

ANTHROPOSOPHICAL SOCIETY IN AUSTRALIA

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FOR MEMBERS

Orana Steiner School, Kurrajong Room, Unwin Place, Weston ACT 2611 Canberra

Saturday 26 May 2018

Present: Ron Vaisey, Jan Baker-Finch, Cristina Rubsamen, Joan Weir, Zsofia Kennedy, Paul Martin, Vivien Hillman, Helen Vogel, Brendan Rayson, Philip Quenby, Marilyn Lewis, Hannah Semler, Trevor Lee, Mark Gallagher, Ruth Gallagher, Diana Outhred, Sally Mirams, Patsy Elliott, Norma Blackwood, Elaine Goodman, Louise Pilon, Rosa del Castillo Bartolich, Laura Summerfield, Tanya Clare Coburn, Paul Harris, Mary Harris, Trevor Lewis, Rose Nekvapil, Petra Cram, James Wishart

Apologies: Sally Martin, Jane Woodruff, Mark Baxter, Terry Flynne, Lisa Seidel, David Jacobson, Jolyon Bromley, Margie Bruvel, Daniel Donahye, Anat Donayhe, Jane Bradshaw, Susan Wishart, Janina Papas, Jakob Meiser, Elisabeth McAlister, David Morgan, Adam Chan, Erika Pucher, Brigitta Gallaher, Graham Long, Mark Baxter, Mathew Bond, Sandra Frain, Monique Davies, Annet Van Kesteren

Chair: Cristina Rubsamen

Time	Agenda Item	Information/Discussion	Motions
11: 25am	Welcome from Marilyn Lewis		
	Introductions from Management Group. Apologies		
	Acceptance of the minutes 2017 AGM published in the ASinA Journal, as well as emailed / posted.		Proposed: Brendan Rayson Seconded: Ron Vaisey All in favour: Yes Minutes accepted.
	General Secretary's report: Jan Baker-Finch	Gave an overview of 2017 – 2018 Year, looking backwards. Currently on a road trip with Tanya Coburn, having started in Noosa and moving south and west. Part of this trip is recording the histories of individuals. Attended Moral Technologies in April in Melbourne. Deeply impressed with event, one reason being that those attending ranged in age from 14 to 78 years. This was encouraging for the future. Some interest from those organizing event to help with Life and Living in future. In March was the world AGM in Dornach, preceded by General Secretaries meeting. A strong will to have everyone present at	

		<p>both meetings, and higher engagement in these meetings. In February, main focus was asking “how the world can participate in world AGM?” A rising mood to wider this participation.</p> <p>Future planning for two visits later in 2018; John Bloom, General Secretary in USA; plus Bodo Von Plato and Constanza Kaliks.</p> <p>In January, we had our usual annual retreat. Setting some strategic goals. Major theme has been, how do we make monies in care really work well? Much work done on grant application processes and forms. We have supported travel requests, as well as more specific grant requests, for example Spikenard Bee Sanctuary grant.</p> <p>We also have a wonderful new website. Encouraged feedback. Personally visited Japan and India.</p> <p>November was General Secretaries meeting in Dornach, and this included meeting with Lenkers of Christian Community. A very good encounter and sharing together. Jan is actively meeting local members of Christian Community.</p> <p>In October attended the NZ Anthroposophical Society Conference.</p> <p>Earlier on, liaising with Tanya as guest editor for Journal. Very aware of need for ongoing communication. Thinking of going to two Journals per year, and then produce two newsletters. Invited all to share thoughts on this.</p> <p>Would also like to encourage research.</p> <p>Mentioned names and initiatives that the Society has financially supported over the year. Goal is to keep funding as wide open as possible, while still giving form to the process.</p>	
	<p>Management Group including the Journal report</p>	<p>Cristina spoke briefly around the role of the Management Group to support Jan as General Secretary. Have diverse perspectives with very good conversations.</p> <p>At annual retreat, Journal editor meets with Management Group, as well as at other times if possible.</p>	
	<p>Membership Registrar</p>	<p>Apologies from Graham Long; Ron Vaisey provided written report on Graham’s behalf. There are 13 members who are designated as senior members, 639 active members; further 54</p>	

