

**Gay and Lesbian Issues and Psychology
Minutes - AGM – 14th August 2002**

1. Welcome

- Gordon Walker (National Convener), Graeme Kane (National Secretary), Vicki Sinnot, John Thain, Gary Khoo.

2. Apologies

- Tony Collins (National Treasurer) and Ian Sheppard.

3. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 2001 Annual General Meeting

- Graeme Kane moved. Gary Khoo seconded.

4. Reports from the Office Bearers of the National Executive

Gordon Walker - Convener

- Noted that the relationship with Haworth Press had proven to be advantageous for members with the provision of new releases and sample journals.
- GLIP News has more contributions and grown.
- Raised the need to review Terms of Reference. Probably time to do so. And to consider what is the purpose(s) of the IG: To provide personal and professional focus or a body to inform the APS with guidelines and be a source of knowledge?
- GLIP Award to be announced at APS Conference by President. Gordon made this decision as he felt this would raise profile of the Award. Noted that for it to continue, we will need to consider other ways of ensuring it is paid for from reserves. Either through profits from PD activities or through donations from members.
- APS Conference - activities on the one day = Sunday. Same as last year.
- GLIP will finally have a web presence by end of the year.
- Had contacted Psychiatrist IG with two letters and a meeting. Have not heard anything further after follow-up letter.
- Noted the continued discussion of the Guidelines in InPsych. Some APS members uncomfortable in following them however Professional Insurance Broker requires members to abide by Code and the Guidelines. Perhaps PD is required to assist APS members to ensure they abide by Guidelines. Discussion around whether references from APA Guideline should have been left in. Proposed to have link on GLIP web page to APA Guidelines, and to use InPsych Ethical Dilemmas section.
- Thanked Ela Jodko for her efforts at bringing Melbourne members together for breakfast.

Tony Collins - Treasurer

- Gordon noted that there was no report again this year.

Graeme Kane - Secretary

- Tended written report. Noted that Gordon had covered similar areas, however would note the following.
- Considering moving GLIP News to quarterly. But will survey members prior to doing this. Hoping not to email members large file in future but use email alerts and members could download themselves. Raised concerns about the slowness GLIP coming on-line, which may prevent this initiative.
- Developing a relationship with Bulldog Books - local distributor of Haworth Press publications to assist members obtain resources locally.
- Email alerts - most popular and well-received initiative of IG. Thanked Gordon for encouraging this. Recent survey that revealed this, to be put in next GLIP News.
- GLIP Award slow to get off the ground, and delay in calling for nominations due to being unaware it was part of Standing Orders.

5. Other Business

Title of IG

- Vicki Sinnot raised the issues of bisexuality and transgender, and whether the Interest Group should be more inclusive of other sexualities and gender identities. Noted that this issue had been raised before, and that she felt the Interest Group looked closed and rigid in terms of its formulation as a group. That is, not very inclusive. Should we be "Sexuality" Interest Group?
- Graeme Kane noted that the Guidelines refer to bisexuals yet the IG doesn't seem to know whether it includes bisexual issues or not.
- It was decided that when terms of reference is reviewed, that this issue could be addressed. A working group of members to be involved.

Proposed 30th Anniversary Conference - 2003

- Proposal of 30th Anniversary Conference in Sydney and Melbourne for 2003. Still developing as an idea. Issue of cost and interest.
- Vicki suggested that other organisations like ASSERT might wish to be involved. Felt there were a number of organisations that were not linking up and working together.

6. Close 7.20pm by Graeme Kane