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These Acts of Parliament, together with the P&C Constitution 2019 are the definitive documents in this area. All references to meeting protocol have been taken from Foyster & Carr's 'Take the CHAIR' produced by the Australian Rostrum Council.

See also Appendix C of the WACSSO Constitution and Rules.

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Role of the Secretary

An efficient Secretary is the key to the smooth operation of any P&C. P&Cs fortunate enough to possess one tend to hang on to their prized possession, sometimes too long. This can be risky for your organisation as you should be preparing successors to the role.

Secretarial positions differ, but common aspects recur. This handbook covers virtually all the duties expected of a P&C Association Honorary Secretary.

Another good resource is the WACSSO website, which has a range of guides and info sheets. New Office Bearers are also encouraged to contact their WACSSO State Councillor and / or the office staff with questions.

What is a good Secretary like?

The effective Secretary must be:

- Methodical
- Persistent
- Impartial
- Familiar with the Association's Constitution, Code of Conduct and By-laws

Methodical

The Secretary must safely store all records (working and archived). Most P&Cs now invest in secure online storage systems, such as Google Drive or OneDrive, or platforms specifically designed for Associations such as TidyHQ. Whichever system is chosen, they should be set up in such a way that there is a section for confidential access that is password protected (for example, where employee information is shared) and documents need to have version control enforced (for example, documents such as members' registers and minutes cannot be edited once accepted). In most cases, access to online documents will be read-only for members. The Secretary should also draw up an annual calendar and mark in all key dates: meetings; fairs; Association deadlines (insurance premiums due, WACSSO affiliation fees, Associations Online requirements, ACNC requirements, WACSSO Annual Conference); school terms and holidays. Use the annual P&C Handbook from WACSSO as a source of information for this purpose.

Persistent

The Secretary must follow up with people who've been given jobs to do such as action items from P&C meetings. When at meetings, look for the opportunity to delegate tasks to other members. Remember, the Secretary is not the general "gopher" to whom all tasks must fall.

Impartial

Be representative of the whole P&C and avoid cliques or internal power-plays. You have been elected to serve the best interests of the P&C membership.

Constitutionally Aware

Like all P&C members, you must be aware of the constitutional requirements of the Association. Always have a copy of the 2019 P&C Constitution (and any By-laws) on hand at meetings to ensure the Association is always acting within its obligations. A Secretary who is thoroughly familiar with the provisions of the Constitution is a tremendous help to the Chair.



Internal Administration

Agenda

The business for the P&C meeting is set out in an agenda which is an outline of the meeting structure. A well-considered agenda, compiled by the Chair (usually President) and the Secretary, leads to a constructive meeting.

Ideally, the agenda should be circulated to all members prior to the meeting, allowing them to give some thought to issues raised before being required to make a decision.

Under the 2019 P&C Constitution, financial motions to be moved at meetings require notice of 7 days (on General Meeting Agendas). The notice period for General Meetings is also 7 days. Notice of Executive Meetings and financial motions to be dealt with at these meetings, is 48 hours prior to the opening of the meeting (P&C Constitution 24.2). Because the meeting notice must be sent out ahead of time, it is a good idea to send the agenda at the same time, so members are informed of items of discussion.

It may be also useful to publish the agenda in a newsletter and on social media so other members of the school community are aware of the matters being dealt with at the meeting. This can also help attract new members to the meeting.

Correspondence In / Out

Correspondence can be loosely defined as communications to / from parties external to the P&C and its membership, and relevant to the core business of the Association. This includes both hard copy mail and email.

Ensure you have a process for collecting and sorting the P&C correspondence. This should be done on a regular basis and not left until the week of a P&C meeting (or even worse the day of the meeting!)

WACSSO recommends that Secretaries:

- Maintain two separate books for correspondence; one for inward and the other for outward correspondence. Alternatively, record these in a spreadsheet or use an online platform.
- Be selective with email logging. Log the initial email sent and the reply received (or vice versa), and only log emails from parties external to the P&C, associated with core business of the P&C. An example of how to do this, is to set up a separate inbox folder for each email matter or external party and store ALL emails in the related folder.
- For hard copy correspondence, once it has been received number it in sequence and enter it, with its number and the date in the inward book
- If the correspondence is passed on to another member of the P&C, make a note of that in the book so that the letter will not be lost.
- When a reply is written, record it by number in the outward book with the date sent. Pages from these books can be photocopied and placed with the minutes.
- Letters do not have to be read to the meeting unless someone specifically requests that the Secretary do so.
- Correspondence that does not relate to finances or employees, must be retained for 12 months (P&C Constitution Rule 20.3). Correspondence that relates to employees and finances should be given to the P&C Treasurer. Letters which you believe may have historical interest should be archived with the minute books.