		<p>members who have been unfinancial for no more than two years and a further 90 members who have been unfinancial for more than 2 years. There are 8 new members whose applications not yet been processed by the Goetheanum.</p> <p>Acknowledgement of members who have passed over in last year.</p>	
	Written reports from Branch secretaries	<p>Philip Quenby gave report from <u>WA Branch</u> – 73 members on books. About 60% pay periodically, which works well. Five strong study groups in Perth region, getting new members from these groups. Six on management committee; meet every 4-6 weeks. Have Conference in August 2018, looking forward to seeing you all. Program is now available.</p> <p>Brendan Rayson tabled written report for <u>Victoria Branch</u>.</p> <p>Mark Gallagher <u>NSW branch</u>. Had one conference based around elemental beings and another conference planned for late August with Lisa Romero. About 60 members.</p> <p>Ron Vaisey read report from Jane Bradshaw, <u>Tasmanian Branch</u>. Busy times with many activities. Hobart has regular study groups, and one in north. 43 members, with new applications.</p> <p>Ron Vaisey spoke briefly for <u>Sydney branch</u>. Lots of happenings. Organising event for John Bloom's visit. Had fruitful meeting with 24 representatives from anthroposophical initiatives/organisations around Sydney.</p> <p>No representatives from Brisbane, Northern Rivers or Northern Territories branches.</p> <p>Marilyn Lewis tabled report for <u>Canberra Branch</u>. Trying to increase events. About 35 active members.</p>	
	Report from School of Spiritual Science	<p>Marilyn Lewis tabled report.</p> <p>About 34 class holders in Australia, with two more</p>	

		<p>recommended. Acknowledgement of work carried out by class holders. Helen Vogel spoke to contributions School receives, which enable spiritual work to be done and how appreciate they are for this.</p> <p>Question from floor: how many class members in Australia? This information not easily available but it is something the Class holders have been working on for a long time.</p>	
12:55pm	Lunch		
1:50pm	Presentation of Financial reports for 2017	<p>Zsofia Kennedy presented the Financial report.</p> <p>Questions from floor: Comment - travel costs seem low. Website costs – could this be itemised separately as running costs? Zsofia noted this for future reports.</p> <p>Why did insurance go down? Zsofia will be talking to insurance company in July.</p> <p>Youth fund account moved? Yes, tabled in the Report.</p> <p>Membership contributions at \$95,496, but payment to Dornach was \$95,000, which also included the extra \$20,000. How come? In reality only approx. \$75,000 was contributed for Dornach by members. This would be good for branches and members to be conscious of.</p>	<p><u>Motion 1</u>: it is proposed that the Financial accounts for 2017 be accepted.</p> <p>Proposed: Hannah Semler Seconded: Laura Summerfield All in favour: Yes, plus 14 postal votes Against: Nil Abstain: 1 postal vote</p>
			<p><u>Motion 2</u>: It is recommended by the Management Group that Zsofia Kennedy be confirmed as the treasurer for ASinA.</p> <p>Proposed: Patsy Elliott Seconded: Paul Martin All in favour: Yes, plus 15 postal votes Against: Nil</p>
	Management Group		<p><u>Motion 3</u>: It is proposed that Cristina Rubsamen be appointed as Chairperson of the Management Group for the Society in Australia for the next 2 years i.e. until AGM 2020.</p> <p>Proposed: Elaine Goodman Seconded: Paul Martin</p>

			All in favour: Yes, plus 15 postal votes Against: Nil
			<u>Motion 4:</u> It is proposed that Ron Vaisey be confirmed as a member of the Management Group for the Society in Australia for the next three years i.e. until the AGM in 2021. Proposed: Petra Cram Seconded: James Wishart All in favour: Yes, plus 15 postal votes Against: Nil
			<u>Motion 5:</u> It is proposed that Joan Weir be confirmed as members of the Management Group for the Society in Australia for the next three years i.e. until the AGM in 2021. Proposed: Hannah Semler Seconded: Jan Baker-Finch All in favour: Yes, plus 15 postal votes Against: Nil
		Acknowledgement of Graham Long and Tanya Coburn Formal thanks given to Vivien Hillman as Public Officer	
	Questions and Discussions	<u>Questions from the floor</u> 1. Can the AGM and Conference be combined? Take to branches for dialogue. 2. Communication Branches to discuss and identify ways to enable timely and clear communication. 3. Can Section Reports be added to AGM agenda in future? Management Group to look at this. 4. Update from Jan Jan spoke to the AGM at Dornach and the outcome of the	Action: Management Group to ask all branches and groups what their preference is for 2019 Conference and if it should be combined with AGM. Responses to be in by 15 August 2018. Action: All branches and groups to discuss how communication can be improved between Management Group and branches/groups. Management Group to frame some questions around this.

		votes. Branches to discuss and give feedback regarding membership and connection to Dornach to Jan by 30 September.	
3:15pm	Close of AGM		