

## **SECTION 5**

**VOTED ON BUT NOT ADVISORY  
ACTIONS**

## **CONFERENCE TOPICS 2016 VOTED ON, BUT NOT RESULTING IN ADVISORY ACTIONS (VOTING ON COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS)**

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### **CONFERENCE REPORT CHARTER & SERVICE MANUAL COMMITTEE**

#### **TOPIC 006/2016**

Conference resolved to reject the proposal to review the section "How AA Chooses its Regional Trustees" in the AA Service Manual. A fair process for selecting Regional Trustees already exists and, if the process is followed, the candidate nominated has a fair opportunity for acceptance.

Voting: For: 29; Against: 0; Absentions: 2  
Carried

#### **TOPIC 010/2016**

Conference resolved to reject the proposal to review the section 'Primary Duties of an Area Delegate' in the Service Manual. The existing section clearly defines the duties expected of the Delegate and these remain relevant and important today.

Voting: For: 30; Against: 1; Abstentions: 0  
Carried

#### **TOPIC 011/2016**

Conference resolved to rejected the proposal to change the Regional Forum Guideline to include the suggested wording in the topic. This topic should be returned to the topic submitter with a recommendation that it be re-worded so that the intention is clear as to the expenses of which participants should be covered by the General Service Board and which should be covered by Area.

Voting: For: 28; Against: 2; Abstentions: 1  
Carried

#### **TOPIC 018/2016**

Conference resolved that the proposal to review the internal communication system being used within an Area be rejected, due to lack of information. The Area is encouraged to forward their ideas on improving communications to next year's Conference.

Voting: For: 30; Against: 0; Abstentions: 1  
Carried

### **CONFERENCE POLICIES & ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE**

#### **TOPIC 025/2015 (REFERRED BACK TO CONFERENCE 2016)**

Conference resolved to defer discussion on this topic (regions and States are not part of our Service Structure) pending the outcome of the plan submitted by the Structure Review Committee.

Voting: For: 28; Against: 0; Abstentions: 3  
Carried

**TOPIC 040/2015 (REFERRED BACK TO CONFERENCE 2016)**

Conference resolved to defer discussion on this topic (should non-Area Delegate Conference members have a vote a Conference committees) pending the outcome of the plan submitted by the Structure Review Committee.

Voting: For: 28; Against: 2; Abstentions: 1  
Carried

**TOPIC 014/2016**

Conference resolved to reject the proposal that marginalised communities should have a fairer representation at Conference. There are no barriers to service in AA.

Representation at the General Service Conference is determined on the basis of geographical location not culture.

Voting: For: 30; Against: 0; Abstentions: 0  
Carried

**TOPIC 043/2016**

Conference resolved not to address the imbalance between Delegates and other voting members of Conference, as Concept IV respects the rights of participation on the Conference floor. It was noted that the 2016 General Service Conference had a two-thirds majority of delegates.

Voting: For: 26; Against: 5; Abstentions: 0  
Carried

**RECOMMENDATION FROM COMMITTEE**

Conference resolved to reject the Conference Policies & Admissions Committee's recommendation to Conference that Advisory Action #041/2013 be rescinded and that non-delegate members of Conference Committees should no longer have a vote at Conference Committee level.

Voting: For: 15; Against: 15; Abstentions: 1  
Lost

**CONFERENCE CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES COMMITTEE**

**TOPIC 051/2016**

Conference resolved to reject the proposal that each Area in Australia set up a corrections sub-committee as it negates an Areas autonomy and may duplicate services already provided by a CSO, District or Intergroup.

Voting: Carried by a show of hands

**CONFERENCE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE**

**TOPIC 009/2016**

Conference resolved to reject the proposal that the election process for International Delegates and the cost of sending these delegates to meetings be reviewed and published.

The information on costs of sending International Delegates to the World Service and Asia Oceania Service Meetings is available in financial report and reports of the meetings are also available. These reports can be found on the Service Website.

Voting: For: 30; Against: 1; Abstentions: 0

Carried

Conference resolved to reject the proposal to discuss the selection process of the International Delegates and the delegate/non delegate ratio at Conference as this topic will be addressed by the Structure Review Committee.

