



**GFS Australia Incorporated**  
ABN 92 153 260 694  
**Annual General Meeting**  
**Belair South Australia**  
**5<sup>th</sup> June, 2016**  
**Minutes**



**Meeting opened :** Gail Orchard, our National Chairman, officially opened the Annual General Meeting at 4.15pm. The Venerable Canon Sonia Roulston led us in prayer.

**Present :** Gail Orchard (National Chairman), The Venerable Canon Sonia Roulston (National Chaplain), The Reverend Cheryl Selvage (National Vice-Chairman), Canon Val Gribble (National Executive Member and World President), Noeleen Stewart (National Treasurer), Helen Petering (National Executive Member), Marj Wellings (National Executive Member), Tegan Hudson (National Junior Delegate), Nicole Baldwin (National Secretary), Trish Watkinson, Roslyn Lumsden, Lyn Vaak, Wendy Veal, Val Tregenza, Cheryl Buchanan, Keryn Allen, The Reverend Josie Steytler, The Reverend Janet Story, Christine Baker, Karen Fagan, Janice Doyle, Margaret Humphries, Sheri Gunton, Carol Johnstone, Nathalie Stevens, Lesley Gee, Dianne Bocquee, Jane Beavan, Di Bell, Leanne Kapetanovski, Deb Wadeson, Kate Brewer, Carole Lovejoy, Chris Rooney, Julie Smith, Elizabeth Petering, Sandra Clough, Graeme Nicholls, Mary Nicholls, Rachel Hayman

**Apologies :** Tania Brown, Lauren Kitwood, Rosemary Clarke, Cheryl Russell, June Hillier, Jennifer Buckby, Jenny Nowlan, Rachel Eastwood, Moana Overton, Kate Hudson, Lesley Briggs

### **Minutes**

The Minutes for the previous Annual General Meeting at National Council in Hobart had an amendment to the title "*National Council and Annual General Meeting*" and were then moved by Leanne Kapetanovski and seconded by Helen Petering to be a true and accurate record. The amended Minutes are to be circulated to all Dioceses once the correction is made. These Minutes have previously been accepted by the Executive at the National Executive Meeting in Morpeth.

### **Business Arising**

#### *Length of Council*

This item has been carried over until the next meeting of the Executive and will be discussed at that time.

## Reports

### *Chairman's Report*

- Gail's report was read by Nicole. There were no comments or questions.
- Gail moved her report which was seconded by Marj. Carried.

### *Treasurers Report*

- Noeleen's report was tabled as presented and discussed.
- The excess of donations received to assist Tegan to go to Sri Lanka have been put into the Kathleen Bright Parker Fund.
- For the previous ten years or more, the profits from Australian Councils have been transferred into the Grants Account, which we use to assist others in new member countries, or developing member countries to attend Councils.
- The account for World Council has now been established by Val and the funds transferred to the new account. The account which was the World Council 2017 account has been renamed Grants Account rather than establishing a new account and closing an existing one.
- On page 8 of the Auditor's Report there is a line missing, this is at the top of page 9.
- The account ANZ Corp Synod Diocese of Rockhampton is the new account for World funds. GFS World holds an account within GFS Australian Inc as it is our ABN that is being used because a World body cannot open a bank account as it is not a recognised legal entity in Australia.
- Funds from Japan account have been transferred to Val at her request so that the funds can be transferred to Japan.
- The Solomons funds of \$33000 has been invested by Val. If the World Team do not make a formal decision regarding these funds, they may be returned to GFS Australia to manage at the end of Val's term as GFS World President.
- Val asked why there is a budget for World Council. Noeleen advised that there is a small amount for incidentals that GFS Australia may need to supply.
- Noeleen moved her report which was seconded by Carole Lovejoy. Carried.

### *PNG Report*

- as tabled.

### *Junior Delegate Report*

- as tabled.

### *Diocesan Reports*

- as tabled.
- Gippsland gave a special thanks to Gail for helping celebrate 130 years of GFS in the Diocese.

The reports for PNG, Junior Delegate and Diocesan Reports were moved by Rachel Hayman and seconded by Marj Wellings. Carried by acclamation.

## **General Business**

### *Use of GFS Australia Logo*

Tembeka admired the GFS Australia logo and has asked if she could use our logo. It is simple and clean, easily identified and replicated. Other new member countries may find it helpful to have access to our Logo as they may not know who to approach when designing their own logo.

Motion: "To give approval for South Africa to use our logo as per the GFS Australia Inc. Logo Style Guide".

Moved by Val Gribble. Seconded by Carole Lovejoy. All in favour.

Motion: "GFS Australia Inc gives delegated authority to Mrs Val Gribble, during her term as World President, to extend the invitation of the usage of the GFS Australia Inc Logo to all member countries. This usage to be as per the GFS Australia Inc Logo Style Guide".

Moved by Leanne Kapetanovski. Seconded by Helen Petering. All in favour.

### *AGM Minutes*

Each AGM is open to the whole membership. This is the reason that an extension was sought so that our 2015 Annual General Meeting could be a part of the 2016 Mid-Term Conference.

The Executive meet in Morpeth two months after the last Annual General Meeting and at that time passed the previous Annual General Minutes as a true and accurate record.

A number of questions were raised and discussed:

- Should the Annual General Meeting Minutes have been received prior to Mid-Term Conference? The incorrect Minutes were included in the information presented to each member as they arrived at Mid-Term Conference. A motion follows which addresses this.
- Was proper notice given of the Annual General Meeting as required by Consumer Affairs? Twenty-eight days notice must be given.
- Was the Agenda out prior to the meeting? It was included in the information received as we arrived at Mid-Term Conference.

Motion: "During any National Council, a formal Annual General Meeting should be held for accurate recording of GFS matters as well as fulfilling regulatory requirements as an Incorporated body for Consumer Affairs."

Moved Leanne Kapetanovski. Seconded The Venerable Canon Sonia Roulston.

This motion was discussed. It was found that the previous three Annual General Meetings at National Council were written in the same way. It was suggested and approved that the title of these should be "National Council and Annual General Meeting Minutes" so as to be clear. After much discussion, this motion was put to a vote and was unanimously lost.

### *Life Membership (Australian) Register*

Each Diocese was asked to document Life Members so that these details could be held as part of our history and kept as a central record of significant contributions of members to GFS in their Diocese. There are no GFS Australia Life Members as these are always chosen by the Dioceses who do keep these records.

Some Dioceses have Life Membership Badges which they present to a Life Member. Photos of the current badges in use could be put on the website so that other Dioceses can use something that has already been created, therefore reducing costs. If Diocese wish to share their Life Membership Badges, the details of who made it and where to order it need to be sent with a photo to Noeleen or Nicole for inclusion on the website. Any Diocese wishing to use another Diocese Life Membership Badge would then be able to contact the Diocese to seek permission.

Supplies of the Silver Filigree Badge has run out. Deb Wadeson has a contact who is a jewellery manufacturer who may be able to produce more. They are still in use, so there is a need for them. It was requested that Deb obtain a quote that is forwarded to Noeleen and Nicole so that it can be discussed at the next Executive meeting.

**Correspondence :** There was no correspondence of an AGM nature.

**Next Meeting :** 4 February, 2017 at Morpeth.

**Meeting closed :** at 6.04pm.