

MINUTES OF THE CEBS NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

Held at Camp Bindaree, Warre Yallock, Victoria on the weekend of MARCH 30th - APRIL 1ST 2001

Attendance list

National Officers	Very Revd Chris Whittall Revd Warren Rumble Garry Allen	Melbourne	Revd John White Damien Calvert Bruce Anderson
Brisbane Rockhampton	Revd Iain Furby	Newcastle South Australia	Margaret McPherson Ken Pidgeon Philip Skein Chris Martin
Sydney	Ken Harkness Keith MacBeth	Gippsland	Graeme Nicholls Revd Scott Lowrie (observer) Kevin White (observer)
Western Australia	Chris Oliver Graham Jamison	GFS	No attendance

Session 1 Fri 30/3/2001 8:50pm to 9:15pm

Meeting opened in prayer at 8.50pm.

Welcome and opening by the chairman, The Very Reverend Chris Whittall

Session 2 Sat 31/3/2001 8:50am to 11:00am

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

The chairman spoke about the strengths and weaknesses of CEBS and how we are forging ahead.

A number of issues for consideration were raised:-

- How we go about our "national" business
- How do we respond to changing times within our church and society
- Visioning for the society
- Improving our communication
- Promoting our society to the wider church
- Remembering those that we are here for

Delegates introduced themselves to the meeting and gave brief description of what their expectations are for the meeting.: These expectations included:

- Sharing initiatives/ ideas
- Resourcing
- Networking
- Future directions for the group
- How do we "market/sell" what we have to offer
- Adaptation of Ceps to prevent extinction
- New leadership development strategies
- Establishing an understanding of how we can use technology to further our work and to support our leaders
- Improving our communication

The chairman concluded by saying that he hears that there is still a great feeling of hope amongst the delegates in what we have to offer. We have progressed by:

- Moving away from the mechanics of business, which offers the freedom for different groups to develop, as they need without the past restrictions.
- We have a ministry that crosses boundaries boys/families/fathers. We need to formalize this role
- We need to learn how to formalize our network of experience and skills and to translate the outcomes of the national council meeting back to our own states and diocese.

APOLOGIES

Beth Berry (Rockhampton), Alan Thomas (Sydney), Gillian Whittal, Peter Manuel, Annie Skein, Dennis Buxton (Moe).

Moved: Revd Iain Furby **Seconded:** Ken Harkness

Carried

The chairman felt it appropriate to write to Alan Thomas offering our regrets that he could not be with us

ACCEPTANCE OF 2000 MINUTES

Minutes of the 2000 National Meeting had been circulated and were moved as a true and accurate record of the meeting on the motion of Ken Pidgeon and Seconded by Graeme Nichols. **Carried**

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE 2000 MINUTES**National Camp Update.**

Revd Iain Furby reported on the progress of the national camp preparations. There have been few firm commitments for campers so far. Places are limited to 150. Catering is in place and there have been plenty of help offered from within the Cebes ranks.

There was some concern as to how the printed brochures are to be distributed. Sydney was concerned about the cost of printing colour brochures downloaded from the Internet. There was some confusion as to whether the colour brochures are still coming through the mail. This will hopefully be clarified before the end of the council meeting.

Open letter to all registered branch leaders – responses?

South Australia and Western Australia commented that they did not receive a copy of the letter. There were no responses to the letter.

Letter to new primate

A response was received thanking the chairman for his letter but did not acknowledge his position as president of the society.

Follow up of combined National meeting of Cebes & GFS

At appears that GFS National felt it not worth while working more closely together. There have been numerous attempts to communicate with the national chairman of GFS with no response.

The chairman and secretary of Cebes made the decision not to spend the funds to be present at the GFS national council meeting. There seems to be a breakdown in communication between the two national bodies.

The general feeling was that Cebes should continue to strengthen our tie with GFS at appropriate levels. It was felt that we aim to have a presence at the September 2002 GFS national council as the new GFS chairman will be based in Brisbane and we are more likely to be able to forge better relations or initiatives between the societies at that forum.

We need clearer understandings between the two societies as to what the expectations of meeting together are and why we should gather together.

GST position update

The treasurer reported that he will continue quarterly submissions of BAS. We have an AMB. All prices now include GST. It only takes about 15 minutes per quarter to complete paperwork.

National Awards To Be Awarded

The National Secretary read out the nominations for National awards

Agreed that **Alan Victor** be awarded the National Award.

Moved by Peter Victor, Seconded by Jason Dickens - Diocese of Brisbane.

