
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ASCM INC. ASS.

Meeting Opened:

11am Friday 4 July 2008

Attendance:

Jordan Amor-Robertson, Barrie Baker, Georgia Cassidy, Claudine Chionh, Annabel Dulhunty, Bronislava Chappie Lee, Narelle McAuliffe, Clare Menck, Tyson Menck, Kathleen Pearce, Luke Simpson, Eloise Wright.

Apologies:

Hannah Angus, Bronwyn Crowe, Jasmine Dron, Tiffany Hammer, Diane Hatwell, Chris Jeffery, Caroline Loader, Tim Ngui.

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 2008 and July General Committee Meeting 2007 be adopted as true and accurate records of the meetings.

Current ASCM Branches:

Queensland has 2 branches: ACU, Postgraduates

ACT has 1 branch: ANU

WA has 3 branches: UWA, Murdoch, Friends

Victoria has 2 branches: VU, Melbourne Network

NSW has 1 branch: Radical Renegade SCM NSW

Election of Officers:

Resolution: That authority to elect office bearers for 2008-09 be delegated to the July General Committee Meeting.

Financial Report for 2006/07 to AGM:

The financial report was accepted as presented.

Balance Sheet as at 31 May 2008

Assets:

General Account	6,121
UCA Account	67,245
Conference Account	1,109
Total	\$74,475

Liabilities

None	0
Total	\$0

Net Worth ASCM \$74,475

Profit and Loss Statement 01/06/07-31/05/08

Category Description	Actual 2007-8
Receipts	
National Conference	945
Donations Received	11,515
Interest Received	0
Subscriptions – JG, merchandise	70
Trust Request	
Fund transfer from UCA	10,000
Total Receipts	\$22,530
Payments	
Travel Expenses	5,862
Office Bearer Expenses	0
Telephone	0
Honorariums	5200
Production Expenses – JG	0
Mailouts – Appeal	905
Promotional Materials	0
Accounting Fees	0
Bank Charges	64
Form Lodgement	37
PO Box	177
National Conference	1516

ASCM January National Executive Meeting

4-6 July2008
Katoomba NSW

Hosting Meetings	326
Donations	0
WSCF	0
WSCF-AP	1,528
Pay the Rent	0
NCCA	66
Revegetation Project	0
Staff Worker Funding	13,450
Other Expenses	0
Total Payments	\$29,131
NET	-\$6,601

Meeting Closed:

11:30am Friday 4 July 2008

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1 ATTENDANCE

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Annabel Dulhunty
(National Coordinator)

Georgia Cassidy
(Qld Area Council rep)

Claudine Chionh
(Vic rep)

Eloise Wright
(WSCF Officer & ACT Area
Council rep)

Bronislava Lee
(NSW rep & Women's Officer)

Barrie Baker
(Pastoral Care Coordinator)

Narelle McAuliffe
(WA Area Council rep, Acting
Minutes Secretary - Saturday)

Kathleen Pearce
(Murdoch Uni rep)

Jordan Amor-Robertson
(UWA rep)

PARTIAL ATTENDANCE:

Clare Menck
(WA staff worker, Acting Minutes
Secretary) Friday

Tyson Menck
(Men's Officer) Friday

Luke Simpson
(guest) Friday

Tim Ngui
(NSW Area Council, Saturday
afternoon)

2 APOLOGIES

Chris Jeffery (Web Weaver)

Bronwyn Crowe (Acting Treasurer)

Diane Hatwell (Treasurer)

Clare Menck (for Saturday & Sunday)

Tyson Menck (for Saturday & Sunday)

Tim Ngui (NSW Area Council)

Hannah Angus (Human Rights Officer)

Jazz Dron (Human Rights Officer)

Caroline Loader (Qld Staff Worker)

Tiffany Hammer (Qld Staff Worker).

3 WELCOME

The meetings were opened with a worship time led by Tyson. Annabel, in conjunction with other longer-serving committee members, gave an explanation of decision making by consensus and the sexual abuse policy.

4 WORK PRACTICES DISCUSSION

As agreed at January Executive Meeting 2008, a discussion was held regarding employment of staff. Annabel provided some information about regulations for employing staff in NSW, and small groups discussed the implications of these examples for employment of ASCM staff workers in different local contexts.

It was agreed that the following questions be put to an employment expert for clarification:

- What are our requirements under antidiscrimination legislation, and what exemptions may we be eligible for, especially with regards to (1) age of employees (2) religious affiliation of employees (3) general issues of difference between ‘discrimination’ on the basis of skill level etc and on the basis of arbitrary characteristics. Some issues relating to these questions were the desire for a mature staff worker but not to discriminate on the basis of age, whether someone without formal Christian affiliation but who demonstrates a Christian faith would be employable, and whether someone of a non-Christian religious affiliation could be excluded from employment.
- What obligations do we have to draw up policy regarding anti-discriminatory employment practices? Can this be an assumption based on our general ethos of inclusion or does it need to be specified in relation to employment?
- Are we under any specific awards (1) in each state (2) nationally, and what are our responsibilities under these awards?
- What requirements do we have with regards to minimum hours of employment for part-time/ casual staff? How does this apply where the staff member is employed with an explicit requirement to manage their own time and average hours over a longer period, and it suits them to do only an hour at a time on some days?
- What insurance requirements do we have? If our staff workers are paid through another body (eg the Anglican employment system but not employed to work for the Anglican Church) does this insurance cover them? What insurance requirements do we have for national or local events, whether run by volunteers or staff? Can application form exemption clauses negate these requirements?
- What are our obligations when we employ independent contractors rather than staff? Does this differ in different states?
- What are our requirements for moving staff from casual to permanent part-time? Can we continue with rolling short-term arrangements? If so, do we need to re-advertise prior to each employment period beginning?

- What do we need to have in place to employ a staff member only, or on a greater time basis, during university semesters?
- Are we required to offer travel allowances, overtime pay etc or can we opt to offer employment on terms of our own choosing in relation to these matters?
- Is there a legal requirement to log staff hours in flexible work arrangements?
- What are our obligations for severance arrangements, either when an employee resigns, when an agreed employment period ends, when ASCM wishes to fire an employee or in the event that ASCM is no longer able to pay a staff member and must terminate employment?

Resolution: That ASCM seeks an appropriately knowledgeable written response and that this is circulated to the Policy List and Area Councils for action. [Action: Annabel]

Resolution: That issues of implementing our legal requirements be discussed at January Executive Meeting in light of this response. [Action: National Coordinator]

It was agreed that the following issues should be considered for ASCM policy:

- What is the legal relationship between Area Councils and the national movement? What policy requirements nationally arise from this arrangement?
- What requirements does the national movement have on the employment arrangements of local movements, and is this tied to national funding only or more broadly applied? (eg. written contracts, number of hours, pay structure, accountability requirements, annual reviews)
- What resources can the national movement provide to Area Councils to assist with employment arrangements, especially with regards to standardising contracts to meet legal requirements and national policy requirements?
- What resources/ suggestions can the national movement provide to Area Councils for advertising for staff/ interviewing candidates? Possibilities for developing a list of 'suggested interview questions' for employing staff may be helpful.
- Do we/ should we have a national ethical standard for employment of local staff?
- What is our policy on whether to employ staff (casual or part-time) or contractors?
- What national standards of pay structures do we desire to implement? Is this a general ethical principle (eg not underpaying staff) or a specific award rate?
- Clarification is required regarding whether staff are employed by the national or local bodies of ASCM.

- What is the relevant union for staff workers and what is ASCM's policy regarding encouraging/ requiring staff to be members of a union?

Resolution: That these issues be discussed at January Executive Meeting. [Action: National Coordinator]

Resolution: That Area Councils be requested to submit written responses to the above issues for discussion at the January Executive Meeting. [Action: Annabel]

Resolution: That the issues be put to the Policy List for discussion prior to the January Executive Meeting. [Action: Clare]

It was agreed that it would help the process to have someone nominated to oversee the gathering the information, including possibly finding information from other employing bodies (eg Young Christian Workers) for discussion in January.

