

AUSYPAA 2011 Group Conscience Minutes

Date: 5:30 pm Saturday 22nd October 2011, The Swiss Grand, Bondi, Sydney, Australia.

Chair: Heaven M welcomed everybody, Serenity Prayer, round the room ID and read 12 Traditions. Matthew H appointed as scribe.

Roll Call:

Voting delegates: VIC: Jess, Nick M
NSW: Sean; Kendall
QLD: Peter, Bonnie
WA: Konrad, Layna
SA: No delegates present
TAS: No delegates present
Territories: Joseph (ACT), Jane (ACT)

Other members present (including YPAA affiliation):

VIC: Ash (VICYPAA Spiritual Advisor)
NSW: Heaven, Virginia, Marco, Erin, Daniel (AUSYPAA 2011 committee), Matthew H
WA: Mario (WAYPAA 2011)
ACT: Jethro (Territories delegate 2010)
Apologies: Matthew B (VICYPAA Spiritual Advisor)

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: Proposed as true and correct by Kendall (NSW Delegate 2010) and seconded by Jethro (Territories Delegate 2010). Previous minutes accepted.

AUSYPAA Governing Principles read.

Voting: 2010 consensus stated 2/3 majority required from voting members for any item to be carried. Therefore 2011 continued with 2/3 majority.

New Business:

1. Prudent Reserve: NSW delegates invited discussion on a rotating prudent reserve that would be passed from one AUSYPAA host to the next. Governing Principle 2 in question.

Sean clarified that idea was not to introduce a prudent reserve but to offer QYPAA a donation from excess funds raised by NEWYPAA in 2011 to put towards AUSYPAA 2012. Peter explained that QYPAA's funds are not independent of AREA C (North-East region) funds so receiving outside contributions may be problematic. Ash proposed that instead of introducing a rotating prudent reserve that would put unnecessary pressure on smaller YPAAs, each YPAA could be discretionary in terms of offering and accepting any

financial support to/from other YPAAs in the AUSYPAA rotation. Seconded by Kendall. Motion carried by majority vote.

2. Confirmation of Next Hosts: 2012 host QYPAA confirmed by 2010 Group Conscience. 2013 host WA needs to be confirmed according to Governing Principle 4.

Sean proposed WAYPAA as 2013 host. Seconded by Nic. Motion carried by majority vote.

3. Constitutional amendment: Jess read out email proposal from Matt B (absent) with amendments to governing principle 6.

Counter proposal made by Peter to slightly change the proposed text and split two ideas by adding a 7th governing principle. Motion carried by majority vote in favour of amending the constitution. Motion carried by majority vote in favour of 2/3 majority voting system rather than 75% majority. Motion carried by majority vote in favour of 7 governing principles as follows:

- 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 AusYPAA Constitution, the 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts, 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 the AusYPAA Constitution, 'About AusYPAA', and the 'Statement of Purpose' are read, AusYPAA-related business is to be discussed, and the following two years' host committees will be confirmed.

7) The AusYPAA Constitution exists to protect the spiritual purpose of AusYPAA. Any motions to make changes to the constitution itself must (i) be presented to all participating YPAAs for discussion a minimum of 2 months before the AusYPAA Group Conscience and (ii) be passed by a minimum of 2/3 of the voting delegates at the Group Conscience.

4. AusYPAA Liaison: updating contact information and consolidating communication and continuity.

Kendall proposed that all Liaisons' contact information be updated and that there be a minimum serving period for AusYPAA liaisons in order for YPAAs to communicate adequately with regards governing principle 7. Information compiled and motion carried by majority vote in favour of 2-year minimum service requirement as AusYPAA Liaison. Current AusYPAA liaisons:

Rhett (VIC), Kendall (NSW), Peter (QLD), Layna (WA), Joseph (ACT). SA, TAS and NT not represented.

5. YPAA business templates.

Ash noted that VICYPAA would like to offer other YPAAs use of their current business templates.

Business proposed for next Group Conscience:

1. Territories' Delegates: Joseph proposed that each of the territories be allowed 2 voting delegates at future Group Consciences. Tabled for discussion.
2. Statement of Purpose: Daniel proposed that the word 'fellowship' be removed and the word 'service' be added. Tabled for discussion.

Statement of Purpose was read:

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.

Next Meeting: AUSYPAA 2012 in QLD. Time and date to be confirmed. Peter tentatively proposed last weekend of July 2012.

Close: Serenity Prayer.

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