Moved: Ken Pidgeon **Seconded:** Phillip Skein **Carried**

Agreed that **Revd Iain Furby** be awarded the National Award.
Move by **Ian Victor**, Seconded **Ian Somerville** - Diocese of Brisbane.
Moved: Graeme Nicholls **Seconded:** Chris Martin. **Carried**

Agreed that **Alan Bond** be awarded the National Award.
Nominated by diocesan council - Sydney
Moved: Revd. Warren Rumble **Seconded:** Ken Harkness. **Carried**

Agreed that **Norma Couzins** be awarded the National Award.
Nominated by diocesan council - Sydney
Moved: Ken Harkness **Seconded:** Keith MacBeth. **Carried**

Agreed that **Phillip Cox** be awarded the National Award.
Nominated by diocesan council - Sydney
Moved: Ken Pidgeon **Seconded:** Phillip Skein. **Carried**

Agreed that **Roger Delbridge** be awarded the National Award.
Nominated by diocesan council - Sydney
Moved: Ken Harkness **Seconded:** Keith MacBeth. **Carried**

Agreed that **Peter Garlick** be awarded the National Award.
Nominated by diocesan council - Sydney
Moved: Graeme Nicholle **Seconded:** Revd. Iain Furby. **Carried.**

Agreed that **John Gordon** be awarded the National Award.
Nominated by diocesan council - Sydney
Moved: Revd Iain Furby **Seconded:** Keith MacBeth. **Carried**

Agreed that **Phillip Hale** be awarded the National Award.
Nominated by diocesan council - Sydney
Moved: Keith MacBeth **Seconded:** Phillip Skein.

Agreed that **Richard Hawkins** be awarded the National Award.
Nominated by diocesan council - Sydney
Moved: Ken MacBeth **Seconded:** Revd. Warren Rumble. **Carried.**

Agreed that **Keith MacBeth** be awarded the National Award.
Nominated by Nominated by diocesan council - Sydney
Moved: Ken Harkness **Seconded:** Chris Martin. **Carried.**

Agreed that **Alan Robertson** be awarded the National Award.
Nominated by diocesan council - Sydney
Moved: Ken Pidgeon **Seconded:** Harkness. **Carried.**

Agreed that **William Stainer** be awarded the National Award.
Nominated by diocesan council - Sydney
Moved: Ken Harkness **Seconded:** Keith Macbeth. **Carried.**

The chairman felt that we need to publish an official nomination form, which helps those nominating to clarify their nominations and assist the council's process of finalizing the awards. Ken Harkness has agreed to put together a draft form. Ken Harkness to undertake this.

It is also felt that we need to publicize through Cebs internal publications and press releases through media channels. **Graeme Nichols** has offered to undertake this process.

We need to ensure that we are not just awarding people for “long service”. We need to ensure that the “outstanding service” qualification is met.

We need to ensure that we also acknowledge those of long and faithful service.

MOTION: That the guidelines be distributed to the secretary of each diocese to assist in the process of nominating for national awards.

Moved: Revd Iain Furby.

Seconded Keith Macbeth

Carried.

Session 3 Sat 31/3/2001 11:15pm to 12:45pm

Cebs 2000 & beyond recommendations update:

- **Colour brochure.**
Garry Allen looked into the colour brochure. Previous artwork is not available. It was agreed that we need a national brochure. Garry Allen , Ken Pidgeon, Ken Harkness & Phillip Skein agreed to look at this project over the weekend. This group will report back to the council on Sunday.
- **Testimonial booklet**
No work has been done in this area yet. Phillip Skein will circulate a letter asking for testimonials and stories relating to Cebs. Phillip has asked the council to help disseminate this letter to those who may be able to contribute.
- **In service training certificates**
Ken Pidgeon circulated the training certificates used in S.A for consideration.
- **Suitability of info sheet for clergy on Cebs**
- **Leader resource disk**
This issue will be attended to later in the meeting.

Police Checks

MOTION: That the national council empowers Ken Pidgeon to talk to the SA police minister to have him raise the issue of no charge police checks for voluntary children’s and youth workers.

Moved: Ken Pidgeon. Seconded: Chris Oliver.

Models of ministry styles

Chris Oliver asked about the sheet of different ministry styles published by G. Allen be made available. This will be put on the resource disk.

Session 4 Sat 31/3/2001 1:30pm to 3:30pm

GENERAL BUSINESS

Ratify Elections:

The returning officer reported that he received one nomination for national chairman (Very Revd. Chris Whittall) from Alan Thomas, one nomination for national treasurer (Revd. Warren Rumble) from xxxxxxxx , and one nomination for the national secretary (Garry Allen) from South Australian Council , however Garry Allen has indicated that under the direction of the Melbourne executive council that he cannot accept the nomination.