Resolution: That Barrie Baker take on the coordination of this information gathering process. [Action: Barrie]

5 REPORTS

The following reports were accepted as presented:

- Queensland [Appendix A1]
- Victoria [Appendix A2]
- ACT [Appendix A3]
- New South Wales [Appendix A4]
- Western Australia [Appendix A5]
- National Coordinator [verbal]
- Treasurer [Appendix A6]
- WSCF Liaison [Appendix A7]
- Pastoral Care Coordinator [Appendix 8]
- Human Rights Officers [9]
- Webweaver [Appendix A10]
- Database Coordinator [Appendix A11]

Resolutions arising from reports:

Resolution: That the SCM organising body currently operating in Victoria be recognised as the ASCM Victoria Area Council. [Action: Claudine Chionh]

Resolution: That an Area Council may determine its own organisational structure provided that (1) a contact person is identified to communicate with the national body;

and, (2) a treasurer is appointed if finances are involved. [Action: National Coordinator]

Resolution: That wherever possible local branches celebrate Day of Prayer for Students on the last Sunday in August each year. [Action: National Coordinator]

Resolution: That active ASCM members be encouraged to support staff and volunteer workers, including contacting the Pastoral Care Coordinator for assistance if they perceive workers in stressful situations or in need of particular support. [Action: all, and Clare to put this resolution to the Policy E-List]

Resolution: That Area Councils be requested to provide support for national office bearers in their state, in liaison with the Pastoral Care Coordinator. [Action: Pastoral Care Coordinator]

6 ASCM BUSINESS

6.1 Archiving Material

National Archives' 'Pandora' project has requested permission to archive material from the ASCM website.

Resolution: That National Archives be granted permission to use the ASCM website for its archival records. [Action: Clare Menck]

Resolution: That an investigation of what other archival material is missing from National Archives be undertaken, and material supplied accordingly. [Action: Clare Menck]

Resolution: That a process be implemented to ensure all future issues of JG and any other future publications of ASCM be supplied to National Archives. [Action: Clare Menck & Chris Jeffreys]

6.2 Election of Office Bearers

Annabel spoke of her difficulties in keeping up with the workload required for the National Coordinator role, beyond a minimal maintenance role with some delays in response times, as her non-ASCM commitments have increased more than she expected in the past six months. She is willing to continue in the role if required but suggested that other expressions of interest for the position be sought. In Annabel's opinion the role requires approximately a day per week to be completed beyond a maintenance role.

Eloise agreed to handle all correspondence from WSCF, even when it is addressed to National Coordinators.

There was some discussion of expanding the Secretary role to include more general secretarial assistance to the National Coordinator.

Kathleen expressed interest in taking on this role for the next six months.

Resolution: That the job description for the Secretary be expanded to include secretarial support to the National Coordinator year round. The Secretary will be the primary contact point for ASCM, provide a timely response to all correspondence, and forward correspondence to the National Coordinator only when a decision is required. [Action: National Coordinator]

Resolution: That the honorarium for this position be increased to \$800 per annum. [Action: Treasurer]

Resolution: That all ASCM members, especially office bearers, be conscious about limiting the work we direct towards or ask for from Annabel. [Action: all]

Resolution: That Annabel be affirmed to continue in the role as she is able, without being pressured to give more than she can, and that ASCM recognises this may mean not all aspects of the National Coordinator role are filled. [Action: all]

The following office bearers were appointed:

National Coordinator: Annabel Dulhunty continues in this position, with a potential further 2 ½ years to serve. She has indicated she is likely to be able to serve for a further 6 months, and is prepared to serve in this role for January Executive Committee Meeting 2009.

Treasurer: Diane Hatwell and Bronwyn Crowe continue in this position, and have a potential two years to serve.

Women's Officer: Vacant. Bronislava Lee and Anastasia Dalziel are acting in this role while an advertising process is undertaken. Bronislava has indicated her intention to apply for the position again.

Men's Officer: Tyson Menck continues in this position, and has a potential one further year to serve.

Queer Officer: Vacant.

WSCF Liaison Officer: Eloise Wright continues in this position, and has a potential two and a half further years to serve. She indicated that she is likely to be able to serve for another 18 months.

Database Coordinator: Vacant. Chris Jeffery is acting in this role while an advertising process is undertaken. Chris has indicated his intention to apply for the position again.

Webweaver: Chris Jeffery continues in this position, and has a potential one further year to serve.

Jubilee Grapevine Editor: Vacant. Kerensa McElroy has indicated some interest in possibly taking on this role when she returns to Australia in July. Barrie Baker has indicated his willingness to assist with distribution if this is required by an incoming editor.

Merchandise Officer: Bronwyn Crowe continues in this position, and has a potential further one year to serve. She has indicated that she is not able to include a creative/ design element to her role.

Secretary: Vacant. Clare Menck and Narelle McAuliffe were appointed as Acting Minutes Secretary for the AGM and the JGC. Kathleen Pearce agreed to serve as Secretary, in an expanded role as described above, for the remainder of 2008.

Human Rights Officer: Hannah Angus and Jazz Dron continue in this position, and have a potential one further year to serve.

Environment Officer: Tyson Menck continues in this position, and has a potential two further years to serve. He indicated that he is likely to be able to serve for one year.

Resolution: That the positions of Secretary, Jubilee Grapevine Editor, Database Coordinator, Queer Officer and Women's Officer be advertised, and in the event that no-one has come forward for the roles in time for the January Executive Meeting, that someone be found to act in the roles of Secretary and Women's Officer for this meeting. [Action: Secretary & Bronislava Lee]

Resolution: That expressions of interest for National Coordinator also be sought, although the role is not currently vacant, with the intention that a new National Coordinator may be able to start in early 2009. [Action: Secretary & Bronislava Lee]

6.3 Direction of ASCM

Annabel affirmed the positive activities we are doing, e.g., 2008 National Conference. She suggested that one of the ways to keep moving forward was to increase networking with outside agencies (see notes below). She also emphasised that we should be aware of overburdening ASCMers especially new members.

Networking with outside agencies:

- Increase networking with outside agencies such as the National Council of Churches Australia (NCCA). Bronislava reminded us that she is the ASCM representative for

the NCCA Youth Network. ASCM WA has representation on its local NCCA.

Discussion about advantages and disadvantages of being 'the' youth arm of local and national councils as per international SCMs, e.g., for promotion of ASCM. Perhaps be affiliated but not the only youth arm. Need to consider local SCM resources to be involved in local NCCA.

Communication technologies:

- Affirmed our use of electronic communication tools.
- Use our Facebook Group to advertise events.
- Continue to use ASCM website as well.

Resolution: That Claudine Chionh keep the ASCM informed of any developments with Cheryl Lawrie's alternative worship projects. [Action: Claudine Chionh]

Resolution: That we ask Bronwyn Crowe to extend administrator privileges for the ASCM Facebook Group to the ASCM National Coordinator and Secretary. [Action: Claudine Chionh]

Relationship with university chaplains:

- In ASCM WA, the university chaplains are helpful but not actively involved in SCM activities. Similar relations exist in other states. Closer relations are desirable.
- Reassure chaplains that we are not trying to promote the ASCM as an alternative to local churches.

Resolution: That local ASCM branches continue to work towards more efficient ministry and contact with university chaplains. [Action: Local ASCM branches]

National activities:

Jordan suggested that it may be effective to include more national 'events' along the lines of the Day of Prayer for Students, e.g., fund-raising events for a particular cause, so that the branches and states are better linked to the national movement rather than running only their discrete activities. Claudine remembered that we used to link into the NCCA Simply Sharing Week. A few people suggested we could align ourselves more closely with WSCF themes.

Resolution: That at each January Executive Committee Meeting the WSCF theme for the year is discussed and an activity brainstormed in which state branches could participate with the aim of increasing the sense of unity of the national movement. [Action: National Coordinator and WSCF Liaison Officer]

Eloise asked whether or not branches have contact with church youth workers. Kathleen is in contact with the youth section of the Salvation Army and tries to promote ASCM there. ASCMers encouraged to network locally as resources allow.

Recruitment:

Bronislava suggested that potential new members may feel more comfortable attending activities such as Bible studies. Jordan explained that she was attracted to ASCM because it was an alternative to that type of activity, i.e., discussing social justice issues. Barrie described the difficulties of recruiting at orientation days. Jordan suggested a multi-faceted approach to recruitment is best, i.e., presence at orientation activities, advertisements in Guild paraphernalia, website. Annabel affirmed the work of Development Workers in this area.

