
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ASCM INC. ASS.

Meeting Opened:

12:30pm Friday 30th June 2006

Attendance:

Rachel Anderson, Barrie Baker, Bronwyn Crowe, Jazz Dron, Jason Koh, Caroline Moyler, Tim Ngui, Kate Watts, Eloise Wright,

Apologies:

None

Reception of the Agenda

Resolution: That the agenda be accepted.

Reception of the Minutes

Resolution: That the minutes of the ASCM January Executive Committee Meeting 2006 and July General committee Meeting 2005 be adopted as true and accurate records of the meetings.

Current ASCM Branches:

Queensland has 3 Branches; UQ, Goldcoast and ACU

ACT has 1 Branch at ANU

WA has 2 branches at UWA and Murdoch

Victoria has 1 branch at VU

NSW has 1 branch, Young Friends

Election of Officers:

National Coordinator

Bronwyn Crowe was elected National Coordinator Unopposed.

Treasurer

Kate Watts was elected Treasurer Unopposed.

Women's Officer

Vacant

Men's Officer

Vacant

Queer Officer

Tim Ngui was elected Queer Officer Unopposed.

WSCF Liaison Officer

Tim Ngui was elected WSCF Liaison Officer Unopposed.

Database Coordinator

Chris Jeffery was elected Database Coordinator Unopposed.

Webweaver

Jason Koh was elected Webweaver Unopposed.

Jubilee Grapevine

Clare Schulz was elected Jubilee Grapevine Editor Unopposed.

Merchandise Officer

Claire Vincent was elected Merchandise Officer / Quartermaster Unopposed.

Secretary

Rachel Anderson was elected Secretary Unopposed.

Financial Report for 2005/06 to AGM:

Receipts	Budget (\$)	Actual (\$)
National Conference		
Donations	18000.00	10050.50
Interest	4000.00	3595.02
JG Subscriptions	800.00	631.36
Endowment Association	4500.00	4500.00

Meeting Closed:

1:00pm Friday 30th June 2006

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1 ATTENDANCE

Rachel Anderson

(Minute Secretary & TAS),

Barrie Baker

(WA Area Council),

Bronwyn Crowe

(National Coordinator),

Jazz Dron

(ACT Staff Worker),

Jason Koh

(NSW Area Council [Web Weaver]),

Caroline Moyler

(QLD Staff Worker),

Tim Ngui

(WSCF & Queer Officer),

Kate Watts

(Treasurer & Women's Officer),

Eloise Wright

(ACT Area Council

Claire Vincent / Rachael Palmer

(Vic Area Council)

Natalia Yates (SCMA) Friday Morning.

2 APOLOGIES

Clare Schulz

(JG Editor).

3 WORSHIP

Worship was lead by participants of the meeting.

4 WELCOME

Every one present was welcomed.

Bronwyn gave an explanation of decision making by consensus and the structure of ASCM.

5 STATE REPORTS / STATE OF THE MOVEMENT

The State Reports were delivered through the a game.

Highlights included:

- JG collaboration with Clare Schulz
- Doing WSCF stuff
- The support of ASCM during difficult times
- Attending the Women's Conference
- Reconvening the VIC Area Council
- Reading JG
- Talking to University Chaplains in WA
- The one day mini conference *Virtual Church?*
- Jazz the new ACT Staff Worker
- Passover / Agape Meal
- Hot Chocolate with Giant Jaffa's with the Otago SCMA
- Trustees Meeting at Tim's in NSW
- Dinner with Indonesian Speaker
- Receiving Email's praising JG
- Making money at the Otago SCMA Book Exchange
- Inter Faith BBQ
- Hearing Jim Wallis speak at the Great Hall at Sydney Uni
- Breakfast Meeting
- The best in person meeting in the recent history of SCMA
- Conference web space set-up process
- Clare Schultz's prayer support group
- Bronwyn phoning
- Reading Wonderful *Jubilee Grapevine*
- Tastes of the World's Dinner
- Movie night 'David Pascoe'
- Being involved with organising and hearing Ciaron O'Reilly speak
- Maundy Thursday Supper
- Meeting new people at Uni Pizza Lunch
- Blokey Conference
- O-Days at UWA and Murdoch
- Sarah's inspiration from SELF in India

Written Reports were presented by:

ACT (Appendix 1) and WA (Appendix 2).

