1 delegate withdrawals due to ill health. Craig B has been recommended as a conference experienced replacement delegate for Zone 1 - this is in accordance with Northern Area Guidelines. Concern for GSR turnout at DCM was raised as numbers are minimal and this impacts on the service experience gained by members and their on going involvement and availability for DCM, Assembly and delegate roles etc. This is Diana's last report and she thanked board and conference for their support and friendship - it is a privilege to serve.

It was also noted that the Board need to invite the Al Anon Board to convention. (This has been done)

NAA Zone 2 Delegate (ID No 448)

Linda provided a comprehensive report

NAA Zone 1 Delegate (ID No 451)

Jackie presented a report from Jo - as there is no delegate at this time Jo is chair of Northern District Committee (NDC) and advises that they are active and functioning well at a local and group level.

World Service Delegate First Term (ID 442)

Roger provided a report focused on the Mongolian AOSM business structure and experience. There were many first time delegates and this impacted on continuity. On the literature front

eBooks and Kindle sales are up worldwide. Translations are many and the keynote speaker spoke about *Preserving the integrity of the AA message (this is included at the bottom of this report)* New Zealand is a key contributor to AOSM in both service and financial matters and our structure supports us as a fellowship not something that all participating countries have.

World Service Delegates Second Term (ID No 438)

This is Heather's last report and she commented that the 4 years have gone so fast - reflecting on her service she noted that she has gone from emptying ashtrays to attending World Service Meetings - throughout her time Heather has reached out to past delegates and has been grateful for their support and input. The implementation of the Mongolian AOSM was difficult due to lack of experience and there is now a clear process established with a form for completion to reduce the likelihood of this occurring in future. A proposal to change the size of the AOSM is to be considered at future AOSM meetings. It was noted that countries young in sobriety have more enthusiasm at grassroots.

Question re the grassroots activity of younger countries - Heather responded that in Mongolia for instance they actively go out and find drunks and carry the message. Roger commented that members attend several meetings a week and they have 2 hour meetings with speakers and a break in the middle. They are very respectful and are able to manage having question and answer type sharing where they answer questions from each other.

It was moved that the World Service Delegates reports be accepted

Moved Steve H Seconded Sarah C Passed

Convention Reports

Convention 2018 (ID 480)

A full report was received and once again it is vital that people register as quickly as possible so that organisers are able to make the best choices on behalf of fellowship. Delegates please take this back and promote this at assemblies and meetings. Flyers have been sent and digital are available and being distributed.

Convention 2019 (ID 475 - Budget ID 468 -Flyer and ID 478 -Programme)

These documents are available on Doc Store and the theme for the convention is *Keys of the Kingdom*

- Accommodation will be a list of available hotels or motels etc (this is because hotels who require rebooking have penalty clauses which are punitive and not acceptable to the board).
- The programme has been adjusted to provide sufficient time for movement between meetings, although this has reduced the number of meetings slightly.
- There were some specialist meetings scheduled and it was suggested that workshops may be a better option, however the HPC is responsible for this.
- It is noted that the dates on the flyer are incorrect.

Break for lunch at 12.35pm

Reconvened at 1.25

Reading - Viv began with a reading from Flip Book - AA Service Manual p 33-34 Why do we need a conference

Convention reports 2019 continued

- Some discussion was had about the relevance of having special interest groups such as yoga being 'meetings' It was also felt that LGBTQ is part of our culture now and should be included in the programme proper rather than as special interest. There are also some possible timing adjustments.
- Suggested changes were made to the programme layout to consolidate into one programme and Steve H, Jackie E and Diana F will take conference concerns to the HPC for consideration so this can be included in the flyer for distribution in January - these adjustments were emailed through to HPC and thanks received.

It is moved that the convention reports be accepted

Moved Steve Seconded Teresa Passed

It was moved that the flyer as presented be accepted subject to the changes to dates and the programme as mentioned above. A deadline of Mid November has been put in place for completion of the flyer

Moved Steve H Seconded Diana F Passed

- As part of on going discussion around convention planning there seems to be an on going issue with the timing of the conference flyer and programme being completed to Final Draft format prior to the October GSC.
- Budget (ID 468) - this has had a a lot of work following April 2017 GSC with both Steve H and Johnny reviewing and revising and feeding back to HPC their concerns. The budget is now looking more robust and a budgeted surplus is expected in line with conference guidelines. Breakeven figures are prudent but some concerns were discussed about expectations. Steve H is comfortable that HPC have been prudent in managing risk in relation to finances.

