

Inaugural AusYPAA Group Conscience: Minutes

Date: 2:30 pm Saturday 30th January 2010,
Victoria University Flinders St, Melbourne.

Chair: David H (former Trustee of the Board)

Voting members: Vic: Matthew P; Michael T
NSW: Kendall; Joanna C;
WA: Konrad; Donna;
QLD: Martinia, Rebecca
Territories: Jethro



There were no representatives from SA, and Tasmania and only one of the two Territory delegacies was taken.

A number of observers were also present including a representative from EurYPAA

Voting: It was agreed by consensus that at least 2/3 of voting members being in favour was required for any item to be carried.

The purpose of this inaugural meeting was to ratify a Statement of Purpose and a set of principles by which AusYPAA will operate in future. 7 items were discussed:

Statement of Purpose: (only 8 were present to vote on Statement of Purpose)

*Moved Matthew, seconded Jo that the following statement of purpose be adopted:
"AusYPAA exists to bring experience, strength, hope, and the message of recovery to all those who still suffer from alcoholism, and to celebrate and encourage unity and fellowship for all people young in recovery across Australia."*

There was considerable discussion about the use and placement of the word 'young' and the need to balance young in recovery with the principle of being an inclusive fellowship. At the end of debate no amendments were proposed and the provisional wording was put to the vote.

Vote: motion as it stands, 6 in favour, 2 against; carried.

Principle 1) Moved and seconded: that *AusYPAA is a title to be used once per year that rotates across committees that currently host their own YPAA or similar convention, and the host committee is entitled to change the name of their convention to AusYPAA for that year.*

It was moved by Mike, seconded Kendall that: the words *change the name of their convention to AusYPAA* being replaced with *to use the AusYPAA name in conjunction with the host name for that year.* Amendment was voted upon: 8 in favour, 1 against; carried.

The amended motion was put to the vote: 8 in favour, 1 against, carried.

Principle 2) Moved Jethro seconded Bec that: *AusYPAA itself is to have no assets financial or otherwise, and all costs and liabilities associated with an AusYPAA event are to be held in the name of the host YPAA committee.*

Vote: 9 in favour; unanimous.

Principle 3) Moved Joanna seconded Kendall that: *To be eligible to join the AusYPAA rotation, a host committee must be registered with their local Area or District of AA, or with National Office, and have hosted their own YPAA or similar event in the past 12 months.*

To be more specific, it was moved by Matthew and seconded.....that the word *event* be replaced with the words *convention / roundup*. *This amendment was voted upon: 8 in favour, 1 against, carried.*

The amended motion was put to the vote. : 8 in favour, 1 against; carried.

Principle 4) Moved Jethro seconded Mike that: *Rotation shall be once per year, determined alphabetically by state name, and new groups joining or rejoining the rotation will need to wait until the current AusYPAA and the following year's AusYPAA before being eligible to host. In the instance a YPAA is unable to host AusYPAA in their rostered year, then, by agreement with all YPAA's, the order of hosting may be reversed or otherwise altered.*

Vote: 8 in favour, 1 against; carried.

Principle 5) Moved Joanna seconded Rebecca that *Each YPAA or equivalent group wishing to be part of the AusYPAA rotation should have a nominated AusYPAA liaison and provide contact details to the current AusYPAA host committee.*

Vote: 9 in favour; carried.

Principle 6) Moved Matt seconded Martina : that: *The group hosting AusYPAA is encouraged to abide by the 12 traditions, and consult with the other YPAAs regarding any decisions that will impact upon future AusYPAAs. An annual open group conscience should be held at each AusYPAA convention with 2 voting delegates appointed by each state's YPAA, with up to two delegates from each of the other states, and up to two delegates representing the territories. At this session AusYPAA-related business is to be discussed and the following two years' host committees will be confirmed.*

Moved Martina seconded Rebecca that the word *encouraged*, be replaced with *expected to*. *Vote: 9 in favour, 0 against, carried..*

The amended motion was put to the vote: 8 in favour, 1 against; carried.

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Confirmation of Next Hosts:

The group has voted that NSW will host 2011 Ausypaa and Queensland will host 2012 Ausypaa. *The above was decided pretty quickly and informally at the conclusion of the meeting with hands raised to show consensus.*

The agreed Statement of Purpose and Governing Principles are:

Statement of Purpose

AusYPAA exists to bring experience, strength, hope, and the message of recovery to all those who still suffer from alcoholism, and to celebrate and encourage unity and fellowship for all people young in recovery across Australia.

Governing Principles

- 1) AusYPAA is a title to be used once per year that rotates across committees that currently host their own YPAA or similar convention, and the host committee is entitled to use the AusYPAA name in conjunction with the host name for that year.
- 2) AusYPAA itself is to have no assets financial or otherwise, and all costs and liabilities associated with an AusYPAA event are to be held in the name of the host YPAA committee.
- 3) To be eligible to join the AusYPAA rotation, a host committee must be registered with their local Area or District of AA, or with National Office, and have hosted their own YPAA or similar convention or event in the past 12 months.
- 4) Rotation shall be once per year, determined alphabetically by state name, and new groups joining or rejoining the rotation will need to wait until the current AusYPAA and the following year's AusYPAA before being eligible to host. In the instance a YPAA is unable to host AusYPAA in their rostered year, then, by agreement with all YPAAs, the order of hosting may be reversed or otherwise altered.
- 5) Each YPAA or equivalent group wishing to be part of the AusYPAA rotation should have a nominated AusYPAA liaison and provide contact details to the current AusYPAA host committee.
- 6) The group hosting AusYPAA is expected to abide by the 12 traditions, and consult with the other YPAAs regarding any decisions that will impact upon future AusYPAAs. An annual open group conscience should be held at each AusYPAA convention with 2 voting delegates appointed by each state's YPAA, with up to two delegates from each of the other states, and up to two delegates representing the territories. At this session AusYPAA-related business is to be discussed and the following two years' host committees will be confirmed.