

National Conference Meeting Minutes Excerpt- 5 May 1999

- i. That in Article 6.2 (b) of the National By-laws, the words, "followed by the World Missions General Director, World Missions Council and members of the national Bible College Directorate" be deleted.

Carried Overwhelmingly

10. Immediate Implementation

It was Moved: Philip Hills
Seconded: Peter Rogers

- a. That such standing orders as are required be suspended in order to allow the changes in relation to 5 (a) to 5 (i) to become effective immediately.
- b. That the Executive appointments for World Missions President, World Missions Director, World Missions Council and Southern Cross College Directorate be endorsed.

Amendment:

Moved: Fred Evans
Seconded: David Martin

That the Executive Appointments for the World Missions Council be endorsed and voted on individually by the conference.

The amendment was defeated

The original motion was put and carried overwhelmingly

11. End Time Doctrine

It was Moved: John Warwick
Seconded: Chris Sutton

- a. That this Conference reaffirms and endorses the Doctrinal Statement as expressed in the United Constitution of The Assemblies of God in Australia (Article 5).
- b. That this Conference authorises the National and State Executives to grant a credential to a person who holds a view different to that stated in Article 5.16 and 5.17 of the United Constitution of The Assemblies of God in Australia, provided that:
- The applicant qualifies in every other way to receive a credential.
 - The applicant believes in a personal, visible and literal return of the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - The applicant agrees not to denigrate the official position of the movement in relation to the millennium.

Carried overwhelmingly.

12. Restoration and Reinstatement of Disciplined Ministers

It was Moved: John Lewis
Seconded: Mark Edwards

That the changes to the draft policy (below), proposed by the committee and endorsed by all State Executives and the National Executive be approved and that the revised document become the official policy of the Assemblies of God in Australia.

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Changes:

- a. Book 1; Section 1; page 5; 'Complaint Procedure' point I. *Please add to the end of the existing paragraph:* "Each State should provide a telephone number and name of an

independent person (preferably female) who can be the first contact for a complainant. This contact should then arrange for the complaint to be taken to the appropriate State Officer. The name and number should be made available to all churches and pastors."

- b. Book 1 ; Section 1 ; page 5; 'complaint Procedure'; 2.b) *Change sentence to:* "The accused minister is interviewed by the State Executive or at least two delegated individuals from the State and/or District Executives. At this meeting, the complaints are placed before the minister."
- c. Book 1 ; Section 1; page 6; 'Complaint Procedure'; 4. *Replace with:* "The investigating committee will then prepare a full report, with recommendations, for the appropriate State Executive."
- d. Book 1 ; Section 1; page 6; 'Complaint Procedure'; *Add point 6:* "If a complaint is found to be false and malicious, disciplinary action may be taken against the complainant. This may be by the State Executive if the complainant holds a credential or by a local church if this is appropriate."
- e. Book 1 ; Section 1 ; page 6; 'Complaint Procedure'; *Add the following section after point 6:* "NOTIFICATION BY MINISTER". "If a minister is involved in any action warranting disciplinary action or if he becomes aware of a complaint against him, he must report it immediately. The report should be made to the State Superintendent or the person nominated to deal with such issues."
- f. Book 1; Section 2; page 7; 'Screening Process'; *Change sentence to:* "Second, before rehabilitation is determined suitable, the following questions and concerns need to be addressed by the State Executive:"
- g. Book 2; Appendix 2; *Title change to:* "Supervising Pastor's Report Form to the State Superintendent."