It was suggested that the committee look at some form as succession planning for the key committee positions.

Diocesan, State & National Reports were circulated.

Melbourne:

Minutes of the 2001 National Council of Cebs - The Anglican Boys' Society
DRAFT COPY ONLY.

Garry Allen spoke to his report.

Gippsland:

Graeme Nicholls spoke to the report.

Wider children's ministry (only one branch). Conducting wider children's activities.

Graeme mentioned the illness of Dennis Buxton, and his wife and asked us to keep him in our thoughts and prayers. Dennis passed on his regards to the national council through Graeme.

It was suggested that the council write to Dennis expressing our thoughts and concerns for his condition.

Sydney:

Ken Harkness spoke to the report. Focus of last year was the Ceb's rediscovered program.

Leader re-commissioning at the cathedral was held.

Restructuring of fees seen to be an incentive to other groups to affiliate with Ceb's. Ceb's in Sydney are aiming to become the network of boys' ministry.

Passing of Bill Poyton, a long time supporter of Ceb's noted.

Attempt to approach Katoomba Men's Convention being held in NSW.

542 registered boys, leaders and lone Ceb's.

Garry Allen congratulated Sydney for their initiatives and lateral thinking over the last year or so.

Newcastle:

Margaret McPherson spoke to the report. There are currently 2 branches operating.

It was asked whether other diocese could take over a "fostering" role of Newcastle in a no official way in the form of resource materials etc. There may be some historical barriers to formalizing these arrangements.

Thanks given to Margaret for her persistence under trying conditions.

Brisbane:

Revd. Ian Furby spoke to the report. The last 12 months have been a year of consolidation. There has been a lot of effort on the national camp and cooperation with GFS.

Rockhampton:

Garry Allen read the report from Rockhampton. Currently two branches in the diocese and some further parish interest. Joint Ceb's GFS initiatives continue.

Tasmania:

No report tabled.

South Australia:

Chris Martin spoke to the report. Currently two branches operating actively. Thoughts are positive regarding establishing new branches.

Western Australia:

Graham Jamieson spoke to the report. There have been a number of inter branch activities. The up coming appointment of a new field worker is a major focus. Relationships with GFS are working well. New advertising and promotional focuses have been occurring. An effort to gather programming resources has been under way as an available resource for leaders based on the 4 square program. Each term a leader update and feedback session is held for all leaders to bring them up to date with latest happenings and resources.

It was requested that a copy of the WA programming materials (last 7 terms) be distributed to each state. These will be sent to the national secretary for distribution with national minutes.

State and diocesan reports accepted under the motion of Ken Pidgeon, Seconded by Revd Iain Furby

NATIONAL SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Garry Allen spoke to the report.

Garry reinforced the value of being involved with the National Anglican Children's ministry conference. Ken Pidgeon felt it was important that we have some representation at the next conference in Perth. By default we will have some form of representation by those already attending (Revd Ian Furby, Gillian Whittall).

Garry has enjoyed his role as national secretary. He referred to the need to keep communication up between states.

Thanks were expressed on Garry's

Moved: Garry Allen. Seconded Revd John White Carried

The print quantity was discussed. Garry Allen suggested an initial run of 250 copies.

MOTION: That 150 copies be supplied to national.

Moved: Revd. Warren Rumble Seconded: Ken Harkness Carried.

Other Resources

There was some general discussion regarding resources used in states and branches. This material is available upon request. It was suggested that the resources mentioned throughout this meeting be forwarded to the national secretary who will in effect become the central repository of resources.

Session 6 Sat 31/3/2001 7:45pm to 8:40pm

Relationships Between the Cebbs and GFS Societies.

An invitation for the national executive councils of each society to meet together was extended to GFS through the national president. The offer was not taken up. There was no reply from GFS to have a representative attend this national council meeting.

We need to work out how to establish effective communication and dialogue between the national levels Cebbs & GFS in relation to children's ministry models.

Discussion ensued about Kids Plus.

A suggestion was put forward to continue to build the relationships between Cebbs & GFS at a state and diocesan level. This would hopefully have the effect of filtering up to the national movement.

We should be showing our value and relevance by marketing ourselves through appropriate media, promoting ourselves to the level of bishops, as well as prove ourselves through positive actions. It was suggested that we put at least one piece of good publicity per month.

MOTION: That this national council resolves:

- 1) That we raise our own image by placing regular articles in our diocesan publications
- 2) Request our bishops to promote Cebbs to their clergy
- 3) Put some energy into building strong relationships with the GFS leadership in our own diocese.