Voting: For: 29; Against: 1; Abstentions: 1

Carried

### **TOPIC 016/2016**

In keeping with our 'I Am Responsible' declaration, the 5<sup>th</sup> Tradition and the fact that AA Australia is a senior Fellowship in the Asia/Oceania Zone, we have a responsibility to carry the message to other countries, Conference resolved to reject the proposal to cancel further plans and initiatives in the Asia Oceania zone, including sending delegates overseas until AA Australia takes its inventory

Voting: For: 30; Against: 0; Abstentions: 1

Carried

## **CONFERENCE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

### **TOPIC 002/2016**

Conference resolved to reject the proposal that the General Service Board compensates Host Planning Committees holding Conventions as this is an Area issue and is covered in Guidelines 14 and 15.

Voting: For: 31; Against: 0; Abstentions: 0

Carried

### **TOPIC 015/2016**

Conference resolved to reject the proposal to abolish the Cost Equalisation Scheme. Delegates coming in from Darwin should not have to pay more than Delegates coming from Sydney.

Voting: Carried by a show of hands

### **TOPIC 030/2016**

Conference resolved to reject this topic regarding financial reporting, as a resolution had already resulted from Topic 001/2016.

Voting: Carried by a show of hands

### **TOPIC 031/2016**

Conference resolved to reject this topic which suggested that, where possible, teleconference should replace face to face meetings to reduce costs. Teleconferencing was already used where appropriate and feasible. Face to face meetings are crucial in many circumstances.

Voting: Carried by a show of hands

**TOPIC 033/2016**

Conference acknowledged this topic but did not recommend any action. In recent years the General Service Conference and the General Service Board have created Remote Communities Committees. A National Indigenous Convention and a National Newsletter are also under consideration.

Voting: Carried by a show of hands

**TOPIC 034/2016**

Conference resolved to reject this topic regarding financial reporting, as a resolution had already resulted from Topic 001/2016.

Voting: Carried by a show of hands

**CONFERENCE PI&CPC COMMITTEE****TOPIC 037/2016**

Conference resolved to reject the proposal that General Service Office staff and General Service Board members undertake Aboriginal Cultural Awareness Training.

Voting: For: 25; Against: 4; Abstentions: 2  
Carried

**TOPIC 047/2016**

Conference resolved to reject the proposal that the title of National Co-ordinators be changed to National Advisors and that these positions be rotated between each other. Conference considered that there was no need to change the National Co-ordinator's title, nor to prescribe rotation among the various National Co-ordinators.

Voting: Carried by a show of hands

**CONFERENCE REMOTE COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE****TOPIC 040-2/2016**

Conference resolved to reject the proposal that the role of Remote Communities Co-ordinator/Committee Members be included in the Area Structure in the Australian AA Service Manual. These positions are not part of the Service Structure.

Voting: Carried by a show of hands

**TOPIC 041/2016**

Conference rejected the proposal to consider holding a National Convention in the Northern Territory in 2020. Conference suggests that Area A Northern Region be encouraged to submit a bid to host a future Australian National Convention.

Voting: Carried by a show of hands

**CONFERENCE AGENDA COMMITTEE****TOPIC 013/2016**

Conference resolved to reject the proposal to abolish the use of panel numbers.

Voting: For: 27; Against: 4; Abstentions: 0  
Carried

**TOPIC 021/2016**

Conference resolved to reject the proposal that rejected topics or those forwarded to the General Service Board should be sent to the appropriate Conference Committee that would have handled them had they been accepted. Topics that have been rejected by the Conference Agenda Committee are included in the Conference folder. Any delegate has the right to request that a rejected topic be discussed either at committee level or as a floor action. Whether or not to do this would be at the discretion of the committee or the full Conference. Topics forwarded to the General Service Board have not been rejected and are usually referred to the Board for legal or administrative reasons. The Board will discuss the topic and make a recommendation to the following Conference.

Voting: For: 21; Against: 9; Absentions: 1

Carried

**TOPIC 032/2016**

Conference resolved to reject the proposal to rotate the Conference Committee Co-ordinator positions. The Conference Co-ordinators are selected in accordance with the skills and knowledge required in their roles at the General Service Office, which do not rotate.

Voting: For: 26; Against: 5; Abstentions: 0

Carried

**TOPIC 049/2016**

Conference resolved to reject the proposal to limit the number of topics to a maximum of three per committee, as it requested putting a quota on the voice of the Fellowship.

Voting: Carried by a show of hands

**TOPIC 050/22016**

Conference resolved to reject the proposal that Delegates be given a presentation of the 12 Concepts before Conference. There are time constraints and Delegates should have knowledge of the Twelve Concepts for World Service when they attend Conference.

Voting: For: 26; Against: 5; Abstentions: 0

Carried