6 WSCF

6.1 WSCF – AP

Resolution: That the ASCM fully funds the cost of the ASCM delegate to attend the next Students for Empowerment and Transformation (SET).

Resolution: That the ASCM fully fund the travel costs of another delegate from Asia Pacific, such as East Timor or Cambodia, to attend the next SET.

6.2 East Timor

Resolution: We are supportive of the request by the East Timor SCM for a loan of US\$1,000 to purchase plastic chairs to enable them to hire out their hall as a source of income and the National Coordinator will gather further information from the East Timor SCM and circulate this on the Policy List.

Jan Exec Meeting 2006

Resolution: That we provide SCM Timor Leste a gift of US\$500 from our General Account and a 2 year loan of US\$500.

Policy List Decision 2006

Resolution: That we give \$1000 from the Solidarity Account to SCM Timor in response to the current crisis.

6.3 Indonesia

Resolution: That we give \$1000 from the Solidarity Account to GMKI (SCM Indonesia) in response to their request via the Reconstruction Budget.

6.4 RCM Applications

Resolution: We support and wish Tim Ngui well as he attends the RCM as the Australian representative.

Resolution: We support and approve Annabel Dulhunty's application to Regional Women's Committee.

**6.5 WSCF AP Human Rights Workshop / Human Rights and Advocacy Project Office
within the ASCM**

Resolution: We advertise the ASCM Human Rights Workshop through ASCM networks. At the same time the Human Rights and Advocacy Project Office Position will be circulated.

Resolution: Tim will finalise the Human Rights and Advocacy Project Officer Position Description.

Position Description for Human Rights Project Officer:

Required:

- Respond to communications from SCM's in the region
- Liaise with WSCF Liaison, Students and Friends
- Report to the Executive Committee Meetings about activities
- Send copies of correspondence to the Policy List prior to sending replies with a 3 day feedback period

Optional Activities:

- Facilitate articles in JG about relevant issues
- Organising fundraising / awareness raising activities
- Act as a resource point for Area Councils
- Attend the SCM Human Rights workshop if possible

6.6 ASCM / SCMA Joint Women's Conference

The recent joint ASCM / SCMA Women's Conference was very successful.

Resolution: That we move a vote of thanks to Bronwyn, Kate, Katie and Yock Leng for their hard work and energy organising the Women's Conference.

6.7 SCMA National Conference 14- 16th July 2006

We have had an invitation to send an ASCM delegate to the SCMA National Conference.

Resolution: That Bronwyn will advertise the invitation on the Chat-List and seek applications. The delegate will be decided through discussion on the Policy List.

7 ASCM BUSINESS

7.1 Discussion on Restructuring the ASCM Meeting Procedures

The following was in response to the paper submitted by Clare Schulz

Small Group Discussion Outcomes

What is Important to Us

- Community is the over riding.
- Development workers need more support
- More flexibility – Meeting electronically if appropriate?
- Free up Resources
- Options for January – Mix and logistics of PD and Fellowship
- Motivation for keeping going – Focus
- PD should take place in January
- National Community Building is Important
- Networking Requires Personal Contact
- Must be widely interesting – Not solid stuff in Blocks
- Visiting speakers can attract new / extra people
- Important to have wide involvement in decision making

- Twice yearly meeting is important for immediacy and providing feedback to executive
- Full engagement is best provided from twice yearly meetings
- Phone very limited
- Could use computer
 - Discussion boards
 - SKYPE

Options

- On Line Discussion Boards
- SKYPE etc
- Integrated Programme Structure
- 3 Days; 1 day PD, 2 days Meeting
- 2 Days; Jan ½ Day PD, 1&½ Days Business
- No Change
- PD Jan and July

Resolution: That the January 2007 meeting is approximately 3 days meeting together with 'normal' January Attendees and Development Workers / Staff, in an integrated Professional Development and Business Meeting.