It was moved that this budget be approved

Moved Steve H Seconded Diana F Passed

Convention 2020

The request to the area assembly was missed and sent out late from GSO and to date there has been no indication of a willingness to host from a southern meeting. There is a SAA Assembly at the end of October and a focus will be made to establish a Southern Area HPC. The Board will liaise with them as soon as an HPC is established. That said area assemblies need to ensure they are thinking ahead and are not just waiting for the requests from GSO

General Business

- Observers at conference -

This item was brought up at April conference based on comments made to delegates at assemblies and meetings. Current practice based on the guidelines is that observers are not present and that

if members of the fellowship want to be part of conference then they need to engage in the service structure as it stands. Within our service structure we are but trusted servants and information is disseminated via delegates to the fellowship. Conference discussed how delegates could respond to these enquiries in future and it is agreed that delegates refer parties to the current path of service: - GSR to assembly to delegate to conference. Discussion included comments around the physical limitations of the space and additional costs. On a positive front it may provide more insights for naysayers and those unsure of the present guidelines and service structure.

- Review of Board Bylaws - draft (ID 455) Board Bylaws - these are the rules of the board and govern the processes of the board and board membership. The bylaws have been reviewed in response to a request from CAA which asked that the wording be adjusted to make it more user friendly and accessible to the fellowship as a whole. - in essence more simplified bylaws. The Board can amend and adopt these changes within the framework of the guidelines, however they are requesting conference approval for the revised Draft bylaws in keeping with the open framework under which we function.

It was moved that conference adopt and approve Board Bylaws.

Moved Steve H Seconded Diana F Passed

- Conference minutes availability on website - currently AS PER page 67 of NZ Service Manual (Flip Book) these are available on request from GSO - Steve H proposed that conference approved Draft minutes be made available to the fellowship 6 weeks after conference.

Moved Steve H Seconded Kathleen P Passed

- Confirmation of Service Manual (Flip Book)

The board are asking for conference approval of the Service manual pending the grammatical editing currently in process. Once this is completed it will be available to be uploaded to the website. This is a living document and it will be editable over time as needed, in addition it is printable and downloadable.

It was moved that Conference approve the Online Flip Book Service Manual

Moved Viv Seconded Sarah Passed

Teresa made a formal motion of thanks to Viv D and Kathleen P and all those involved in the production of the service manual with special thanks to Heather Main for the artwork and formatting of the document.

- Nominations

We have 3 nominations for First Term World Service Delegate

Jos V
Pip A
Steve K

Conference went into committee to discuss nominations and then using the 3rd legacy procedure Pip Adam was successful elected as World Service Delegate and Steve King was selected as Alternate World Service Delegate - Both have accepted their roles.

We have 2 nominations for Class B Board members

Mahesh Lala and Rowena Watson have been nominated and in line with guidelines conference is asked to disapprove any appointments they feel are unsuitable.

Both Mahesh and Rowena will be invited onto the board in early 2018.

The Board are still seeking 2 Class B Trustees and delegates are asked to consider any suitable candidates in there areas and put forward nominations

- Ratification of Editorial Guidelines (ID 367) - following ratification from the fellowship

It was moved that the editorial guidelines be ratified by conference

Moved Annette Seconded Kathleen Passed

- Ratification of Conference Guidelines (ID 376) following ratification from the fellowship

It was moved that the Conference Guidelines be ratified by conference

Moved Sarah Seconded Antonia Passed

- Maori translation of literature (ID464)

Translation of The Serenity Prayer - and the 12 Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous have been revised by Nga Hiwi (who is CEO of Maori Language Commission) who worked in consultation with a fluent Te Reo speaker in the fellowship. The new translation has been provided and more fully incorporates the spirit of the Steps, the variances of dialects (to best ability) and in addition the translation goes both ways: - English to Te Reo and Te Reo to English. Conference are asked to approve the translation and make it available to the fellowship as there is no benefit to waiting and this can be made available for the 2018 Convention and included in the Service Manual.

Teresa moved that conference approve these translations. GSO will prepare the relevant artwork over coming weeks to allow these to be printed as needed. It is the Boards intention that they will be ready for convention in January.

Moved Teresa Seconded Kathleen Passed

- "society in action" update and original version availability - Paul D updated conference (ID 397 from 103rd GSC) - Brenda responded to Paul noting that she has received feedback and stories from the fellowship which are appreciated - more are still sought. She is also exploring past Conference decisions and minutes which are a fascinating record of our fellowship.

Meeting closed at 5.30pm

Sunday 9th April 8.00am

The meeting opened with Toronto Declaration

Reading - Steve H read Service Manual (Flip Book) Communication page 26

GENERAL BUSINESS AGENDA ITEMS FROM FLOOR

- Tradition 11 (ID484) - Media Report (ID 486) - Media flyer/release

In response to a recent anonymity break in the media the board have prepared a flyer for circulation to the fellowship. It will be made available on the website (public and members). This is to be circulated annually to media and to the fellowship to ensure members understanding of Tradition 11 is current.