6.4 January Executive Committee Meeting

Resolution: That the 2009 January Executive Committee Meeting being hosted by ASCM Qld Area Council in Maleny, Queensland be held from 9 January 2009 to 11 January 2009. [Action: SCM Qld Area Council]

Resolution: That the SCM Qld Development Workers liaise with Development Workers in other states to put together an appropriate professional development programme for the 2009 January Executive Committee Meeting [Action: SCM Qld Development Workers]

6.5 July General Committee Meeting

Eloise explained that there was the possibility of ASCM WA hosting an Australia-New Zealand-Pacific sub-regional women's programme as part of the 2009 ASCM National Conference including a visit from Sunita Suna, the Asia-Pacific Regional Women's Coordinator. The difficulties are that ASCM WA may have insufficient volunteers particularly someone to coordinate and that it would increase the cost of airfares for New Zealand participants. It was suggested that the WSCF Liaison Officer and Women's Officer could be involved in organising the sub-regional women's programme in conjunction with ASCM WA but that this may not be an appropriate task for these Officers and too burdensome. An alternative proposal was to include a day at the National Conference focusing on women's issues. It was also suggested that we could invite someone from SCM Philippines to attend. Bronislava reminded us that we are supposed to invite SCMA to attend our National Conferences but that we had not done this in 2008.

Resolution: That the ASCM WA host the 2009 ASCM National Conference and General Committee Meeting. [Action: ASCM WA Area Council]

Resolution: That we invite SCMA to send delegates to the 2009 ASCM National Conference. [Action: ASCM WA Area Council]

6.6 Policy e-list membership

Narelle asked that we find a way to make the Policy e-list more inclusive as it is currently restricted to Executive Committee members yet is often a space for more general discussion. She suggested that Executive-only matters be managed via direct email.

Resolution: That we allow any SCMer to subscribe to the Policy E-List. [Action: Webweaver]

Resolution: That decisions requiring Executive-only approval be communicated via direct email between Executive Committee members and that the Secretary maintain a current list of Executive Committee members. [Action: Executive Committee Members and Secretary]

6.7 ASCM Little Pink Book

In response to the Webweaver Report, we discussed whether or not the ASCM Little Pink Book could be made available on the ASCM website. It was felt that there may be information included in the book that would not be appropriate for a general audience.

Resolution: That the ASCM Little Pink Book not be published on the website but be available to appropriate people upon request. [Action: Executive Committee]

6.8 ASCM History Publishing Contract

An update from the ASCM History Working Group was submitted (Appendix A12).

Tim Ngui reported that the ASCM History Working Group has requested that a member of the ASCM Executive Committee sign the publishing contract with the UNSW Press. Tim said that we should seek independent legal advice on the contract before signing it. He suggested that the not-for-profit Arts Law Centre may be suitable for this advice and would charge \$100 if they were prepared to do it. If the Arts Law Centre is not available to give the advice, Tim is to liaise with Jordan about a contract lawyer friend of hers. Failing this, Tim is to liaise with Kathleen whose brother is a contract lawyer.

Resolution: That we seek independent legal advice on the ASCM History Letter of Agreement and Memorandum of Agreement with UNSW Press up to the value of \$1,000 if the ASCM History Working Group has not already obtained such advice. [Action: Tim Ngui]

Resolution: That we authorise the National Coordinator to sign the ASCM History Letter of Agreement and Memorandum of Agreement subject to satisfactory legal opinion. [Action: National Coordinator]

7 MONEY MATTERS

7.1 Budget review

Diane Hatwell and Bronwyn Crowe, joint Treasurers, were both unable to attend this meeting. Annabel read their report to the meeting. Barrie went through each item of the budget. There was some discussion about ACT Area Council's decision to refund \$1,665 of the staff worker funding they received last financial year, which they did not spend (due to resignation of Development Worker), and request a full \$4,000 for the 2008/2009 financial year. This decision was approved. Any changes to the budget are outlined in the resolutions below. The General Committee is aware that these changes will result in an overdraft of \$3,376.

Resolution: That the Database Coordinator provide an itemised account of incoming monies including JG subscriptions to the Treasurer to facilitate financial report preparation. [Action: Database Coordinator]

Resolution: That the Pay the Rent donation now be given to the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Ecumenical Commission (NATSIEC) of the National Council of Churches Australia. [Action: Treasurer]

Resolution: That the Revegetation Project donation budget line be maintained with the actual project to be decided at the 2009 January Executive Committee Meeting following presentation of information about a number of specific project options. [Action: Tiffany Hammer and Anastasia Dalziell (Secretary to let them know)]

Resolution: That the budget for 2008/2009 be accepted with the following changes:

- a) Honoraria to be increased to \$5,600 to cover \$800 honorarium for new Secretary position which replaces the Minutes Secretary position.*
- b) Donations WSCF-AP to be increased to \$3,300 to incorporate the \$1,500 donation to SCM Philippines as agreed at the 2008 January Executive Meeting and the 1% (\$300) donation to the WSCF-AP office.*
- c) Staff Worker Funding to be increased to \$11,000 to incorporate the full \$4,000 request from ACT Area Council.*
- d) That we include a budget line of \$1,000 for independent legal advice re the ASCM History Letter of Agreement and Memorandum of Agreement [Action: Treasurer]*

7.2 Funding for Local Staff

Resolution: That we approve the funding submissions for local staff made by ASCM WA, ASCM Qld and ASCM ACT as outlined in the 2008/2009 budget. [Action: Treasurer]

7.3 Solidarity Funding

Annabel reported that SCMs in the Asia-Pacific region expressed a need for financial assistance. She reminded us of our commitment at the 2008 January Executive Committee Meeting to give \$1,500 per annum to SCM Philippines for three years beginning 2008/2009 (see Budget review). Annabel also reported that we sent \$500 to SCM Myanmar following the devastation of Cyclone Nargis. There was some discussion about whether or not we should give further support. There was also some discussion about the situation in Zimbabwe and how we could best support SCM Zimbabwe. Eloise confirmed that the most appropriate support would probably be a statement of solidarity rather than funding.

Resolution: That we provide SCMs with an opportunity to donate further funds to SCM Myanmar via ASCM networks. [Action: National Coordinator]

Resolution: That we send a statement of solidarity to SCM Zimbabwe. [Action: National Coordinator]

7.4 Bank Accounts

Resolution: That the signatories for the Conference Account should be Bronislava Lee, Tim Ngui, Annabel Dulhunty, and Diane Hatwell. [Action: Treasurer]

Resolution: That the signatories for the General Account should be Annabel Dulhunty, Barrie Baker, Bronislava Lee and Bronwyn Crowe. [Action: Treasurer]

Resolution: That the signatories for the UCA Account should be Annabel Dulhunty, Barrie Baker, Bronislava Lee and Bronwyn Crowe. [Action: Treasurer]

7.5 ASCM Endowment Association (Trust Fund)

Barrie Baker reported on the ASCM Endowment Association, which manages the Centenary Trust Fund. He explained that it can give ASCM up to approximately \$12,000 per annum. They are currently seeking one student member of the Trust as Roger Horton has resigned and will be seeking an additional student member when Shawn Whelan resigns later in 2008. Jordan Amor-Robertson and Claudine Chionh expressed their willingness to serve on the Endowment Association.

Resolution: That we nominate Jordan Amor-Robertson and Claudine Chionh to join the ASCM Endowment Association. [Action: Barrie Baker]

8 WSCF

8.1 WSCF Update

Eloise reported that Jasmine Dron will be attending the Regional Committee Meeting of the WSCF Asia-Pacific Region and the General Assembly of the WSCF in July and August 2008. There was some discussion about the importance of ASCM delegates to these meetings having experienced an ASCM meeting prior to attending them. Eloise reported that the East Timor SCM would like to become a full affiliated member of the WSCF. Eloise also reported on the Human Rights Justice and Peace Committee Amendment to the by-laws of the WSCF Asia-Pacific Region (Appendix A13). We also affirmed the importance of ASCM delegates to WSCF meetings and programmes submitting written reports to the ASCM following their attendance at such meetings and programmes.

