



PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION AUSTRALIA NORTHERN TERRITORY BRANCH

Branch Meeting Minutes

13th September 2005 5:15 pm.

Meeting venue: Central Australian Aboriginal Congress.

Present: Clive Rosewarne, Peter Tait, Rosalie Shultz (phone Tennant Creek), Cheryl North (late) , Pat Anderson (phone Darwin), John Boffa

Apologies: none.

Agenda:

1. Business Arising
2. Branch President's Rpt.
3. Branch Treasurer's Rpt.
4. Other Business

Minutes:

1. Business Arising (still outstanding)
 - a. CADPHC has discussed the issue of providing secretariat support for the Peoples Alcohol Action Coalition (PAAC) and are considering their ability to resource this role. Clive informed PHAA members that this should only take about 3hrs per month. ***PHAA members on the CADPHC will take up the issue further.***
 - b. The PHAA providing a mentoring role for students or others- agreed that this could be a valuable role given the extensive experience in the Branch and the value in gaining new people (and retaining them) ***Agreed that this could be a valuable role for PHAANT members who have not only valuable skills in their areas of expertise, but also in depth knowledge of territory conditions. Clive to find out more information from other Branches on how they go about it.***
 - c. Member survey. ***Based on work undertaken in other states, we should undertake an in depth survey of members to establish their interests for the association for the next 18 months. Clive to report back on how other states structured their surveys***
 - d. Creating Branch Prizes. See attachment as amended and adopted this meeting. ***Clive to forward to national Secretariat. Clive to develop a timeline for implementation next year. Cheryl to cost an awards night and awards options.***
 - e. Banners. ***Agreed that it would be good for PHAA NT to have some banners for public events. Cheryl to get costings directly from company- which is not responding to their company e-mail and bring back to next meeting.***

2. Branch President's Rpt.

- Clive will not be able to attend this year's Annual Meeting – and the planning day immediately preceding it. **Rosalie agreed that she could attend Clive to forward information to Rosalie and Rosalie's name to Pieta Laut.**
- We should review our PHAA NT Branch web page, Clive asked members to particularly look at SA & Vic pages for ideas, and will forward a list of ideas. **Clive to action, all to consider by next meeting.**

3. Treasurer's Rpt.

No new information since last meeting

4. Main Business Issues

4.1 People's Health Movement. Pat recorded her thanks to the Branch for supporting her and Steph being able to attend. It was a fantastic conference with delegates from over 91 countries, a great teach-in course as part of the conference, Pat looking forward to giving presentation at the PHAA Annual Conf. Also Pat raised the issue of PHAA considering being the networks support in Australia, she will discuss this further with other PHAA members active in the PHM.

4.2 Annual Conference 2007.

Discussion around process for inviting keynote and plenary speakers. Agreed that a criteria process should be taken. I.e. that they relate to our theme, that when nominating some-one the nominee should briefly state the reasons for there nomination to the list- i.e. relevance, pulling power, potential availability (if known), site recent work or publications and its relevance. Other issues such as gender and other balance issues will be considered along the way.

To begin a list of potential invitees the following is suggested:

Contact 1/ The Political economy and ATSI SIG convenors for a suggested short list **Clive to do.**, 2/ also David Legge, Fran Baum, Pat Anderson and Stephanie Bell on People's Health Assembly people **Pat and Clive to co-ordinate**, 3/ start our own list, including potentially Marmot (UK), Wilkinson (UK), (Australia) Mick Dodson, Noel Pearson Fiona Stanley, the Mirrar and Iranti Warnti people, Ian Lowe-list to be expanded.

All nominations to the list to be forwarded to Clive, who will compile the list and forward to NT Branch executive and other active NT Branch members who in the first instance will be the co-ordinating committee.

Pat raised the need for us to consider a dynamic cultural program that with a dialogue about culture by staging interactive activities where young people, school children and elders (or just older, more mature Aboriginal people) talk about their issues, what they worry for and then have an open but respectful dialogue. This could be moderated by people such as Marcia, Mick Dodson, Ian Anderson et al who would provide a backdrop to the discussion and then manage the dialogue punctuating it with explanations and history lessons along the way. Also Jeff McMullin is another name who would be a good moderator for some of this. We could then also have choirs, musicians (old and new), singers, dancers, etc. Maybe even have some lower primary school age reading their compositions about what they might worry for and then a discussion with teachers and parents or just a choir and a cup of tea and cake. There were some powerful sessions like this at the PHM conference in Ecuador.