7.2 Future National Meetings and Conferences

Resolution: That Perth host the January 2007 Executive Committee Meeting integrating professional development.

Resolution: That Queensland is approached to host the July 2007 General Committee Meeting and ASCM Conference.

7.3 NCCA

Bronwyn presented information about possible ASCM support of the NCCA.

7.4 Virtual Church

Resolution: That Barrie and Bronwyn will approach Cheryl of the Virtual Church Project to discuss possible ASCM linkages and support of the Virtual Church Project.

7.5 Appointment of Treasurer

Resolution: Rachel Anderson is appointed to the position of National Treasurer of ASCM. Financial Support will be provided for travel between Tasmania and Victoria to enable instruction of Rachel Anderson by Rachael Palmer.

Resolution: That we express our thanks to Diane Hatwell for her offer to take on the role as National Treasurer.

7.6 Women's Officer

Resolution: That both Anastasia Dalziell and Bronislava Lee are appointed for a two year term to the role of ASCM Women's Office.

We envisaging that Anastasia fulfills the role of the Women's office as outlined in the Sexual Harassment Policy and attend the January meeting with the option of attending the July meeting. Whilst Bronislava fulfills the Women's Officer Tasks that focus on activity within the ASCM and attends the July meeting with the option of attending the January Meeting.

7.7 Men's Officer

We received no applications for the position of Men's officer.

7.8 Merchandising Officer

Resolution: Claire Vincent is re-appointed as merchandising officer.

Claire will coordinate a discussion about the wording on the reprinted ASCM National Brochure

Claire will also investigate T-Shirts designs and reprints.

8 MONEY MATTERS

8.1 ASCM Budget

Kate presented the ASCM Budget for 05/06 and the projected expenditure for 06/07
(Appendix ??).

8.2 Honorariums

Resolution: That we pay the JG Editors Honorarium after the July GCM (in align with the other honorarium payments) based on the completion of three editions of JG.

Resolution: That we immediately pay Clare Schulz 1 & 1/3 Honoraria following the production the latest 4 JG's to bring the payment of the JG Editors Honorarium in align with the July General Committee Meeting.

8.3 Guidelines for ASCM Funding Requests

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8.4 *History Book*

Resolution: Kate Watts is going to liaise with Jim Martin to find out what resources ASCM can provide to ensure that the history book is published in a timely manner.

Resolution: Kate Watts will investigate how the history of ASCM 1996+ can be documented and possibly incorporated into the ASCM History Book.

APPENDICES

A1. ACT



Report to General Committee Meeting, Melbourne July 2006

Branch: ACT - ANU Student Christian Movement

The Market Day stall during O-week this year was organised by students. People were rostered on to supervise the stall and chat to people who were interested in SCM. There was plenty of SCM literature available, including SCM postcards, Invitation to the first SCM gathering (welcome dinner) etc. The stall was intentionally placed between the Bahai Faith stall and the Jewish stall to stress the inter faith dialogue/friendship between the groups. There were approximately 25 signatures on the membership list. Some of these people participate in the Monday meetings and other events others are supporters of SCM.

Our goal for ANU SCM this semester was to build community and provide a safe and open space to share ideas and opinions. To help do this we have focused on having meals together along with our regular Monday meetings. These meals have been a safe place to share opinions and discuss theology and world issues. On Maundy Thursday we gathered to remember the last supper; each person washed their own hands and had their hands dried by someone else as an act of serving. We had a short responsive liturgy and then shared a meal together. On another occasion we had one of our SCM members share his experiences of a recent overseas study trip, his presentation evoked much discussion. We generally get between 10 -15 people to our dinners which make for brilliant discussion.

Our regular Monday meetings on campus have been varied, some of which have been:

- Lunch with the Bahai Faith group
- A discussion on division in the Church
- A visit from the University chaplain
- A bible study on the 'Road to Emmaus' pericope

Some ideas for Semester Two:

There has been a request to have meals together more frequently with a thematic discussion or a guest speaker. In semester two we plan on meeting once a month for a meal/discussion.

