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## 2014 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - ADELAIDE

The National Council of AFGW is pleased to accept Graduate Women South Australia's offer to host the 2014 AGM and Council meeting over the weekend of 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> November. The AGM will coincide with the celebrations of GWSA's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary and we urge all members to mark the event in the diary and to make plans to attend.

### Highlights of the March Council Meeting

The National Council met in Melbourne in March. The following issues were discussed.

#### Changes to the Status of Women Committee

At the conference in Turkey, IFUW changed the name of its Status of Women committee to the Education Committee.

This change posed a problem for AFGW we have always had a Standing Committee on Education along side of, but separate to, the Standing Committee on the Status of Women.

Council considered adopting the name now used by IFUW, but decided that the role of the Status of Women Committee is too important.

Applications for the position of Convenor are now open.

If the Committee becomes non-operational, the onus of responding to issues within the purview of Status of Women committee will fall on President.

#### AFGW Representative on NSW Education Trust

The AFGW NSW Education Trust has explained that the manner of appointing a Council representative to the NSW Education Trust must conform to the Trust Deed.

As A consequence, Council adopted the following by-law:

"At the beginning of each triennium Council shall nominate a representative to the AFGW-NSW Education Trust Inc.

Following acceptance of the nomination, the AFGW Council's shall be appointed for a term of three years, extendable for a further term of three years subject to Council's approval.

In the event of the representative being unable for any reason to complete her term of office Council shall nominate another representative to fill the temporary vacancy.

A person appointed to fill the temporary vacancy shall be eligible for a further term of three years at the end of her tenure of the temporary vacancy."

### For your diary in 2014

**June:** IFUW Day celebrations.

AFGW Council meeting  
by teleconference;

Applications for the  
AFGW & Barbara Hale  
awards close 6/6/2014

**July:** *Graduate Women* to be  
published

**September:** NZ Federation of  
Graduate Women  
Conference, Wellington

**November:** Australian  
Federation of Graduate  
Women AGM & Council  
meeting, Adelaide.

### Call for Expressions of Interest

The Standing Committee on  
the Status of Women is one  
of our most important  
AFGW subcommittees.

It monitors issues affecting  
women in all areas.

If you are interested in the  
position of Convenor, please  
contact me at

[afgwpresident@gmail.com](mailto:afgwpresident@gmail.com)

Madeleine Laming

### Business Arising from AGM

There are a number of uncompleted amendments and/or rejected motions from the 2013 AGM. Council will review these as necessary at the next Council meeting and decide whether they will be rewritten for submission to the 2014 AGM, or new or modified by-laws will be used.

The closing date for contributions to the 2014 edition of *Graduate Women* is 31<sup>st</sup> May 2014.

If you have an item for inclusion please email it to Madeleine Laming at [afgwpresident@gmail.com](mailto:afgwpresident@gmail.com)

### CIR's Report

Lynda Roberts-Hall noted that the amended Constitution (AGM 2013), having been approved by Fair Trading NSW, has been forwarded to IFUW for ratification. The focus for IFUW Day 2014, celebrated on June 1<sup>st</sup>, is access to education for women in incarceration. AFGW will have the opportunity to join a LinkedIn discussion on this topic. Lynda also asked that STAs let her know when they participate in activities which align with the IFUW mission; for example, a representative of GWQ will attend the Brisbane conference of Sisters Inside, an advocacy organisation supporting the human rights of women in the criminal justice system. Pictures with a commentary that can be passed on to IFUW for use on the website or in publications would be appreciated.

### STA Reports

**AFGW ACT** is somewhat hopeful of raising the required membership numbers. The President, Jocelyn Eskdale (or the Committee) is holding ongoing negotiations with NSW, and with ACT universities, to try to ensure continuity of scholarships in the event of the likely dissolution of AFGW-ACT. On a happier note, the Committee is awaiting receipt of substantial bequest to be used for scholarships.

**GW Queensland:** President Mary Crawford noted that Women's College, University of Queensland has reached its Centenary year. The College hosted the last AFGW Conference in 2012. AFGW President Madeleine Laming write a letter of congratulations to the College on behalf of the AFGW Council and members.

**GW Victoria:** Membership is expected to rise to 70 by the end of the financial year. President Jenny Strauss believes that the regular, short e-news bulletins reporting items of local, Australian and IFUW matters have played a role in attracting and retaining members.

## AFGW-NT Re-established

After a hiatus of several years, AFGW-Northern Territory Inc. has been re-established. The members are busy getting themselves organised prior to a formal launch later in the year. Kate Reid-Smith has been elected President and Janette Galton as Vice President. We congratulate them, and all the members of AFGW-NT, on reaching this significant milestone and look forward to hearing more from them in the future.

## ERA Parliamentary Community Consultation Day

Sometimes called "Pin-a-Pollie Day", the annual parliamentary community consultation day was held in March this year. It allows representatives of women's groups affiliated with the Equality Rights Alliance to meet with members of the Commonwealth parliament to discuss priority issues deriving from the regional consultations that ERA holds with its affiliates in each state.

The issues for discussion this year were education, housing and reproductive health. Jane Baker and Madeleine Laming attended on behalf of AFGW. Madeleine is also a member of the Housing Working Party. Jane represented AFGW at the ERA meeting in Canberra in May.

## CSW58

Two members of AFGW joined the IFUW delegation to the 58<sup>th</sup> meeting of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women in New York in March. Full reports by President Madeleine Laming and Convenor of the Standing Committee on Peace, Human Rights and Security Caroline Jones will appear in the forthcoming edition of Graduate Women.



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