Facebook and Anonymity - If we have no ability to say that peoples anonymity is safe then establishing or endorsing a page on Facebook or other social media is seen as contrary to Tradition 11- That said however, there are many groups that we as individuals can access and there are many community pages etc. It is complex. It was noted that a non alcoholic trustee overseas has been able to use Facebook effectively to respond to issues on behalf of the fellowship (Heather H)

- PIC Standing Committee - Survey Pamphlet (ID473)

This is part of a media release for PI week and a pamphlet showing a more pictorial representation of the data from the 2016 surveys been prepared. Conference approval is sought so that this can be released as part of PI Week and as needed by PIC committee/s and for events such as Cutting Edge. It is available in an editable format which means it can be reproduced as a poster if required.

It was moved that Survey Pamphlet be accepted as conference approved literature.

Moved Julia Seconded Steve Passed

- Gratitude Week - (in conjunction with PI Awareness week)

October 29 - November 4 (ID 466) - A flyer has been prepared and is being circulated to meetings and to delegates - it will also be made available on the website.

It was moved that the media report be accepted

Moved Steve Seconded Jackie Passed

KIWIPAA - Presented by Diana F - The presence of KIWIPAA was brought to the table as a general discussion to increase our understanding and to consider - how could we as conference engage with and include this group more fully Discussion mentioned that similar World Wide groups ICIPAA etc do not have a specific presence within the GSC AA structure - a report to delegates would be a possible way to reach out and create service links between KIWIPAA and NZGSC. The question was raised about where the separation lies - can we include them in conventions. Overall it was felt the conversation has been had and delegates are now more aware as outside Auckland the presence of KIWIPAA is relatively unknown - the board will follow up in the future.

- Overall Financial - Roger S - Delegates need to have a firm grasp of the Financial position of fellowship and he highlighted the significant financial differences in the contributions from the areas.

ARCHIVES - Heather H - World wide there is a archive for the records of AA and Heather is concerned that the fellowship as a whole is not aware of what our archives contain, can contain and how we can access and contribute information. As part of General business discussions it was noted that Archives are a Board responsibility and it was acknowledged that recent interactions with the archivist have been minimal - this will be followed up at the next Board meeting and feedback will be brought to conference in April 2018. Heather had specific questions relating to AA in prisons from a representative of the International Cooperation Committee in

Japan which related to historical matters which she could not access. She will also approach TCF for information. Archives are located in Pitt St at the Auckland Service Centre.

CONVENTION Issues -Paul D spoke to this as a result of discussions relating to Conventions during reports. There are many delays in process and conference spends a lot of time on these matters - it is felt that the updates to HPC guidelines will help however, more discussion is needed and this is forwarded to General Business. Delegates shared their thoughts based on experiences

- Kathleen P - receiving information in a relevant timeframe - the document is cumbersome and needs a review - information being presented to conference not completed or fully prepared. Perhaps a HPC Standing Committee could be implemented as part of conference.
- Ali H - whoever is responsible needs to be made aware as soon as they come on to conference so they can include this in their brief - a one page type document to give an overview of requirements - a clear timeline -
- Diana F - The 2019 Convention began on the back foot because no group would host and it took time to form an HPC as a result -there are 3 documents - [HPC Guidelines/Timeline Guide/Conference Guidelines](#) ?T here are also times when the role of the delegates is negated by the HPC committee process - this can cause issues in getting information to conference. Some sort of skeleton committee formed early for on going management of conventions.
- Sarah C - Does it have to be the delegate chair - can the area HPC assign the chair and this takes some pressure off the Delegate who already has a heavy workload.
- Dave G - Why do board and conference take on conventions - why do we do it - does it serve us. There are constantly a range of issues which we are trying to fix. Do we need to revisit the purpose and structure of Conventions
- Steve H - Should be the delegate who is in going to be in play at the time of the convention assumes responsibility for the convention rather than the 3rd year delegate as is current practice. The Board will reconsider and present a review document for April 2018.
- It was suggested that the Board seek convention experienced past delegates advice when they are reviewing guidelines and timelines

Standing Committee Reports

Cooperation with Professional Community (ID No 482)

A full and comprehensive report was received and CPC have a number of initiatives in place and are continuing to work to carry the message

1. Treatment initiative

We are continuing to develop links with professional services through our national initiative in order to facilitate treatment centres' clients a seamless passage into AA. We are asking for an increased budget as we wish to include 2 pamphlets in this mail out.

Our anticipated budget is \$2k

We ask conference if they will approve this increase in cost to support our initiative.

2. Cutting Edge

We are proposing to have a stall at the 2018 conference in Rotorua with associated literature, send 2 delegates and run a 1 hour AA speaker meeting at this event. We anticipate a budget of \$3k

We ask conference if they will approve this cost to support our initiative.