Moved Revd. Iain Furby. Seconded: Phillip Skein. Carried.

The Melbourne diocese of Cebbs has been working cooperatively with GFS Melbourne for a number of years in the areas of leader development and training courses offered to children's ministry leaders in the diocese. The two societies now share common offices and administrative resources. (Refer to the tabled report from Melbourne.)

Session 7 Sun 31/3/2001 10:00am to 12:10pm

New Initiatives Reports from states.

South Australia.

Consolidated their existing branches. This has allowed them to understand what it is that they are promoting. They are striving to raise their profile to ensure parishes wishing to start new groups will seek their assistance.

Melbourne.

We investigated the idea of seeding and helping targeted parishes to start groups, however the lack of man power has prevented this from occurring.

WA.

Using an older person to do the work of trying to promote new branches.

Statistics sought to be used to target parishes more likely to start branches in.

Lindsay Kevin has volunteered his time to start and nurture branches until the new branch can run independently.

Gippsland.

Grow a branch within a branch. Ie. Bring a few children from a smaller parish until there are enough to start their own branch. This has worked well.

Affiliation of non Cebbs/GFS groups.

Sydney.

To try to focus ministry as "Ministry to Boys" not just Cebbs.

Ken Harkness it to speak at the children's ministry college, and attempt to get some of the college attendees onto the executive council.

Delegates felt it would be helpful if Ken Harkness developed and distributed his notes taken at this meeting with the minutes of this meeting.

Newcastle.

Have had no success due to lack of resources.

Brisbane.

Continuing to work closely with GFS.

MOTION: That we continue the process of establishing new branches at a diocesan level in line with the 2000 initiative and that we report back to the national council in 2002.

Moved: Phillip Skein. Seconded Ken Pidgeon **Carried.**

Expectations of the National Council

The expectations developed at the 2000 council meeting continue.

Role of the National Secretary

The role of national secretary revolves around 4 main areas

1. Planning the national council meeting.
2. Resource clearing house.
3. Maintain all the registers and archival materials, awards etc.
4. Communication, ringing around and keeping regular contact going on between the states and dioceses.

The chairman suggested that the current tasks of the national secretary could be separated and people other than the national secretary could do certain specific tasks.

MOTION: That the present role of the national secretary be divided amongst several people, one of who would be the national secretary.

Moved: Ken Harkness. Seconded: Revd. Warren Rumble **Carried.**

The current tasks performed by the national secretary can be grouped as follows. The following people have offered to take on these roles.

Planning the Annual Council Meeting - Bruce Anderson

Distribution of minutes to delegates.

Notification of next meeting and follow up of tasks.

Liase with host state regarding logistics of meeting.

Travel coordination

Ken Pidgeon has offered a formalized meeting check list that he has.

Resource Coordinator - Ken Pidgeon

Receive and distribution resources between states, dioceses, web master.

National Registers - Ken Harkness

Communications and Directory - Garry Allen

The position of the national secretary is now primarily a coordination role of the above functions. Bruce Anderson has accepted the nomination of the national secretary.

MOTION: That Bruce Anderson be appointed the position of national secretary.

Moved: Ken Harkness. Seconded. Revd. Warren Rumble. **Carried.**

Report on Promotional Brochure.

The "green" and "yellow" brochures now available on the national web site. Ken Pidgeon will ensure that the wording is generic and inquire about printing.

MOTION: The executive council authorizes the production and distribution of the promotional brochures.

Moved: Ken Harkness. Seconded Revd Iain Furby **Carried.**

Former Cebs

The model of "old scholars" networks employed by schools has been suggested as a model to be used. A key "Old Ceb" in each diocese could be used to arrange "get togethers" and reunions in their local areas.

MOTION: That each diocesan state council be approached to identify a key former Ceb member who would develop a network of former Ceb in their diocese which will gather for social interaction and help gather stories and testimonials for the testimonial book. These people are to report progress to the next national meeting through each state council.

MOVED: Ken Pidgeon. **Seconded:** Graeme Nicholls.

Carried.

Venue and Time for Next National Council Meeting in 2002

The South Australian delegates have offered to host the 2002 National Council Meeting.

MOVED: Chris Martin. **Seconded:** Ken Pidgeon.

Carried.

Agreed to be **1st March to 3rd March 2002**

Appreciation

Appreciation expressed to our chairman for leading us through the meeting.

The chairman expressed thanks to Garry Allen for his work carried out as national secretary over the last 12 months.

The chairman expressed to Jenny and Dennis Wright for catering the weekend.

Thanks expressed to those who helped with transport.

Meeting Closed 12:10 pm