Resolution: That we approve East Timor SCM's request to become a full affiliated member of the WSCF. [Action: Jasmine Dron]

Resolution: That we approve the Human Rights Justice and Peace Committee Amendment to the by-laws of the WSCF Asia-Pacific Region. [Action: Jasmine Dron]

Resolution: That Jasmine Dron be asked to attend the 2009 ASCM January Executive Committee Meeting to report on her experience of the Regional Committee Meeting of the WSCF Asia-Pacific Region and the General Assembly of the WSCF including any actions for ASCM which result from the meetings. [Action: WSCF Liaison Officer]

9 CLOSING

Georgia Cassidy expressed her thanks to everyone for making her participation in the ASCM National Conference and General Committee Meeting possible.

Resolution: That we express a vote of thanks to Bronislava Lee for organising the 2008 ASCM National Conference. [Action: All]

10 APPENDICES

A1. QUEENSLAND REPORT

This year has seen several positive developments as regards the *Student Christian Movement (SCM)* in Queensland.

New part-time staff worker added to the team

In December, 2007, Tiffany Hammer was appointed as our second part-time *SCM Staff Worker*. Her particular brief is to work with her colleague Caroline Loader in building up the *SCM* branch at the *Australian Catholic University*. Tiffany is currently doing honours, majoring in theology, at the *ACU*. Her dissertation examines interpretations of the reference to the apostle Junia in *Romans 16:7*.

Good start to the year at ACU

Our two staff workers at the *Australian Catholic University* campus (Caroline Loader and Tiffany Hammer) reported an exceptionally good response to their Orientation Day stall. Around 40 students enquired about *SCM* and, as a follow up, Ray has added around 30 names to the *ACU* list of students who now receive the *SCM Newsletter*. The *SCM Newsletter* is designed to be brief (around 1 page in length) and to keep recipients in touch with the ethos and activity of *SCM*. (Enclosed is a sample of the newsletter sent to the recently listed *ACU* students.)

Planning for school visits

In the second half of this year we plan to make a concerted effort to visit a number of church schools to encourage any interested Grade 12 students to link up with *SCM*. I have already emailed a number of schools, enquiring from their chaplains if I and/or a staff worker can visit to speak about *SCM*. Two of the schools that I visited last year have already replied, suggesting dates. We hope to cover a selected number of *Catholic, Anglican* and *Uniting Church* schools. Down the track we would like to make contact with state school students as well but, with our limited resources and contacts, this seems the best place to start.

Successor to Ray Barraclough as Convenor

I am particularly pleased to announce that the *Queensland SCM Area Council* has welcomed the decision of the Rev'd Charlie Murry to succeed me as Convenor of the *Qld SCM Area Council*. Charlie is the rector of *All Saints' Anglican Church* at Charleville. Charlie has had a close association with *SCM* dating back to the period before we hosted the *National ASCM Conference* in Brisbane in 2003. He was an important part of the team that ran that conference. It is envisaged that Charlie will take up the position in 2009. (I hope to continue on as a member of the *AC*.)

Request to the July National ASCM Committee for funding

The meeting of the *National ASCM Committee* in January, 2008, agreed to our request for \$4,000 for funding for our plans for expansion of *SCM*. To date we have received \$2,000. We wish to request that the remaining \$2,000 be forwarded to us as our request for the ensuing year.

January, 2009, National ASCM Committee meeting.

Queensland *SCM* is happy to host the *National ASCM Committee* meeting in January, 2009. We propose to have the meeting at Maleny, in the mountains above the Sunshine Coast. (There will be scope for a trip to, and a dip in, the ocean in warm January during that time.) The *Queensland Area Council* would appreciate it if dates could be set soon for that meeting. Ray has to arrange billeting at Maleny and needs to set that process in motion in the months ahead.

Ray Barraclough
Convenor of the Queensland *SCM* Area Council

Sample Newsletter from 1 May 2008:

Dear Friend of the *Student Christian Movement*,

You kindly gave your email address to Tiffany Hammer and Caroline Loader, the two students at the *Australian Catholic University (ACU)* who are part-time staff workers with the *Student Christian Movement (SCM)*. I hope that you are happy to receive the *SCM Newsletter* that is sent to university students to encourage you in your Christian journey. Because my computer has been misbehaving this edition is a little late but it gives you an introductory flavour of our brief newsletters.

SCM Newsletter 1 - May, 2008

1. Encouraging start to the year at ACU campus

This year started well for the *Student Christian Movement (SCM)* at the *ACU* campus. During Orientation Day a good number expressed interest in being connected to the *SCM* network of students at *ACU*. If you would like to know what *SCM* is doing at *ACU*, simply contact either Caroline Loader (scm.acu@gmail.com) or Tiffany Hammer (sniffany@optusnet.com.au). They will be happy to hear from you.

2. A rich and varied heritage of Christian spirituality

Recently at *St Francis Theological College*, I hosted a series of sessions on different forms of Christian spirituality. If you would like a copy of any of the handouts that I gave out on each one, simply email your postal address to me (using the *Reply* to this email) and I will post any handouts that you request on to you. The following menu gives you a list of the range of some of spiritualities that are experienced by Christians.

1. *Benedictine spirituality*
2. *Augustinian spirituality*
3. *Franciscan spirituality*
4. *Dominican spirituality*
5. *Ignatian spirituality*
6. *Celtic spirituality*
7. The spirituality inspired by *Hildegard* and *Julian of Norwich*
8. *Anglo-Catholic spirituality*
9. *Aboriginal and Islander spirituality*
10. *Evangelical/ Charismatic spirituality*
11. *Creation/ecological spirituality*
12. *Liberationist spirituality*
13. *Feminist spirituality*
14. A brief reading list on *Australian spirituality*.

3. SCM a long-time supporter of Reconciliation

Forty-three years ago a *Freedom Ride* busload of activists seeking justice for Aboriginal people included members of *SCM* at *Sydney University*. This daring venture, which was led by Aboriginal leader Charles Perkins, journeyed from Sydney out through rural New South Wales. It stirred interest, controversy, racist and other political responses that became part of Australian history. I thought of them when, at last, on the 13th February a Prime Minister of Australia was able to say *Sorry*. Those words marked a moving moment for millions of our fellow Australians and especially for indigenous people.

SCM's support for that journey for justice is documented by Ann Curthoys in her book *FREEDOM RIDE - A freedom rider remembers*, Allen & Unwin, Crows Nest, NSW, 2002. The quest for social justice has long been a commitment amongst the ranks of *SCM*. May it continue to be so.

This newsletter is compiled and sent by the Rev'd Dr Ray Barraclough, Convenor of the Qld SCM Area Council.

A2. VICTORIA REPORT

A cross-campus welcome dinner and discussion night was held early in first semester at Victoria University's city campus. It has become apparent that *SCM* as it now exists in Victoria will continue through the encouragement of diverse groups of students and staff on different campuses, and through efforts to maintain fellowship between these groups. In second semester we hope to continue these cross-campus gatherings on a monthly basis, beginning in August. As well as allowing *SCMers* and like-minded people in Melbourne to meet, there will be opportunities to invite guest speakers, e.g. delegates to *WSCF* events from interstate.

We are also planning a service for the world student day of prayer on 31 August.

Claudine Chionh
Melbourne, Victoria, Australia

A3. ACT REPORT

O-week - our stall at Clubs and Societies Market Day during O-week was moderately successful. Nikki's daughters gave away lots of choc-chip biscuits and pamphlets, however we did not get enough signatures to affiliate at that time (though some new people were added to the mailing list).

First term lunches + two good guest speakers - lunches during first term were held on Tuesdays and discussion was focussed on topics organised by Nikki. In addition, she organised for two guest speakers, on the Northern Territory intervention and East Timor related activism. Both were very interesting.

Harmony Day activities - as part of the activities organised by ANUSA for Harmony Day, we had a stall with more biscuits and a fair trade theme.

Unfortunately, towards the end of first term Nikki had to resign her position as development worker due to illness in the family. The area council wrote a letter of condolence when accepting her resignation. (For financial implications, see Roger Mauldon's letter.)