Monday meetings:

- Interspersed with visiting speakers a possible six week program on social justice and the gospel of Luke.

World day of Prayer:

- We are hoping to create awareness of SCM around the Churches by doing a regular mail out and having a world day of prayer event. This event will be a world day of prayer service or luncheon.

SCM Retreat:

- Later in the year we will retreat to the coast and have a weekend to escape the study load! We plan on getting someone to host this retreat who will engage an ongoing discussion about an issue in our world from the perspective of faith.

In 2005 the interfaith group on Campus organised a BBQ event which SCM were involved in.

If this group had any plans for events like this next semester we would like to participate.

A2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA



I began as WA development worker in January. First semester has been a steep learning curve, despite my long involvement with SCM, but there have been some positive seeds within the semester.

We are trying to have a presence on two uni campuses, UWA and Murdoch. There has been a small group at UWA for many years, which has been the core of SCM in WA. However, Murdoch is a new adventure, mostly made possible now because I am a student on campus at Murdoch. The Anglican and Catholic chaplains have made office space available to SCM at Murdoch one day a week.

Attendance at events at Murdoch has been minimal, but informally there are a small number of students interested in SCM who share time in a non-event kind of way. Two regular lunch-time slots were offered this semester: a discussion slot, and a prayer space for peace and justice. The discussion opportunity was largely not taken up by students, but prayer space was regularly attended by between two and five students (usually closer to two!). This simple space has for me been the most important presence SCM has had at Murdoch so far.

At UWA the lunch-time discussion slot was also not taken up. A core group of post-graduate volunteers maintains the SCM presence at UWA.

Two events were run on both campuses this semester. The first was a series of three workshops over three weeks, looking at the interface between wealth, poverty and faith. These were presented by Peter Stewart of the Christian Centre for Social Action, and drew a small attendance at UWA. They were not a successful connecting point with students at Murdoch. The second event was a lunch-time lecture by controversial international peace activist Ciaren O'Reilly. Ciaron's presentation was particularly well attended at UWA, although at both unis the talk attracted people with no previous background in SCM.

Our off-campus evening meal and discussion nights, 'Shared Space', were poorly attended in 2005, so we are offering them less frequently at present. A Shared Space discussing aspects of mental health was well received, and another is planned for the mid-year break to talk around issues of nuclear power. Off-campus events are more accessible to part time and external students, and Friends. We have also experimented with attending movies together, and hope to continue with this.

Clare Schulz

WA SCM Development Worker

A3. NATIONAL COORDINATOR'S REPORT



For the past six months the majority of my energy has been devoted to supporting Kate in her role as Treasurer and organising the ASCM-SCMA Women's Conference. Kate faced many personal challenges this year and was unable to complete many of her tasks as Treasurer or Women's Officer. I organised the National Appeal in May and have been attempting to provide responses to people's financial queries as promptly as possible. The Steering Committee for the ASCM-SCMA Women's Conference of Kate, Katie and Yock Leng did not meet as I had expected and as such I arranged the venue, speakers, promotions and involvement of SCMA.

I had frequent contact with Chris updating the many classifications of people within the ASCM database and other aspects of his new role. I met with Tim whilst I was in Sydney in February and I am very excited about the interest in WSCF programs in the Movement at the moment. I also saw Jason while in Sydney and we spoke on a few occasions about the webpage and new information to be added. Clare and I spoke about JG regularly and I look forward to reading the current issue as I travel to the meeting.

I've had contact with all Area Councils frequently via phone and email this semester, with many new and exciting things happening across the country. I have talked with the new staff in WA and the ACT, welcome Clare and Jazz! I hope to speak with Caroline in Qld now I have her contact details. I am very excited about the shiny new Area Council in Victoria and have enjoyed hearing of their adventures. I intend to assist the local branches more this semester, providing resources for events, ideas for activities, as well as more moral support.