Treatment Correction Facilities (ID No 471 and 472)

A full and comprehensive report was received and TCF have a number of initiatives in place and are continuing to work to carry the message

Poster for Correctional Correspondence Poster (Prisoner pen pals) - it was

Obtain quotes for the redesign of this poster for next April 2018 if not earlier. We are asking for \$1500 for this initiative. Annette to follow up - there was some discussion around the best format for - it was suggested that targeting health professionals working within prison systems to display posters may be a good approach. We are reminded that each prison is autonomous and this creates

For Existing Initiatives

We are asking for \$1407

New Initiative

Asking for \$1500

Linda is new Chair

International Committee (ID No 485) Pamphlets ID 487-490

A full and comprehensive report was received and IC have a number of initiatives in place and are continuing to work to carry the message

Funding from NZ to World Services, New York & AOSM.

2017 - \$3,500 Approved & committed for next year.

2018 - \$4,000 to be approved at April Conference 2018 for 2019 financial year (\$2,000 W/Service; \$1,000 Literature Fund; \$500 AOSM; \$500 Sponsored AOSM Delegate if called for).

2019 - \$3,500 to be approved Oct 2019 Conf for 2020 year (\$2,000 W/Service; \$1,000 Literature Fund; \$500 AOSM)

There are new posters developed for carrying the message to Pacifica and Maori - these focus on the oral traditions and focus on the meeting on air - it is anticipated that these will be bought to conference for approval in April 2018 as feedback on translations is being sought at the current time

Roger is new chair

Public Information (ID 483 and 472)

A full and comprehensive report was received and PI have a number of initiatives in place and are continuing to work to carry the message

Doc 472 is a new approach to awareness week and a more digitally focused approach. Sponsored stories , radio ads and digital display ads and pre roll video etc - this is a comprehensive document and a broad range approach across a variety of media. A specific landing page is being developed for the website for the week and this will help us understand how effective our digital strategies for reaching the still suffering alcoholic are.

Request for \$5000 for poster for those who have difficulties over christmas period

Sarah is incoming chair for PI

Standing Committee Budget Requirements (ID 491)

Johnny presented the Initiatives fund budget requirements from Standing Committees In total this is \$64,578 - this dependent on the availability of funds as at the end of the financial year. There was a concern raised re the funding for the Christmas Campaign which will need to be prepared by end of December. That campaign will be digital and radio (plus some video maybe) and will - by and large - reuse content from the Public Awareness Week campaign. The radio adverts will probably be rerecorded to be 'post-Christmas party'-based or seasonal anyway. This would be using the material developed for Awareness Week with adjustments that reflect the time of year experiences of the still suffering alcoholic.

It was noted that CPC had increased their request for Cutting Edge from \$3,000 (per their report) to \$3,500 (to cover travel costs). That higher amount was agreed with the overall funding requirements in document #491.

It was moved that Conference approve these initiatives fund budget requests and they are submitted to the board. (ID No 491)

Moved Steve Seconded Sarah Passed

BOARD ADVISORY ACTIONS

- Update the HPC guidelines to reflect the EFTPOS and Credit card changes
- Update the policy on social media
- Review HPC guidelines to reflect a very clear timeline and that guidelines are updated in line with feedback and conference discussion.
- Archives in line with conference discussion board will follow up with archivist and feedback to conference in April 2018
- GSC Minutes - availability - it was suggested once draft minutes have been checked by delegates as an accurate record that they be made available on website. In line with current practice it is suggested that this be within 6 weeks of GSC.
- Group Treasurers Resource review - NAA/CAA /SAA took it back to assemblies and provided instructions for members to give feedback if they wanted to - no new feedback has been received by GSO to date. The board are requested to develop Version 2 based on previous feedback prior to April 2017 and present this to the fellowship for feedback prior to next assembly. Feedback to be received by 31 August.

DELEGATE ADVISORY ACTIONS

- 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.
- Nominations for Trustees are sought. - Currently the board are seeking nominations for 1 Class B Board member and in June 2018 new nominations are sought for 1 Class A Board Member and 2 Class B Board Members (one of which is the Treasurers role).
- Delegates are asked to promote the prompt registration for the 2018 Convention at assemblies and meetings. Flyers have been sent and digitals are available and being distributed. It is an easy process on line and there are payment options.

In closing

Delegates finishing their term of service each spoke of the experience gained and shared, they thanked others for their support and felt gratitude for the opportunity to serve.

Viv, D'or, Kathleen P, Kathy O, Diana F, Heather H, David G, Steve H.

GSC Future Conference Dates

6-8 April 2018

12-14 October 2018

2019 dates: 5-7 April 18-20 Oct

2020 dates 3-5 April 16-18 October

Close the meeting at 12.30 pm with the Serenity Prayer.