As a result, SCM was not very active in term 2. ACT Area Council did, however, send out an appeal letter in April containing an invitation to a lunch hosted by Roger and Willa Mauldon in mid-May. At this lunch, Anastasia and I gave brief updates for the friends on what's happening in SCM, and recently retired Area Council Chair Peter Bailey was presented with a gift in recognition of his 60 years of service to ACT SCM.

Eloise Wright
ACT Area Council

A4. NEW SOUTH WALES REPORT

Overview

For most of the year the NSW Area Council has been fairly quiet with Hannah overseas, Tim graduating, Bron finishing her thesis and Annabel busy with work. However in recent months Bron and Annabel have been organising the July conference and meeting.

Links with Christian Students Uniting/ UCATSA

Organising the conference has been a good opportunity to make connections again with CSU/UCATSA. The people from CSU at Sydney Uni who had been actively interested in connecting with us had gone overseas, graduated, etc. Their current President & Vice-President, as well as the UNSW CSU President, were all interested in the conference, but couldn't make it in the end (the latter, Beth, is coming for one day). I (Bron) didn't hear back from anyone in Newcastle UCATSA, although I know there is some interest there too. I mentioned to those from Sydney Uni that we might do something together in the future, so hopefully that will build on these reconnections. I think that we are (slowly) becoming more well-known to CSU/UCATSA people.

Bron Chappie Lee

A5. WA REPORT

It has been a low-key semester for SCM in WA. A small number of students and young friends continue to be involved in regular gatherings, and we are well-supported by an active Area Council and Clare Menck's prayer-support group.

Both on-campus groups this semester have followed a series of discussion topics under the theme 'To mouth the sayings of Jesus is religious, but to act on them is revolutionary' (a quote from Dave Andrews). Lunchtimes have alternated weeks between discussing the daily newspaper and reflecting on how to put into action a 'saying of Jesus'. This simple program has been an effective low-energy approach to maintaining a regular meeting time.

Murdoch

Our group comprises 4 students (including Clare) and one staff member, although it is rare for all 5 to show up for lunch at once. Only one of these students is an undergraduate. Our O-day stall attracted only 6 sign-ups, of whom two have become involved (one staff and one Masters student). Most of the others were members of the Bahai Society at the adjacent table, with whom we have had no further contact.

We also remain in contact with about 5 middle-aged theology students, mostly in formation for Uniting and Anglican ordained ministry, who this semester had class clashes with our meeting time and, in general, are exceptionally busy and little able to attend SCM events. They remain positive about SCM, however, and it is encouraging that after graduation they will move on into relatively influential positions in organised church, which may potentially have positive results for SCM's profile in future.

Throughout semester we have maintained a half-hour 'prayers for peace and justice' space during Wednesday lunchtimes. This consists of a prayer candle, sometimes some reflection points such as newspaper photographs or articles, a simple opening and closing reading and/or spoken prayer/ psalm, opportunity for spontaneous prayer, and a time predominated by silence. Although this is usually attended only by Clare and Tyson Menck, in my (Clare's) opinion it remains a significant contribution to the life of the university.

We are supported by the Anglican chaplain, who allows us to share her office space and photocopying allowance, although we rarely see each other due to her minimal on-campus hours. We have a very positive relationship with the administrative staff at the Uniting Church 'Theological Hall', who oversee the university worship centre where we hold 'prayers for peace and justice'. Through Clare's involvement with the theology department we also have very positive relationships with the lecturing staff there, two are on the list receiving our regular email updates.

UWA

Our group comprises 3 students, supported by Clare – one PhD student and two undergraduates. There are also at least two young friends who work or research at the uni who will come to special events when we need to make up numbers. There have been a couple of other students attend once during the semester and not retain contact. We also have a number of students receiving our email bulletins who are either deferred, external, or studying away from the main UWA campus.

Due to difficulties with Guild admin, and a lack of available volunteers, we were not able to have a table at O-day this year. Our relationship with Guild has been frustrating and weighed down with red tape. UWA Guild has strict rules about what is required of clubs, and limits on-campus advertising only to groups who meet their requirements. Despite our complete lack of self-promotion we have had one first-year student with no personal contact with SCM begin to attend, on the basis of having found us linked to the Guild website.

We are supported by both the Anglican and (new) Uniting Church chaplains. Both have offered to share events and cross-promote when they can. The new Uniting Church chaplain is interested in exploring ways for SCM and UCA to run complimentary ministries at UWA that interweave where possible (eg. UCA running a lunch-time series for perhaps 3 weeks on a specific topic, using the SCM meeting time/ location and including SCM students). UCA does not currently have their own on-campus group, and many students from the local UCA congregation are very involved in UWA Christian Union (AFES).

Young Friends

Our off-campus activities this semester have been a couple of movie/ discussion nights and a Shared Space. The movies we have seen are *The Black Balloon* and *The Counterfeiters*. Our Shared Space

was a Middle Eastern Dinner followed by a presentation from Megan Sheard (currently deferred from studying at Murdoch, where she was involved in our core group the previous two years). Megan spent most of January on a Christian Peacemaker Team delegation to Palestine, and shared her experiences with us.

There is a network of approximately ten young friends who sometimes attend SCM activities. Our largest event this semester was the Middle Eastern shared space, with seven people. There are also about 5 senior friends who attend events when appropriate and support SCM.

Email updates

Clare has continued to produce a 'WA Update' approximately every ten days. This is sent to about 120 people. It includes information about upcoming SCM events, and also a summary of upcoming events, campaigns and opportunities for action happening around Perth. This semester we have also added a section providing feedback after events about how they went, including key points or questions out of lunchtime discussions, and a 'Something to think about' item, using reflective articles and resources from a range of writers in the fields of faith and justice.

There continues to be positive feedback about the Updates from a variety of recipients, many of whom have no face-to-face contact with SCM at present.

ASCM & WSCF Delegates

Following discussions at January Executive Meetings about ways to get WA SCM more connected with the wider movement, Clare has made a concerted effort to encourage WA students to apply for WSCF and ASCM National events. It has been very exciting to have both Kathleen Pearce and Rosie Logie accepted as ASCM nominations for WSCF events this year. We are also very pleased to have such a large WA contingent at ASCM National Conference, including some who have had little or no wider ASCM contact, which has not happened for some years. Thank you to the national movement for supporting our efforts to connect WA students to the wider movement.

Council of Churches WA

We have a positive although not particularly active relationship with CCWA. Bronwyn Crowe has been personally involved as Treasurer for a number of years. Clare represents SCM at annual meetings, including presenting both written and verbal reports. Barrie Baker and one of our Murdoch members (staff) are also personally involved. CCWA gave prominent space in their newsletter to advertising our Development Worker job vacancy.

Area Council/ Fundraising

Area Council continues to support the employment of a Development Worker. The local WA appeal letter was sent out in April and has to date resulted in over \$1800 being donated. We have been consistently unable to find a student representative to Area Council, although two students did attend the most recent Area Council meeting to discuss the future in light of the lack of Development Worker applicants.

Development Worker Employment

SCM advertised this position widely through May, as Clare indicated her intention to finish working for SCM in the mid-year uni break. There was only one applicant, who withdrew prior to being interviewed. Clare finishes her current employment with ASCM WA on 12 July.

Area Council will be continuing to seek a Development Worker and is in the process of determining the best approach to re-advertising the vacancy. As an interim measure until someone suitable is found for the position, Clare will provide some 'maintenance' support for the movement, at a much reduced number of hours. Clare will be facilitating student and friend volunteers to organise and run much of the content of ASCM WA activities in this period. It is hoped to employ someone for a small number of hours to handle the promotional needs of the movement in the absence of a Development Worker. Area Council will also be taking on some aspects of the Development Worker's role, including being the primary contact point for the national movement.

Clare Menck
Development Worker – ASCM (WA)

A6. TREASURER'S REPORT

Diane Hatwell and Bronwyn Crowe

Introduction

We are happy to report that the accounts have been audited and approved by a CPA and we are now confident about our financial position. Thanks again to everyone who has assisted with this process. We realise that business skills are not necessarily the general province of ASCM members, and thank those that have completed the paperwork that accompanies payments promptly and clearly, it has made our job much easier, particularly when it comes time to present the books to an auditor. There have been a couple of times when paperwork has not been completed or appropriately dealt with, and we would like to stress that this can make payments, particularly unexpected payments like the relief money that we have decided at short notice to provide to AP SCMs, very difficult. Sorry, but if we ask you to do paperwork, it is for a good reason.

