



PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION AUSTRALIA NORTHERN TERRITORY BRANCH

Branch Meeting Minutes

12th April 2005 5:15pm.

Meeting venue: Central Australian Aboriginal Congress.

Present: Jane Ulrik, Cheryl North, Clive Rosewarne, Peter Tait, John Boffa (part of meeting), Pat Anderson (on-line)

Apologies: Christine Connors, Lesley Barclay & Julianne Donnelly (CADPHC).

Agenda:

1. Business Arising
2. Branch President's Rpt.
3. Branch Treasurer's Rpt.
4. Rpt from re-cycling project
5. Climate Coalition (paper circulated)
6. Annual Conf 2007
7. ATSI -SIG & People's Health Movement
8. PHC -SIG
9. Other Business

Minutes:

1. Business Arising (still outstanding)
 - a. Homebirth campaign in the NT. Some factors having changed since the last meeting, initially it looked like the issue had been satisfactorily resolved, however now an issue related to the level of co-payment has surfaced, **Action-John Boffa to draft a letter to the Minister.**
 - b. Membership issues. From a recent list of lapsed members, **Action-Peter to follow-up TEDGP, Rosalie to scrutinise the rest of the list for people she can follow-up**
 - c. Alice Springs/NT Alcohol campaign. signed on to PAAC letter re the dustbowl licence application. **John Boffa to raise the issue of the CADPHC to act as secretariat for PAAC.**
2. Branch President's Rpt.
 - A number of issues were raised at the National Planning meeting held in Adelaide in Feb- these include:
 - All members are encouraged to submit articles, including Point of View articles (these will be subject to review- but are seen as a valuable input by members to the operations of the journal.
 - Branches are encouraged to contribute news items to In-Touch to assist it be a more informative newsletter about PHAA happens for all members.
 - When writing policies for the PHAA (or any other audiences) authors are encouraged to use PHJANZ as primary reference sources.

- The issue of lapsed memberships and how to follow up these members has been discussed. Currently members retain rights for three months after their membership expires. All people are encouraged to take considerable effort in supporting these 'lapsed' members to rejoin within that period.- **Action Clive to forward a copy of the membership (and lapsed members list) to Pat to talk to people in Darwin.**
3. Treasurer's Rpt.
Current balance around \$7,600
 4. Rpt from re-cycling project (Peter Tait)
Consultant has completed grant to DIPIE for litter grant asking for \$36,000 for a 6 month project. Consultant fee around \$650- agreed payment.
Action: Peter to write an article of the project so far for In-Touch.
 5. Climate Coalition and Interim policy (relates to distributed briefing paper).
 - Interim policy developed by the environmental health policy SIG- endorsed by Branch. **Action: Clive to support at next Board meeting.**
 - Proposal to request PHAA to join National Climate Change Coalition, agreed **Action: Clive to support at next National Board meeting.**
 - Proposal for PHAA(NT Branch) to develop a coalition within the NT- agreed **Action: Clive to seek approval at next National Board Meeting. Action Peter to explore funding options to develop a discussion paper on the Public Health implications of climate change in the NT.**
 6. Annual Conf 2007.
To be held in the NT. What we need to do?
Venue: Agreed that Alice Springs be the place.
 - **Action Clive to make tentative arrangements for bookings with the Convention centre.**
 - **Clive to get information from Secretariat on current activities expected of host Branch.**
 - **Keep on our agenda.**
 - **Any members interested on working on the 2007 Annual Conf please contact Clive- this work can occur outside of the monthly meetings.**
 - **Suggested theme at this stage will be around Indigenous Health.**
 - **Start thinking about possible keynote and oration speakers- and funding options to get them here.**
 7. ATSI-SIG
The ATSI-SIG has agreed to fund up to four positions @ \$1,000 each to support Indigenous PHAA members attending the people's Health movement meeting in Ecuador. The SIG has developed 4 selection criteria for choosing successful applicants to support attending the conference. The National Office has insufficient funds to support this Conference attendance and has asked Branch's and other SIGs to consider supporting attendance. **Decision: The NT Branch strongly endorses the ATSI-SIGs proposal to send Indigenous**

people to this Conference and allocates up to \$4,000 to support successful NT applicants from the ATS SIG selection process.

Noted Pat Anderson stood aside from this agenda item.

8. PHC- SIG.

As per last meeting Clive to distribute PHC discussion paper

9. Other Business.

9.1 The National Office has alerted us to the NHMRC, the Aust VCC and the Aust research Council proposal to issue new research practice standards any one interested should look at the website www.nhmrc.gov.au/hotissues.htm to look at the draft. If you wish to comment please contact Pieta Laut and Clive.

9.2 NT Election. Peter Tait (and others) have been considering conducting a phone survey of NT residents to ascertain their views on climate change as part of a campaign during the upcoming NT Election. Agreed to expand this a PHAA(NT) Election survey.

Decision: To conduct an NT Election survey, with 4 areas of Public Health, one being Indigenous Health, the Second being Climate Change and the NT membership to be quickly surveyed to consider two other issues. Clive to forward a notice to all members ASAP. Survey to be ready in approximately 2 weeks. Quick response needed so that survey results are ready to use when the election is called to question candidates.

9.3 Urban Speed Zones. ***Agreed that it was intolerable to have some towns like Katherine and Alice Springs not covered by the new urban speed zones Clive to talk to people active on the issue and see what things PHAA(NT) could do to continue pressing Local govts and major parties.***

Date of next meeting. Tuesday 10th MAY 5:15pm – for Alice Springs people at Congress others can phone in on the party line provided by the PHAA. 1800 500 536
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