

SEA&O meeting minutes for 26 September 2006

Present:

John Buck
Liz Gay
Dorset Campbell-Ross
Cate Crombie
Linda Rysenbry
Father Chris Rajendram

Apologies:

Ron Ngata

1. Opening Round

John announced the launch of his teleclasses, details for which are available at www.growingcompassion.org. (Members are advised to look at the 'International' option, which is offered at a time of day that will work for participants from our part of the world.)

2. Administrative Matters

Next meeting will take place at the usual time on **Tuesday, 17th October (Monday, 16th October for John)**. NOTE: this is a week earlier than usual because Liz and John will be in Atlanta for the GCC the following week.

The minutes from our previous meeting were accepted without amendment.

Members accepted the day's agenda with the following requested amendments:

John wanted to add membership in the Circle, how it is constituted and how to elect a new representative after December.

Linda wanted to add a discussion around selecting a person or people we might like to have participating in Marshall's Special Session

Linda also wanted to allow space for discussion around leveraging our hosting of the Bali 2007 IIT

3. Proposal to elect a 'Secretary'

'Job description' and term determined by consent:

'Someone who will take the minutes and publish them, and publish our agenda in consultation with John Buck and others wishing to add to the agenda. Technical support stays with Liz.

Term = 6 months with an opportunity to 'retire'. Minutes are to be brief and include decisions and closing round.

Linda Rysenbry elected by consent to fill this role. Her term ends in February 2007 and an election will be required in March 2007.

4. Participation/membership in S&EA/O (All)

Proposal: SEA & O members may invite an observer to a meeting on the GCC observer policy.

AGREED

Proposal: SEA & O members are requested to arrange a substitute person join this meeting if they are unable to attend, so that each country is represented.

AGREED

This topic is to be carried forward to next meetings agenda.

5. Current SEA &O issues: What is it we have to solve??

Dorset:

1. a trainer from the region to be on the Bali IIT trainers crew for continuity and learning in the region
2. global and local follow up studies for work Marshall and others have done eg. mediations, Israeli education project etc.
3. would like Liz to take a proposal for above project work to GCC.

Chris:

1. to bring local input into these international meetings, for sharing and focussing on current issues and how to proceed with NVC in our own areas. To have an IIT each year in the region

Cate: nothing to add

Linda:

1. Wants region/circle to have a 'broad brush' strategy. Gets clarity then as to what resources we're working with or who/what we need to find.

John:

1. deciding how to get participation in the election of a GCC rep.
2. the question of who should be on the circle meetings/calls.
3. should the current circle start planning for regional offices (say 3 ??)

Liz:

1. sees a multi level playground/ market place where we come to trade our issues and contributions.
2. would like to go down the track of having a number of cnvc offices in the region. Anxious if we go down this track that it be in alignment with CNVC strategy. Sees this structure would add weight and credibility to our work in the region.
3. would like to be including more people and not sure how this could be structured vis a vis the playground. Through more people on board, would have more participation and delegation in tasks.

"How shall we proceed with these issues?"

Chris:

1. Like the image Liz brought of the marketplace. Concern about inclusion – eg. No one today from India or NZ. Participation and inclusion most important concerns.

Cate:

2. start with a virtual office rather than a real office – easier and less costly. Also keen to find ways to have more people/countries in these calls and at physical events.

Linda:

1. follows Cate's idea to form a virtual structure (maybe not 3 groups yet).
2. would like there to be someone available on this call, from each country to maintain connection.

John:

3. put together a sub-group to evaluate how sustainable collective office could be established, the funding requirements, business plan, teams involved etc. appointing a GM further down the track.

Liz:

4. suggests the creation of some kind of business/ NPO plan that we can take to CNVC and if its not possible to get financial support – at least get some authority/recognition for it. Inclined for the meantime to focus on the region and then chunk down in the longer term to the three areas (maybe further). Also shares Linda's concern re having more possibilities for substitution if someone can't be on the call. Also like to see all of us developing our facilitation skills and coordinating local groups – wants sociocracy training for us so this can be shared further.

Dorset:

5. Hearing a proposal for each current member of SEA& O designate an alternate to attend if they are unable to participate in the regional call. Proposes a limit of 12 people in the circle.

**Proposal: this agenda item be carried forward to next agenda and that proposals for moving forward on these issues, be formulated and shared between now and then.
AGREED**

6. GCC Progress Report, including projects and IT (Liz)

Liz feels confident that CNVC have an IT project happening which will serve to support our virtual office idea.

7. Support for Liz during face-to-face meeting in October (Liz)

Request to hear from people willing to be a link to the rest of the circle eg. Willing to poll others for collective opinion feedback if necessary and willing to offer support.

Dorset agreed to support and link. (Cate agreed to support)

8. Update on Activities in India and Sri Lanka (Chris?/Aniruddha?)

Liz agreed to do trainings for Sri Lankan people living in Singapore and will talk to Chris about this further.

Chris trying to get permission from govt. to attend Indian IIT. Funds for airfare could be available from CNVC Asia Project donations or Dorset's collection.

Chris will send Dorset bank account details to Dorset and a list of what he would like to have money for to Dorset and Chris (Dorset has \$920 to forward to Father Chris)

Cate: agreed to approach Catholic church/ other church members who know NVC and could in her network support Sri Lanka.

Linda to post on next agenda for follow up on these items.

9. Closing Comments

Cate - Glad to be able to offer support for Chris

Chris – grateful for the support and chance to share what is happening locally for him.

Enjoyed the facilitation.

John – thankful for support through the complicated issue of membership; moved by Chris' sharing.

Dorset – pleased with what achieved. Glad to have a secretary elected and have a strategy to make sure every area is represented – hoping those who it affects like it! Would like to talk to Chris more often on skype.

Next meeting 17 October (16th October for John) 1.30am GMT (the usual time!)