As we enter a new financial year for ASCM there are several priorities that should be mentioned before the budget is amended and/or accepted.

There has been an increasing awareness of our position as a wealthier member of the Asia Pacific region of WSCF, and the obligations that this brings with it. In January we made a decision to support the Philippines SCM with a regular financial contribution, as well as encouraging branches and friends groups to become more active in maintaining links with projects in the Philippines. We also wish to continue to support other branches in the region, either with relief funds, or with assistance to attend regional or world-wide assemblies.

There has been an increase in the requests from Area Councils for assistance to fund staff. This partly reflects the changes in the student body, where work is essential and if we wish SCM projects and branches to continue, then we need to fund this work. While we believe it is important for states to be active in fund raising from their local friends groups, we also made a decision some time ago that the UCA account could be run down to \$30 000, on the belief that a movement with money but no members was not sustainable. The Centenary Trust money can sustainably provide \$12 000 per annum, and is to be used for the growth and support of the movement – it is our belief that staff to promote and support branches in an effective use of this money.

Travel remains a high cost item for our national movement in a large country, particularly when we have active branches in our more remote states. This is just an item that needs to be considered, along with our need to retain a connection to the world wide movement that again requires people to travel.

We need to consider a revegetation project to fund in this financial year – I have put \$1000 against this as a suggestion only – but a project needs to be selected.

These are merely designed to be comments on the pressures that we need to acknowledge in the distribution of finite funds.

Finally, we are happy to continue as joint treasurer if the movement is happy for us to continue, however it is imperative that we are supported by the active members completing essential paperwork. We cannot continue if we are constantly chasing signatures etc.

Budget Report: 1/6/06 to 31/05/07

The table below shows the income and expenditure of ASCM compared to our budget. The first column indicates the budget, and the second column shows our actual income and expenditure for the past year. The anomalies are noted under “comments”.

Balance sheet: 1/6/07 to 31/05/08

Assets:

General Account	6,121
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UCA Account	70,260
Conference Account	1,109
Total	\$77,490

Liabilities

None	0
Total Liabilities	\$0

<u>Net Worth ASCM</u>	\$77,490
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Profit and Loss Statement 01/06/07-31/05/08 and Proposed Budget 08-09

Category description	Budget 07/08	Actual 07/08	Budget 08/09	Comments
Receipts				
National Conference	4500	945	1000	Payments by SCMerS to attend SCM & TEAR conf
Donations Received	18000	11515	12000	Thank you!
Interest Received		0	0	UCA interest stays in UCA account
Subscriptions – JG, merchandise	800	70		We need a better way of managing this
Trust Request			8000	\$8000 received in June 08
Fund transfer from UCA	3600	10000	10000	To be adjusted as needed
Total Receipts	26900	22530	31000	
Payments				
Travel Expenses	13450	5862	6000	To be divided between the various categories.
Office Bearer Expenses	500	0	100	
Telephone	100	0	150	In case a teleconf is needed Please notify us if your honorarium is outstanding or if you do not wish to receive it
Honorariums	10000	5200	5000	
Production Expenses - JG	3200	0	3000	3 x \$1000 National Appeal later in the year, states in first half
Appeal Printing & Postage	1000	905	1000	
Promotional Materials	500	0	300	T-shirts, posters, etc?
Accounting Fees	1550	0	0	
Bank Charges	50	64	120	High due to overseas transfers
Form Lodgement	40	37	40	Requirement of ASCM registration
PO Box & Postage	100	177	200	PO Box fee and redirection of mail 2007 high due to TEAR attendance, incl \$166 carbon
National Conference	4500	1516	500	
Hosting Meetings	600	326	400	For lunches, transport, etc.
Donations				
WSCF	600	0	300	10% of budget goes to WSCF
WSCF-AP	300	1528	3300	Incl \$1000 to Phil, will this be sufficient? (to Aboriginals) Are we doing this in 2008?
Pay the Rent	300	0	300	
NCCA	70	66	66	

Revegetation Project		0	1000	A project needs to be decided on.
Staff Worker Funding	10000	13450	10000	Will this be sufficient?
Other Expenses	0	0	0	
Total Payments	46860	29131	34376	
NET	-19960	-6601	-3376	

A7. WSCF LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT

Programmes

One programme has run this semester, the Human Rights Workshop in Indonesia in early June. This was advertised and Kathleen Pearce of WA applied and was accepted as our delegate. I briefed her via an online chat according to her preference (this allowed her to retain a record of the conversation) on Thursday May 22. I also put her in email contact with Hannah Angus, who attended previous Human Rights Workshops, and asked Clare Menck to follow-up in person after the briefing. We debriefed by phone on Wednesday 18th June. Kathleen's report has not yet been received at time of writing, but she and Bronislava Lee (who attended Women Doing Theology last year) are planning to present a session at National Conference as part of their WSCF sharing.

The Student Empowerment for Transformation Programme and the Asian Student and Youth Gathering, which will occur together in August-September, were also advertised this semester. Rosie Logie of WA applied and has been accepted as our delegate. Her briefing will be conducted closer to the time.

Jazz Dron's preparation for the Regional Committee Meeting and General Assembly has continued. We successfully organised and submitted to the regional office a fairly complicated airfare. Now that she is back in Australia, I have given Jazz some useful things to read and will be chatting to her online in the next few weeks. A final briefing has been scheduled for Saturday July 19 prior to her departure on July 24.

An inter-regional programme on Students and Higher Education was scheduled for May but has been postponed til October due to GA preparations.

January Actions

In March I compiled a report on ASCM's situation for the Movement News section of Praxis. As this is published by WSCF-AP and is also sent to the IRO, I did not think it necessary to submit another report. I am planning to submit another one soon after National Conference/JGC.

A WSCF page has been created for the ASCM website, including a calendar of upcoming events, as well as reports, reflections and photos from past events.

Thanks to Clare's active promotion of WSCF events, the two delegates selected for regional programmes this semester were both from WA.

The reflections + photos section of the WSCF page on the website is intended to serve as an additional way for delegates to share stories with other SCMerS. At present it only contains one reflection, from the 2007 HR Workshop, but reflections and photos from WDT and the 2008 HR Workshop should hopefully be available soon.

Some discussion was held about hosting a sub-regional women's event in Perth, including the Regional Women's Coordinator and the possibility of inviting someone from SCM Philippines, however this has been placed on hold pending the appointment of a new WA Development Worker.

Other

Positions on WSCF Regional and Global Committees for the next quadrennium were advertised but no requests from applicants for ASCM endorsement were received.

The WSCF Inter-Regional Office have appointed a Communications Intern, Andrés López, and have updated their snail mail mailing list. I have passed on news bulletins they have sent about SCM

Zimbabwe. Federation News was advertised via email lists and uploaded to the ASCM website.

The latest issue of Praxis has also been made available on the ASCM website, but I have not received any hard copies.

I composed a message on behalf of ASCM for Bangladesh SCM on their 50th Birthday celebrations. It was printed in their Golden Jubilee Souvenir Program.

Eloise Wright

A8. PASTORAL CARE COORDINATOR'S REPORT

After a lot of detective work I finally determined the names of those ASCM National officers I was to liaise with.

I contacted them by Email and had satisfactory response from only two.

I hope to meet up with them at the National Conference/ Exec Meeting in June/July where I can perhaps follow up.

Barrie Baker

A9. HUMAN RIGHTS OFFICERS' REPORT

Due to extended periods of time overseas there has been limited productivity and communication since the previous meeting. The letter of petition mentioned at last year's JGC is now completed and is being forwarded for comment.