Carried Unanimously

13. Terminology changes

It was Moved: Alun Davies
Seconded: Ian Woods

- a. That the word "general" be removed from the constitution and By-laws in every instance where it forms part of a title.
- b. That the terms National President, National Vice-President, State President and State Vice-President be used to replace the terms National General Superintendent, Assistant National General Superintendent, State Superintendent and Assistant State Superintendent, respectively, in all constitutional documents.
- c. That the word "presbytery" be deleted from all constitutional documents where it refers to executives (eg. "National Executive Presbytery" becomes "National Executive").
- d. That the word "presbytery" be replaced with the words "ordained ministers" in all constitutional documents where it is used to denote the ordained ministers of the Assemblies of God in Australia.
- e. That the word "fellowship" be replaced in all constitutional documents by the word "church" when it relates to a local church and "movement" when it refers to the Assemblies of God as a whole (note: the term "Certificate of Fellowship" will be retained wherever it occurs).

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- f. Youth Alive
Paul Geerling met with the Executive and reported on developments in the National Youth alive. The notes of his report are included in the Executive notes. There was some discussion about any conflict of interest with Planet Shakers. Paul indicated that he maintains a balance and that Youth Alive is not being adversely affected by Planet Shakers in any way.
- g. APMF
It was noted that B. Houston will respond to the letter that he received from B. Vasilakis. B. Houston suggested that he is not opposed to meeting with APMF members but will outline, in his letter, the key points he wishes to talk about.
- h. NCCA Gender Commission
It was agreed that the ACC does not wish to nominate anyone to the Gender commission.
- i. Papua New Guinea
A. Evans and M. Wyatt reported on a crisis of administration within the AOG in PNG. It was noted that the ANZ Bank has requested our help in sorting out some issues. It was agreed for A. Evans and M. Wyatt to help in any way they can without committing the ACC to any financial support.
- j. Salt Shakers
The correspondence between K. Ainge and P. Stokes was noted and it was agreed that there is no value in responding further.
- k. Industry VET Training Package
See item 3i above.
- l. Leadership Now
It was agreed for Leadership NOW to be converted into an E-magazine, with regular interactive emails to go to all of our pastors.
- m. Grievance Policy
It was agreed to adopt the policy subject to step 5 being amended to contain provision for the National Executive to handle the investigation and discipline in cases where it, or the relevant State Executive, considers it necessary.
- o. Southern Cross College Members meeting
The Executive meeting was adjourned to allow for a members meeting of Southern Cross College to take place.

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9. Close

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- Make a DVD of heroes. (someone older, church planter, missionary, young gun, overseas pastor) Find 4 or 5 stories and also honour the people with gifts.

It was noted that missions and similar organisations will not be accepted as sponsors for the conference, since it would take the focus off ACC International.

b. Remit from WA for consideration at National Conference

It was agreed that K. Ainge write a letter to them, explaining that the National Executive agrees with the sentiments of their proposal but outlining some of the issues, relating to the powers of local incorporations, that will make implementation difficult.

It should be made clear to them, that they have the right to submit the remit and argue for it.

c. Constitutional Change for Overseas Credential

It was agreed to accept the policy document with changes to make it clear that if credentials are issued to team members of credentialed overseas pastors, the credential is tied to the senior pastor. If the credential holder leaves the team or if the Senior Pastor to whom they relate relinquishes his credential the team member's credential may be withdrawn.

It was agreed that the constitutional changes to the OAMC be broad enough to allow the recognition of overseas ministers who may not qualify for an OMC or PMC.

d. Restoration/Rehabilitation of Disciplined Credential Holders

It was agreed to make the Summary available to all State Executives and ask that they ensure that the policy is being implemented.

It was agreed that the appendices be simplified and made available to the States.

e. ACS

Jon Holloway gave a report on the progress of ACS and some issues that have become evident with the Deposit Fund. He outlined some concerns that ASIC may have with the fund and it was agreed to put in place some strategies to deal with the issues prior to meeting with ASIC.

(Note: Graham Corney (Corney and Lind) and Murray Baird (Moore's Legal) were present for the ACS Report. Murray Baird then left the room with the ACS representatives but Graham Corney remained to advise on other matters.)

Graham Corney was requested to advise on the most effective model for governance of ACS in the interest of the ACC. Items of interest

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