I assisted Necta and Yock Leng in locating a replacement for Georgia on the WSCF AP Financial Support Group. Edwina has agreed to take on the task, at present from her home in the UK but later in the year she will be returning to Australia.

I approached the National Christian Youth Convention (NCYC) – Agents of Change, exploring possible ways for ASCM to be involved with the event in Perth in January. As a gathering of hundreds of enthusiastic young Christians it is a valuable opportunity to promote ASCM and the issues we embody.

There have been many quick decisions to make over the past few months and I am very thankful to the Executive Committee for their speedy replies to my many emails. Thank you to everyone who has been worked with me this semester to make the ASCM sparkle.

Bronwyn Crowe

A4. NATIONAL TREASURER'S REPORT



A5. WOMEN'S OFFICER REPORT



A6. JG EDITOR'S REPORT



A7. GATHERING NATIONALLY



A Proposal to July General Committee meetings of the Australian Student Christian Movement from Clare Schulz (WA SCM Development Worker) with the support of WA SCM Area Council

Issues

The ASCM currently budgets to bring representatives from each State together on a national basis twice a year. This is by far the largest single expenditure of the national budget.

The gatherings are primarily for the purpose of administrative meetings, and funding of travel is specifically linked to attendance at these meetings.

There is currently no national funding specifically to gather ASCM members for the purpose of social support, networking, resourcing or spiritual development, and it appears to be anticipated that this will be side-benefit of attending national meetings.

The section of national meetings devoted to 'Movement Building' is frequently held towards the end of the agenda, when participants are tired, and does not appear to have any demonstrable impact on local branches.

Local movements are operated either by volunteers or by very part-time staff workers. This situation means local movements struggle to get beyond 'maintenance' and into long-term visions, creative initiatives or staying current with new resources and skills.

Proposal

That the ASCM reprioritise funding with regards to gathering representatives nationally by:

- decreasing the annual funding for meeting attendance to one national meeting per year, run mid-year to coincide with a national conference;
- replacing the January face-to-face meeting with a phone meeting;
- initiating an annual national resourcing/ skills sharing/ visioning gathering for ASCM leaders (voluntary and paid) to take place in January;
- funding up to two representatives from each state to attend the above gathering each year; and,
- budgeting to pay for input from external experts to resource ASCM leaders.

Comment

It is my opinion that ASCM spends disproportionate amounts of our funds on administrative meetings. Parallel to this, local branches are each relying on their own resources to develop programs and maintain momentum. I believe that a major role of the national movement should be to resource local branches and equip them to resource and support each other

wherever possible. As a small movement with limited personnel involved, we need to pool our energies as much as possible, to avoid burn-out and keep local leaders from feeling isolated in their roles. We also need to look outside of our own numbers for inspiration and training.

How this might look

Hypothetical three day gathering:

Day One:

Share stories from each state from previous year: What worked? What didn't?

Worship time to celebrate and lament the year past.

Speaker/ Workshop input¹: Ways to connect faith issues with 18-25 age group/ tertiary students; particular challenges/ struggles/ opportunities of current uni culture.

Day Two:

Each state to bring a resource/ idea for the coming year, to share with the group. Workshop these resources together by 'doing' them as much as possible in time allowed (eg actually taking part in creative prayer event/ discussion structure for after a movie/ letter-writing initiative etc) *Everyone should therefore come with one prepared resource for the year ahead and go home with at least five.*

Speaker/ Workshop input: Current issue/s for Christians concerned with justice.

Prayer/ worship space to place ourselves before God to work for justice in the coming year and seek guidance in where to place our efforts.

Day Three:

WSCF resources/ annual theme: consider together ways to use WSCF materials in Australian context. Try them out together as a group.

Speaker/ Workshop input: Spirituality of Service (ie how to keep Christian volunteers/ workers from burning out)

All participants set goals for the year ahead (either for ASCM or personally in response to the previous 3 days) and commit to supporting each other in working towards these goals.

Ceremony to bless and send out ASCM leaders into the coming year.

¹ Possible sources of external expert input would be professional social service providers, aid agencies, Wellspring spirituality network, emerging church movements, and youth ministry networks.

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