During this time overseas, however, a number of ideas that could be translated into actions in the future or used as ideas for co-ordinators and developments workers have been formulated;

- To harvest a partnership with Filipino organisations in order to support through campaign work, demonstrations and vigils carried out in Australia (Filipino migrant workers association and Annabel would be able to help out here)
- Keep up to date with the foreign affairs report on the Philippines and other informative media, for example:
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9NbEyJl2u90> (not the greatest video but a great deal of information regarding political and human rights situation in Philippines), <http://fr.youtube.com/watch?v=cBhAkfnoZOE>
- Write letters to Governments with reference to specific cases. There are regular updates available on www.ahrchk.net and specific to Philippines is www.philippines.ahrchk.net (from the Asian human rights commission), details and example letters are provided in all cases.
- Organise a speaker from the Philippines to travel to Australia to outline the situation from a local perspective and to generate knowledge and action. ASCM could be in conversation with a selection of national Churches who would like to host and/or part sponsor the guest. In a two week period the speaker would travel to these five (example) regions and give talks within a workshop setting. These talks could happen in a university setting and the visit could co-inside with the next JGC and annual ASCM conference. The workshops could take the form of advocacy dinners or lectures. An SCM representative from the Philippines could accompany the speaker to Australia so as to have a local student voice. This project would assist in a pressuring to end the killings, achieve democracy, and gain community aid in impoverished areas.
- If the above project could not be organised due to visa difficulties a team from the Australian SCM could travel to the Philippines (fundraising could be facilitated for this project). The

team could then return to Australia with a presentation that could be presented in their individual regions.

The ideas presented are specific to the Philippines. Bringing out a speaker from the Philippines could be the beginning of a "Story-telling project" whereby in cooperation with Churches (ecumenically) a different speaker could be brought out (or from within Australia) each year and do a similar journey to five regions. This would then help to share a less bias story and it would become more relational and therefore personal. The story-telling project idea was born out of a recent journey, walking the 'Camino de Santiago de Compostela' and visiting Israel/Palestine. What was most transformative about the journey was not so much the places we visited but the stories we heard and the people we met. Hearing another's story is inextricably linked to action. The project would start with this but could grow to become a locally implemented project in universities. The outworking of which is still in the musing stage.

Peace,

Hannah and Jazz

(Hannah is out of Australia until 1st September 2008)

A10. WEBWEAVER'S REPORT

Since my last update, there has been a major revision of the page content on the website, particularly with a series of news and events (now being updated and archived on a regular basis!), publications (with updated Meeting Minutes!). The Photo Gallery has also been updated. There is also the addition of a "FAQs" page under "About us", provided by Clare Menck, as well as new sub-websites have been created for Victoria and the National Conference. Further, WA SCM's Update Emails are published on their website on a regular basis and archived for viewing again at a later date.

I would like to continue to receive your updates and I'll update the website as promptly as possible and would like to request that everyone please review the content on the "Events+Projects" page as much of the content is now out of date or irrelevant.

Planning for redesigning the website continue, and are progressing well. The idea to merging of state and branch websites and lists has not received good support, so this is on hold for now. Also, my attempt to include photos for our committee members following several reminders proved not to be a success, with very few photos supplied.

The email lists have been working well. During the last few months, I've reviewed the members of these lists and invited all members who appear on the Membership Directory to subscribe to the ASCM Policy List, which has resulted in additional members now on the Policy List. I have also unsubscribed the aliases from the email lists from the server, and have removed all of the email aliases from the email lists.

However, some questions have been raised as to who should be a member of this list, and I would like for the Committee to confirm who is able to subscribe to the ASCM Policy List and the purposes of the Policy List and the Chat List? My understanding it was only meant for committee members of the ASCM and branches, but it is becoming increasingly used for general discussion, which was the purpose of the Chat List. Any clarification or resolution on this would be appreciated.

There has been some confusion of the concept for a "Virtual Church" on the ASCM website as recommended in a previous meeting. Could this please be clarified? I would also like whether the ASCM Policy Book is okay to go on the public website?

My resolutions and actions from the January meeting are on the following page. As outlined in my last meeting, I held a teleconference shortly with Bronwyn and Annabel, and some decisions were made. I've been asked to provide some options for changing email list servers from Uniting Communications/Silogen. These are included in as part of my resolutions and actions from the January meeting.

Thanks for your continuing support.

Chris Jeffery
ASCM Webweaver

Resolutions and Actions from the January 2008 Executive Committee meeting

Resolution: That the ASCM website include a page with information and images from our involvement in WSCF events. [Action: WSCF Officer & Chris Jeffery]

Eloise and I have created a series of pages containing a range of information and images from our involvement with various WSCF events from which ASCM has had representation. There page also contains a calendar of future events as well as reflections and reports from previous events. To access it, click on the link from the home page or directly at <http://www.ascm.org.au/wscf.htm>.

Resolution: That a proposal regarding the issue of migrating ASCM chat lists to commercial group-hosting schemes be presented to the July General Committee meetings, including a variety of options, for a decision at that time. [Action: Chris Jeffery]

Options for changing email list servers from Uniting Communications/Silogen:

Currently our email lists are being hosted by Uniting Communications/Silogen. Silogen took over Uniting Communications resulting in instability of the email lists for several months mid last year. Whilst this has stabilised now, I've been in touch with Ilisys Support regarding their offerings for email list programs (such as Sympa which we are using currently with Silogen, and Mailman which is a similar program). However, they cannot be used on our current hosting plan unfortunately.

I was wondering what the committee's thoughts are on the following options:

1. Continue hosting our website and email hosting with Ilisys and with Silogen hosting the email lists. (This is where we currently are, which this appears to be a reasonable workaround except for any issues as we've experienced with Silogen in the past would remain, and may cause the lists to be unreliable if Silogen is unavailable. However, this has been stable for some time now.).
2. Move our mailing lists to a free hosting provider such as Yahoo! Groups or Google Groups (Yahoo! Groups is what the SCM Friends use and appears to be fairly reliable, familiar and universal standard for managing e-groups. As this is a free service, there is no stipulation that the service will remain around forever.).
3. Pay an additional charge to a website hosting provider for dedicated list server (This is prohibitively expensive for our purposes.).

Alternatively, we could move our email lists to become online bulletin boards, "newsletter" or mailing lists. Members would not be able to send messages, however designated members could if they were authorised to do so.

Resolution: That both National Coordinators [of ASCM and SCMA] be on the appropriate email lists for each organisation (in Australia, the Policy List). [Action: Annabel & Chris]

Ed Franks, the SCMA National Coordinator's has been added to the Policy List as of 7 June 2008. He advised that they don't currently have a list that would be appropriate for Annabel but will keep her informed about important things going on in SCMA.

Minutes of Teleconference with National Coordinators and Webweaver

The following decisions were made:

- We agreed to leave the email lists with our current hosting provider, Silogen, until the service becomes substandard, or commence charging ASCM for the hosting of the lists.
- We discussed the various content on the website requiring updating. Bronwyn said that she would provide Chris with a number of the previously missing minutes from the website, as well as a copy of the latest "Pink Book" (completed!). As the new website design progresses, these will be moved onto an internal website for access only by members who have the required approval [the AGM minutes at the least should remain publicly available, this needs

to be discussed by the Exec]. We also discussed the "Virtual Church" concept raised at the July 2006 ASCM Conference. Chris will contact Claudine to see if she would like to assist with this (completed – see separate email!). We also discussed the success of the ASCM 2007-08 Survey which was online during the Christmas/New Year season. Over 30 responses were received!

- Chris also the audit being an undertaken of who belongs to our National Directory and Membership Directory, to work on improving the data in the directories, and to contact those that are missing from the Policy List that appear in the directories. Chris agreed to email the contact appearing on the directories to ensure that their information and verify that the details supplied for themselves and/or their state are correct. For the latter, Chris agreed to send them an invitation to subscribe to the "ASCM Policy List." (This has since been completed with individual emails sent to each chairperson or contact from state/Area Council).

A11.DATABASE COORDINATOR'S REPORT

The first half of the year has been a busy one! At this stage, the new structure of the National Database is being placed on hold both due to time constraints and the lack of urgency, however my available time is being spent on continuing improvements to the accuracy and quality of the information contained within the National Database.

A range of updates have been provided from various sources, which have been included in the National Database as promptly as possible. The National Directory and Membership Directory have had significant updates, as I have contacted many people both on an Area Council and State level to provide various updates of their contact details and that of their Area Council/State.

