

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Motion 3: Heating at the Goetheanum

At the 2025 General Assembly, Ueli Hurter gave a brief summary outlining the history of the current and future heating system: the rising maintenance and operating costs over the last few years (the current cost of 437,000 Swiss francs has doubled since 2021); the cancellation of previously had federal support/subsidies; being 'locked' into a contract with the local gas and oil companies.

The rise in energy providers bills have affected all businesses and households in Switzerland, much like in Australia. The company contracts with the Goetheanum have expired and there is an opportunity for some future freedom.

Three years of research have come up with a plan that takes into consideration renewables and local energy resources. For example: utilising local waste wood chips to fire the Heizhaus (see pictured); geothermal probes; heat pumping and thermal from the municipal drinking water supply. The plan includes an underground extension of existing resources and a new cellar and some protective work for the Heizhaus.

This will, in the future, decrease energy costs by 1/3. However, for the initial expenditure they need to establish 1/3 of the costs upfront before they can start work. There will be a member call-out for support, meanwhile the country branches have been asked to assist financially to the fund.

I propose we allocated \$5000 from the AsinA capital funds in 2025 to this project (Jane Bradshaw).



Motion 4: Affirmation of Tanami Magnus as a member of the Management Committee.

I was born in Perth and spent many years in the Kimberley before returning again to Perth. I met Anthroposophy in my early 20s and studied Steiner teacher training at Taruna College in New Zealand. In my mid 30s I began the task of establishing a Steiner school in Perth (Helena River Steiner School) which I then dedicated the next decade of my life to growing and running. I have been serving on the Management Committee of the Australian Society for a year now, as Minute Taker and assisting with administrative tasks, and I look forward to continuing to support the work of Anthroposophy in the world in whichever ways I can.



Motion 5: Affirmation of Tim Bourke as Public Officer on the Management Committee.



Tim Bourke was born in Canberra in July 1963, in the Royal Canberra Hospital, which was then overlooking Lake Burley Griffin. He has lived in Canberra for his whole life, as did his father before him. He is a member of the Canberra Branch of the Anthroposophical Society in Australia and has served on the Management Committee for several years. He is currently a retired, part-time High School Teacher (specialities Science and Mathematics) and member of the Christian Community in Canberra since 1997. His interests include anthroposophy, philosophy, literature and most other things in life. He has been married since 1990 and has a daughter, a son in law and two grandchildren.