

Minutes of NA Regional Outreach sub committee 10.05.10

Present: Dave T (v chair), Rob A, Michael G, Peter J, Tony S, Peter B (sec)

Apologies: Julia g (chair)

Meeting commenced at 2004 hrs with service prayer and the 12 concepts of service read by David T

Minutes from previous meeting tabled. Moved to accept: Rob A (1st), Peter J (2nd)

Resignation. Bill R has formally from resigned from the sub committee. An email was received by the secretary to this effect today 10.04.10. Thank you Bill for your participation and support of the outreach sub committee.

Reports;

Chair. (as per copies forwarded to the committee members) read by vice chair

Discussion points.

Role of co-ordinator

Rob A: good idea to split up the work load, but there is still a need to delegate by the co-ordinator. So there is a need for back up. Rob has concern that this may fragment the outreach sub committee.

Peter B: suggests 2 people working in concert, 1 handling the p/pals and the other the p/palees

Michael G: is it too big for 1 person? We haven't even got it started yet. We could work it having 2 data bases on excel

Dave T: Get the feeling that there is a lot of work involved and no 1 person wants to be that loaded down. Perhaps we need to continue recruiting more committee members as was done at Brisbane, and the workload can be shared.

Tony: requests affirmation the chair is of the opinion that all mail will go through outreach and there will be no direct contact? Yes. How will the redirect work?

Rob A: who set up the PO Box, and where is it? There could be some difficulty in co-ordinator access and redirect of mail. Plus we have a need to protect the anonymity of members.

Peter B: Julia set it up at North Haven (her location), in the early stage prior to the decision to formalise positions.

Michael G: we could set up a redirect though Aust Post.

Peter B: no guarantees plus there is a cost involved with that.

David T: this is why we need to formalise the position (ie job description), and the co-ordinator will have to establish the most workable situation as they go.

Vice Chair. Read by the vice chair.

Discussion points

Literature packs. Still a work in progress

Pen Pal Flyer.

David T. Good flyer thank you Michael. 2 concerns though.

i/ the format so that it can be edited. Change into word for easy use. When it is printed currently very hard if not impossible to read print. Can it be done in a word document, please?

Michael G: has been done in Word and sent to Julia. But he will correct spelling and re-send to all the committee members. (as secretary I need to apologise for not sending the final copy through. Julia has emailed me the doc., but I thought it was the previous doc and didn't open it. Very slack of me. PB SEC)

ii/ Is it appropriate to have Julias' ph number on the flyer. Should it be replaced with the na.org address and the PO Box address? (na.org address appears on the final draft but hard to read so MG to change font, add the PO BOX address and resend).

Michael wondered whether we should include the address as he is not sure people will write in if they are interested. Consensus was that this is an exercise in written communication, so people will write.

The committee members agree to removing Julias ph number for present, but would agree to considering adding co-ordinators no., at later date. This discussion best summed up by Tony S; "need to protect the anonymity and security of all parties concerned – private contact details inappropriate"

Registration forms.

David T: has the 3rd draft had been sent with the proposed amendments? Rob A had sent it to Julia, who had forwarded it to secretary. Peter apologised for not sending this on to everyone, but thought it had already been done. 3rd draft emailed to all committee tonight.

David T: Concerned about the appropriateness of male to female and vice a versa contact.

Rob A: as per previous discussion the option for m 2 f, f 2 m will be removed. The age box was there to try and match people with peers and also glean information. Home group and ph numbers are noted as "not for disclosure".

Tony S. Why include Home Group?

Rob A: another way to contact this person in case of communication failure. This info not for general dissemination.

Peter J. Cant see any real reason for Home Group, but reaffirms our position of “good idea to join a Home Group”, so good to keep it.

David T: can we accept this tonight, given Rob will amend as discussed?

Result is that the 3rd draft has all amendments to ID , PO Box and web address done and Rob is sending that out again, and is thereby adopted.

Greater Queensland convention. As per vice chair report attachment.

David T: Julia, Peter and David ran a workshop on Outreach at the convention. shared about how we got involved in service (particularly Outreach), and read from the handbook what Outreach is all about. Spoke about the resources we have to send to isolated groups/individuals EG loner letter, how to start a meeting etc.,. we conducted a survey of the approximate 40 people attending on what they considered important from an addict point of view, (results are in the attachment) and perhaps in the future we can utilise these. We also asked for an expression of interest in either being a Pen Pal or joining the Outreach committee. Response was very good.

Michael G; what was the object of survey?

David T: I guess to find out what they thought.

Rob A: its good, gives us information. Good effort.

Tony S: observation - people are only on 1 list not the other. Any Reason?

David T: no, but the interest shown in Pen Pals is encouraging, as is the interest in our committee.

Secretary. Read by secretary.

Discussion points

Meetings on Request.

Peter raised the point that Meetings on Request is not a listing on the web site meetings list. Tony informs that this is so, but they are to be found on the NA Outreach site. Peter asked if it is possible to have them included with other listings as members may not think to go to the Outreach site. This will have to be raised with the chair so she can take it to RSC Meeting in June. (raise with web servant).

Rob A: perhaps we can include the listing in NA TODAY

Change of meetings from 3 to 2 between ARSC meetings. Due to the Chair not being on line to explain this proposal, it will be held over to the meeting on 6th June at ARSC. Opinions (AND OR PROXY VOTING) on this can be sent to the chair and vice chair in the interim.

Elections of Co-ordinator positions:

Web Site co-ordinator. Tony S nominates. (5 voting) – 5 ayes. 0 nays. 0 abstaining. Therefore the result is unanimous and Tony S is the new co-ordinator.

Pen Pal co-ordinator. Michael G expressed interest, but could not commit now. Rob A also expressed interest in a supporting role, but would need to consider this a little more.

Meetings on Request co-ordinator. No nominations

Outreach groups contact list co-ordinator. No nominations

Due to a lack of definite nominations the remaining 3 co-ordinator positions will be held open until the June committee meeting.

New Business:

No new business.

Next sub committee meeting will be held at the ARSC on Sunday 6th June 2010.

Meeting closed at 2154 hrs with the Serenity prayer.