

Australia Fund Coordinators Meeting

Hobart, 18th October, 2013

Present: Australia Fund Committee, nominated association Australia Fund representatives and observers.

Agenda Item 1. Opening

Australia Fund Chairperson Gerry Barry opened the meeting at 4.00pm and welcomed all association representatives and observers. A role call was held and the agenda for the meeting was confirmed. An apology was accepted from Bruce Harvey from Colostomy Association of South Australia.

Gerry welcomed new coordinators Mary Robinson from QLD Colostomy Association and David Tennant from Western Australian Ostomy Association.

Agenda Item 2. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held in Fremantle during September, 2012 were confirmed.

A resolution to accept the minutes as a true record was approved and carried

Agenda Item 3. Business Arising

There was no business arising from the previous minutes

Agenda Item 4. Correspondence

Correspondence was limited to emails and requests for assistance.

Agenda Item 5. Reports

a) Annual Report

Chairperson Gerry Barry presented his annual report which included a summary of activities of the fund over the past 12 months.

Gerry announced that Bruce Harvey had tendered his resignation as National Relief Coordinator and extended his thanks to Bruce for his work with the Australia Fund over the past 9 years.

Gerry also took the opportunity to thank all coordinators for their continuing commitment to the work of the Australia Fund.

A resolution to accept the annual report was approved and carried

b) Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report and the financial reports for the Australia Fund for the period 1/7/2012 to 30/6/2013 were presented by Chairperson, Gerry Barry.

A resolution to accept the Treasurers report was approved and carried

c) National Relief Coordinator

National Relief Coordinator, Bruce Harvey, submitted a written report.

A resolution to accept the National Relief Coordinators report was approved and carried

Agenda Item 6. General Business

i. Source of Australia Fund Product Donations

Gerry reminded coordinators that product used by the Australia Fund was sourced from obsolete and unwanted stock donated by hospitals, members, suppliers and other sources.

ii. National Relief Coordinator

Gerry informed coordinators that Sharleen Armstrong of the Gold Coast had nominated for the role of National Relief Coordinator. Sharleen's nomination was accepted.

Gerry thanked Sharleen for her nomination and welcomed her to the Australia Fund team.

iii. Current method of product supply

Gerry discussed the effectiveness of providing where possible appliances which meet the specific needs of the ostomates being assisted (i.e. asking countries for details of the ostomates receiving the supplies and their individual needs). It was agreed that this method was the most effective use of Australia Fund resources, rather than sending supplies on an ad hoc basis .

It was also discussed that ostomy surgery in developing countries tended to result in larger than average stomas (50mm+) and that, because most stomas created in Australia fell between a measurement range of 25-40mm, it was quite difficult to obtain donated supplies to fit very large stomas. Gerry asked that those larger sized products which have been returned to associations as obsolete or unwanted stock be retained for use by the Australia Fund, particularly those one piece cut to fit drainable products which could be used to cover the majority of stomas.

Agenda Item 7 Other Business

There was no other business.

Agenda Item 8 Place and date of next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting of coordinators would be held at the ACSA Conference on the Gold Coast in October 2014 at a time to be confirmed.

The Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 4.30pm

Confirmed:

Gerry Barry

Chairperson