



**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD AT  
NOVOTEL ON COLLINS, MELBOURNE  
11-13 FEBRUARY 2013**

**APOLOGIES:**

Ashley Evans  
John McMartin

**PRESENT:**

Wayne Alcorn, Alun Davies, Sean Stanton, Shane Baxter, Donna Crouch, Gerard Keehan,  
Michael Murphy

1. **OPENING AND PRAYER**  
Sean Stanton opened the meeting in prayer
2. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**  
The Minutes of the Last Meeting were accepted
3. **ACTION POINTS**
  - a. The response from the Business Team to the previous ACSF Chairman was tabled for the record.
  - b. Legal advice and a remit that would allow non-elected members to serve on the Board of AOGA (The Company) were tabled. It was agreed that, depending on further legal advice, the remit would be presented at the next AGM.
4. **OPERATIONAL MATTERS**
  - a. **ACCBT Report**  
The tabled ACC Business Team Report was received
  - b. **Financial Report for AOG National Office and Charitable Trust**
    - i. **AOG Unincorporated Financials**  
The tabled report was received
    - ii. **AOG Charitable Trust Balance Sheet**  
The tabled report was received
    - iii. **AOGA Balance Sheet**  
The tabled Balance Sheet was received

iv. Budget

The 2013 budget was presented and received. It was suggested that 10% of the profit at the end of each year to be put in an investment fund starting with 2012 profit, with a further 20% of the profit being distributed between. The matter will be revisited during the course of the year.

c. ACSF Financial Report

The tabled report was accepted.

It was noted that the budgeting procedure will be changed for future budgets. The states will be asked to not promote any company in direct competition with ACSF (or any ACC Department) at State Conferences.

The AC Super claim in an ongoing matter. Sean Stanton will liaise with Rodney Peters to be proactive in nominating new member representation.

d. Charity Review Endorsement Worksheets

e. Remits for Conference 2013 - Use of Two Entity Names

Sean Stanton is to ensure that we will still own the Assemblies of God in Australia name and that no other entity will be able to use it.

Graham Corney's recommendation to apply for Rites of Australian Christian Churches was accepted.

f. Marriage Act Compliance

A proposed remit for changing the constitution was tabled and will be presented to Conference 2013.

5. CHURCH MATTERS

a. Church Life Report

The tabled report was accepted.

It was noted that the Church Planting Boot Camp will be offered 4-29 November, with National Executive Members presenting certain sessions. Executive Members were asked to advise Gazelle Steenkamp of their key gifts and strengths.

Gerard Keen is to obtain a guide for costing the course from Alphacrucis.

i. Church Registrations

The tabled registrations were endorsed

ii. Church Statistics

The tabled statistics were noted

- f. **Best Practice for Churches in Abuse Cases**
- i. After a Skype meeting with Sue Foley, it was decided that Sean Stanton and Donna Crouch will establish a reference team who could approach Sue for assistance as and when needed
  - ii. ACSF Insurance Recommendations  
Discussions are ongoing
  - iii. Royal Commission - Child Abuse  
Currently each state has their own Child Protection Policy. State Executives will be informed that child abuse will no longer be a state issue, but all cases need to be referred directly to the National Executive. An independent national system, run by professionals, will be put in place - making it a dismissible offence for a pastor not to report a case of child abuse in his church and for the state not to report it to the National Executive.

It was suggested that a committee of professionals be formed to construct a child protection policy document. Donna Crouch will meet with Sue Foley and Jeff Kelly to discuss the brief with them.

It was also decided that we should make a submission to the Royal Commission suggesting a standardised national system for police checks.

We, as a movement, intend to fully cooperate with the Royal Commission and continue to review our policies so as to provide best practice.

- g. **Love Is Our Weapon**  
The tabled information was discussed and it was decided that the matter will be investigated further, finding a way in which the program could be utilized. It was suggested that it could possibly be launched at Conference in the Youth Stream.

## 6. PASTORAL MATTERS

- a. **Divorce Credentials**  
The tabled applications were endorsed, with the exception of Karen Peyroux. It was noted that Karen is not currently attending an ACC church and the endorsement of her credential is subject to her attending one of our churches. Elba Broadhead will follow this up and advise Alun Davies of the outcome.
- b. **Endorsement of OMC's**  
The tabled applications were endorsed, with the exception of Martine Trinder. It has come to the National Executive's attention that she might be serving overseas, in which case the application should be processed through the Overseas Department. Elba will ask Western Australia State to clarify the situation.