As there has been some confusion to what the difference between the reports are, I contacted Shawn Whelan earlier in the year, requesting a clarification of the difference between the reports. Here is his response:

- The National Directory is a listing of all "official members" of the ASCM legal entity, ASCM Association Inc. The National Directory should be a contact list with the names that SCMerS are most likely to want to contact, regardless of "membership" status.
- The Membership Directory responds to a legal requirement that we have an up-to-date listing of who is legally speaking a member. In practice, ASCM has for many years not bothered too much with things like official membership (though there have been discussions off and on about whether to change this). So we've made the Rules of the ASCM (our constitution) very flexible as to how "members" get identified.

To reduce such confusion, I am looking to change the National Directory to be a National Contact List. Please find enclosed the latest editions of these directories for your review. This will be the last National Directory of this sort to be provided, with the National Contact List to be forthcoming in the next update. If you have any additions or changes, please let me know.

This meeting marks the completion of my third year as Database Coordinator, I would like continue in this role for at least another year, or another two or three if possible. This would provide me with some time to complete of the activities I have started and document the processes associated with maintaining the database for the next Database Coordinator. As always, thanks for your ongoing support.

Chris Jeffery
ASCM Database Application Developer/Database Coordinator

Follow Up from Resolutions and Actions from the July 2007 General Committee meeting

Resolution: That email and postal address contacts from the national database be available to ASCM's state organising bodies for limited use in promoting SCM activities. [Action: Chris & Bronwyn]

Sections of the ASCM National Database have been made available in limited use in to, once permission has been provided by the National Coordinator. Since the last meeting, we have provided the contacts to Jim Martin who has requested the information as part of the History Project.

Resolutions and Actions from the January 2008 Executive Committee meeting

No resolutions or actions for Database Application Developer/Database Coordinator from January.

A12. ASCM CENTENNIAL HISTORY WORKING GROUP – PROGRESS REPORT

In response to the previous (10 January) progress report, the January National Executive Meeting requested that the Working Group report on the contract negotiations with UNSW Press and on how profits or losses from the project will be handled in the long term. Answers to those questions are included under the publication and surplus funds headings below.

Text Completion

Dr Renate Howe is planning to complete the text and forward it to University of New South Wales Press on 27 June 2008.

Funds Held

As a result of donations, the investment of funds and the recent very welcome grant of \$10,000 from the Centennial Trust, the Working Group is now holding approximately \$32,000 for publication, promotion, sale and distribution of the Centennial History.

Publication Contracts

There will be two contracts with UNSW Press – an Author's Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) and a Letter of Agreement (LoA) with the ASCM.

The Author's MoA is based on UNSW Press' standard publication contract covering the usual provisions for text delivery (125,000 words and 50 black and white images to produce a book of 480 pages), text preparation, copyright, publication date (around March 2009) and sales.

The Letter of Agreement with the ASCM principally commits the ASCM to the purchase on delivery of 600 copies at a price (\$43.16) discounted from the Recommended Retail Price (RRP) of \$59.95. The LoA also includes provisions for sales and for royalty payments to the ASCM.

The ASCM itself (and not the Working Group) is incorporated as an Association. On legal advice the Letter of Agreement with the ASCM is to be signed by a member of the ASCM National Executive.

Sales and Distribution

Because the Centennial History project funds have been raised through donations and a grant, the Working Group proposes to on-sell the publication at a considerable discount to the RRP. While a final decision is yet to be reached, the Group is considering a general SCM price of \$40 plus postage and a student price of \$20 plus postage, with a further 'early bird' discount of \$5 for advance purchases.

The on-sale of the 600 ASCM copies will draw on the ASCM mailing lists for each state and territory which together include some 1900 SCM contacts. The proposed SCM sales strategy is to coordinate and distribute from one Area Council, with State coordinating groups taking responsibility for their contacts, sales and distribution.

Promotion

While Friends who have lived through various phases of SCM's history are the initial and most logical target group for sales, Renate and Brian Howe and the Working Group are keen that we should also

use the publication of this important historical work to help build interest in the ASCM within tertiary institutions. As well as general 'book launches' in each State, a plan is being developed for 'ASCM events' among students in key institutions throughout the country. Renate and Brian have indicated their willingness to participate in such events during 2009.

Surplus Funds

On current estimates (and in 'ball park' figures) the financial plan for the future is:

Funds available		32,000
Publication cost	(25,900)	
Pre-publication and promotion	(9,000)	
		(34,900)
Sales revenue		20,600
Surplus		\$17,700

The intention of the Working Group is to transfer the surplus funds back into the Centennial Trust.

Alan Wilkinson
Convenor, ASCM Centennial History Working Group

A13. HUMAN RIGHTS JUSTICE AND PEACE COMMITTEE AMENDMENT TO THE BY-LAWS OF THE WSCF ASIA-PACIFIC REGION

On behalf of the World Student Christian Federation of Asia and Pacific (WSCF AP) Human Rights, Justice and Peace Committee we would like to submit the following amendment to the current by laws of the WSCF AP Region to be tabled at the Regional Committee Meeting (RCM) in Hong Kong on the 26 – 30 July 2008.

During our WSCF AP Human Rights Strategic Planning Meeting in Bangkok from 22 – 26 February 2008 we discussed the future direction and development of the Human Rights, Justice and Peace Committee within the federation. Upon reflection and following up the previous WSCF HR Working Group Meeting held in July 2005 in Bangkok we agreed that it would be feasible to institutionalize the WSCF AP Human Rights Committee into the by laws of the WSFC AP Region as a programmatic structure, not as a decision-making body. The HRJP Committee seeks to assist and portify the existing programmatic functions of WSCF AP governing bodies, such as the RCM and Standing Committee in Human Rights, Justice and Peace work.

The amendment is as follows:

VI Human Rights, Justice and Peace Committee

1. Composition

- a) The Human Rights, Justice and Peace Committee shall be composed 6 people. Four (4) representatives from national movements, the HRJP Coordinator and the WSCF AP Regional Secretary.
- b) That there should be gender balance in the Human Rights, Justice and Peace Committee.
- c) That nominations be made prior to the RCM from each sub region (South Asia, South East Asia, North Asia, South Pacific) be appointed to the Human Rights Justice and Peace Committee on a rotational system.
- d) That RCM approves the appointment of the WSCF AP HRJP Committee.
- e) If there is no nominee from any of these regions then the RCM will ask another country of that region to nominate a member of their movement.
- f) That the HRJP Coordinator is to communicate and with the sub regions for nominations if no nominations are found then another country in that region will be asked to submit a nomination.

2. Roles and Function of the Human Rights, Justice and Peace Committee

- a) That the HRJP Committee functions for two years until the next RCM;
- b) (this function has been completed by the interim committee) Assessment and evaluation of Human Rights Programs and Human Rights actions taken in the regional and national levels;
- c) Draw specific themes, plans and recommendations for the Human Rights Work and Program;
- d) Fundraising and linking with other HR and Justice and Peace groups.
- e) Serve as a campaign centre for HR, Justice and Peace issues locally and internationally.
- f) Develop future Human Rights and Peace Advocates.
- g) To build solidarity on peace and justice issues.
- h) Encourage and support national movements on their HR, Justice and Peace issues.

3. Meetings

The Human Rights, Justice and Peace Committee, when possible, shall meet once in between 2 Regional Committee Meetings and meet regularly online.

4. Human Rights, Justice and Peace Coordinator

- a) Appointment
 - i. The WSCF AP HRJP Committee will nominate and recommend names to the RCM for the position of WSCF AP Human Rights Justice and Peace Coordinator.
 - ii. Nominations will be approved by the HRJP Committee and submitted for approval to RCM.
 - iii. The HRJP Coordinator will work from his/her working country.
- b) Functions
 - i. To coordinate the Human Rights, Justice and Peace Committee members and to assist the regional staff in implementing HRJP and solidarity program in WSCF Asia Pacific region.
 - ii. Coordinate work with national movements and networks on responding to action alerts and requests for solidarity action in the regional and national level.
 - iii. Assist and help national movements in developing human rights programs and activities.
 - iv. Assist in gathering data and information on the Human Rights Issues and sharing it to the national movements.
 - v. Organize and coordinate in Human Rights campaigns/publication for national and regional level.
 - vi. Organize online meetings (preparing agenda before meetings; positing and updating information for Web Site).
 - vii. Information sharing updating and information sharing to the national movements.
 - viii. Ensure the Nominations for the HR JP Committee
 - ix. Attend various programs and networks on behalf of the WSCF AP HRJP Committee.