



Graduate Women AFGW e-News July 2016

President's Report from Council

It was a very busy day on 16 July when the new Council had its first face to face meeting of the year. This is a summary of the important decisions.

Three electronic votes of Council were ratified.

Appointment of Professor Wendy Jessup and Emeritus Prof. Joyce Kirk as temporary Fellowships officers pending a permanent appointment and definitely for 2016 ONLY

Appointment of Prof Jaya Dantas, Director of Graduate Studies, Faculty of Health Sciences Curtin University and Professor in the School of Nursing, Midwifery and Paramedicine and with extensive experience in India and East Africa as Convenor of Peace, Human Rights and Human Security.

Election of Dr Daphne Elliott GWSA as Member Emerita.

Jane Baker Jenny Strauss and 'Tricia Blombery attended an afternoon tea in Adelaide to mark this and the final meeting of GWSA on 23 July but sadly Daphne was not well enough to attend. I hope a final GWSA Newsletter will include the citation.

Graduate Women: Agreement was reached that there will be no further issues of *Graduate Women* but the e-news will continue.

AFGW Trustee to the AFGW NSW Education Trust Jocelyn Eskdale was nominated to fill the position of in place of Dalma Jacobs who has completed her 3-year term.

GWI Assembly and Conference.

11 members of AFGW NSW will be attending, with J Baker, 'T Blombery and M Thompson as delegates and C Evans, J Jones and A Khosla as alternates and J Strauss, J Dantas, M Mortlock, A Romano and S Randell as attendees.

Anyone with donations for the Hegg Hoffett stall please contact Jenny Jones, Jenny Strauss or Jane Baker.

You will all have seen the proposed resolutions.

Internal resolutions: These related to auditor, financial report and place of next Triennial meeting. Though there was one abstention at Council the majority accepted that the dues rise, a vote to be taken by the General Assembly, was essential to the survival of GWI.

Constitutional resolutions were approved with minor amendments that have been accepted by the Board.

Policy resolutions: Most of our suggested amendments were accepted and the delegates were given instructions on how to vote.

Accept : Resolutions 1 (Cyber bullying), 2 (Accessibility for disabled), 4 (Polygamy as violence), 5 (Sexual harassment in public spaces), 7 (Preventing female genital mutilation), 8 (Eradicating human trafficking), 9 (Preventing child marriage) and 12 (Reduction in adolescent pregnancies)

Accept : Resolution 6 (End to intolerance of minorities) if proposed changes accepted by mover,

Abstain: Resolutions 3(Faith and subjugation), 10(Adoption of Carbon taxes) and 11(Young Members).

Jaya Dantas and Shirley Randell have a workshop on participatory education accepted for the Conference and also held a workshop at CSW in New York in March.

Amie Khosla has been accepted for the Young Members Workshop with some funding from VGIF.

NOTE: papers for the GWI Conference can NOW be accessed on the GWI Members Corner on the 2016 GA Documentation Menu. Here can be found the Bios for candidates for Board and Committee positions, Board, Committee and NFA Reports, latest versions of Policy Resolutions etc.

<http://www.graduatewomen.org/members-login/welcome/general-assembly-documentation/>

AFGW Annual General Meeting 2016.

Date and Venue- Jenny Strauss, as GWV President, reported the AGM had been booked at the **Ibis Hotel Melbourne for 5-6 November**. It was agreed that the AGM meeting be Saturday 10:00-17:00, Dinner with speaker Saturday, Panel on STEM Sunday 10:30-12:30 followed by lunch, Council 37/04 13:30-17:00. Saturday Dinner and Sunday Panel to have a charge to be paid by attendee.

As this is the weekend after the Melbourne Cup members are urged to book accommodation as soon as possible. We hope for good representation from all States

Proposed Amendments to AFGW Constitution – to be adjusted by Resolutions Convener after decisions made at GWI General Assembly re membership.

A resolution re dues will need to be rewritten by the HBM after GWI General Assembly and submitted to Resolutions Convener.

Notice is given that a motion proposing Independent Membership for those in States and territories without AFGW Associations. A grace period until November is offered for existing members of GWSA

Concern was expressed about the costs of AGMs and face to face meetings of Council. The AGM in WA was made possible by the access to free accommodation for the meeting. This will need to be reassessed at the AGM

To settle the question of tied votes a by-law was passed which can be ratified at the AGM: "That, at any meeting of AFGW Inc or its committees, a tied vote be considered to be lost".

PGWNet is currently inactive but it may be possible to hold a meeting of potential member countries in Cape Town.

I extend my thanks in advance to donors of suitable small gifts for the Hegg Hoffett table in Cape Town and wish 'bon voyage' to all the travellers.

Jane Baker
President