Peter and others also raised the need to have a dynamic program that potential breaks out of the standard “conference structure” more time for interactions, Clive suggested an end of day discussion plenary, that may included food/dinner to ensure and ongoing dialogue around issues not just for those “invited out”, possibly a daily rapporteurs report.

Programmatic ideas to be discussed after this years Annual Conf delegates return.

4.3 Awards.

These awards are meant to raise the profile of the Association and give recognition of work by individuals.

Agreed to streamline and further simplify criteria for the two student awards-see attached-below. Award structure and criteria adopted.

Date of next meeting. Tuesday 11th OCTOBER 5:15pm – for Alice Springs people at Congress others can phone in on the party line provided by the PHAA. 1800 500 536 *809512*

Final version adopted 13th September 2005
PHAA (NT Branch) Awards application guidelines and judging criteria.

Public Health Impact Award.

Application guidelines.

Nominees must be nominated by a PHAA member,
You can nominate yourself or someone you know.
They do not need to be a member of PHAA and they do not need to be working in health.

Nominations must be in writing on the approved form and address as many as possible of the following criteria:

- Made a significant impact on an important public health issue in Australia;
- Made a demonstrable improvement in population health;
- Developed innovative solutions to problems, or applied effective methods with a high degree of excellence;
- Overcome substantial barriers in the design, implementation or evaluation of a program of work;
- Documented their efforts so others may benefit;
- Generated public and/or professional enthusiasm and support for a public health initiative; and/or
- Promoted the concept of public health.

Judging guidelines.

Nominations addressing the above criteria will be assessed by the NT Branch Executive.

The assessment procedure shall be final with no appeal process.

The PHAA(NT) reserves the right to withhold the award if it is deemed that there are no candidates that satisfy the selection criteria.

Prize.

One years membership of the PHAA
Public Impact Award Trophy
Cash amount

Tertiary Student Award.

Application guidelines.

Nominees can be nominated by anyone,
You can nominate yourself or someone you know.
They do not need to be a member of the PHAA.
They must have been enrolled in a tertiary institute studying in a health related field (exceptions may be considered if they demonstrate meeting the selection criteria) as either an undergraduate or post-graduate level in the previous twelve months.
The nomination must relate to the student's study.
Nominations must be in writing on the approved form and address the following criteria:

- An aspect of the student's study* which has made a valuable contribution in addressing a public health issue in the NT or elsewhere in Australia;

Judging guidelines.

Nominations addressing the above criteria will be assessed by the NT Branch Executive.

The assessment procedure shall be final with no appeal process.

The PHAA(NT) reserves the right to withhold the award if it is deemed that there are no candidates that satisfy the selection criteria.

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Prize.

One years membership of the PHAA Value \$90 (student rate)

Annual Conf registration \$350 plus in-kind support in gaining funds to attend the Annual (or another PHAA) Conference, if unable to attend the Conference in that year the prize will be held over for one year.

Aboriginal Health Worker Student/trainee Award.

Application guidelines.

Nominees can be nominated by their training institution or employee,

They do not need to be a member of the PHAA.

They must have been enrolled in a recognised Vocational training program studying in a health related field (exceptions could be made if the selection criteria could still be met) in the previous twelve months.

The award is for a piece of work or action taken as part of the student's/trainee's study.

The topic of the award will be nominated by the PHAA (NT) each year.

Nominations must be in writing on the approved form and address the following criteria:

- An aspect of the student's study* that has made a valuable contribution in addressing a nominated public health issue in the NT or elsewhere in Australia;

Judging guidelines.

Nominations addressing the above criteria will be assessed by the NT Branch Executive.

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Prize.

One years membership of the PHAA value \$90 (student rate) plus appropriate SIG for that year \$10=\$100

Annual Conf registration \$350 plus in-kind support in gaining funds to attend the Annual (or another PHAA) Conference, if unable to attend the Conference in that year the prize will be held over for one year.

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