Processing post / email

The Secretary, or another person delegated by the P&C must:

- Collect the mail from the school (usually a designated pigeonhole), or PO Box at least once a week.
- Request to be cc'd into Office Bearer email correspondence with external parties.
- Be the recipient of any resignations of members of the P&C or Executive Committee (P&C Constitution Rule 8.1)
- Open and read all the mail (see next point for exceptions) that is addressed to the P&C Association. It does not matter if it is addressed to the President, Secretary, Treasurer or Mr / Ms P&C Member – someone MUST open the mail and decide what to do with it.
- If mail is marked "Private and Confidential", only the person it is addressed to is legally allowed to open the envelope.
- Give mail to the relevant person e.g. canteen convenor.
- Refer urgent correspondence to the President immediately. It may be necessary to call an Executive Committee meeting to discuss the P&C's response.
- List correspondence of a non-urgent nature on the next agenda under 'Correspondence In', or present as a separate list.
- Reply to correspondence as approved and directed by a meeting of the Association or by the President.
- Consider setting up an automated message on your P&C email accounts (eg. thanks for your email, our Secretary is a volunteer and will respond in X days / when they can, if urgent call etc).

Reports

Reports must be submitted in writing prior to the meeting. These written reports should be retained as part of the permanent records of the P&C Association. A motion to adopt a report obliges the Secretary to keep a copy of the report as an appendix to the minutes. Reports may be submitted by:

- Treasurer (mandatory)
- President
- Vice-President / WACSSO Liaison (recommended)
- Principal (recommended)
- P&C member on School Council / Board
- Sub-committees including Canteen, Uniform, Fundraising etc. (mandatory only when financial motions and decisions have been made and / or when listed as mandatory in the sub-committee terms of reference)

Records

It is the Secretary's responsibility to:

- Notify the Principal and WACSSO, before 30 April each year, the names of the persons who in that year are Office Bearers and executive members of the P&C. The WACSSO website has an [online form](#) that makes this task easier. (P&C Constitution section 16.5)
- Maintain the Register of Members (Section 53 of the Associations Incorporation Act 2015, P&C Constitution sections 6.6, 16.3). The Register of Members will include the name, either the residential, postal or email address of each member and the date they became a member. It should also state if a member is suspended or expelled. Any changes to this information must be recorded in the Register within 28 days.
- Maintain all official documents such as the P&C Constitution and Association's Incorporation certificate.
- Alert the Executive Committee when renewals fall due or an official deadline must be met.
- Maintain the current minute book.
- Ensure old minutes or minute books are safely archived. Remember, these are the historical record of your Association and must be kept indefinitely, preferably in a locked filing cabinet on the school grounds. Also consider having a back-up soft copy on hardware or online. (P&C Constitution sections 16.2, 16.4, 20.2)
- Return all documents to the Executive Committee as soon as possible after they leave the position. (P&C Constitution section 16.6)

Common Seal

If the P&C has a Common Seal (P&C Constitution Rule 29.0), then it is kept in the custody of the Secretary. The Secretary is also one of the Office Bearers permitted to counter sign its use.



P&C Meetings

The Secretary has a number of responsibilities relating to P&C Meetings. These include:

- Convene meetings as required, i.e. advertise and organise them. Include financial motions on any notice of meeting.
- Call Special General Meetings, if required, under the provisions of P&C Constitution Rule 23.3.1
- Prepare an agenda in consultation with the Chair.
- Prepare and circulate documents, preferably prior to the meeting: minutes, agenda, reports, correspondence list.
- Prepare the meeting room: chairs, tables, whiteboards, copies of the Constitution, Codes of Conduct etc.
- Take new memberships and add to Register of Members. (P&C Constitution section 6.6)
- Record minutes. Keep the Chair informed of any matter which may assist or invalidate proceedings, including any attendees who are not members and therefore can't vote, and if anyone has declared a conflict of interest. (P&C Constitution section 26.5)
- Write letters or emails as the meeting has instructed.
- Be prepared for secret ballots if requested.
- Carry out the constitutional requirements of the Annual General Meeting with regard to timing of notices, notices of motion, nominations of office bearers, and annual financial reporting. (P&C Constitution sections 23.1, 24.1)

Notice of Meetings

Notice of General Meetings must be sent 7 days prior to the scheduled date in accordance with the Constitution. The notice period for Executive Meetings is 48 hours. If all those entitled to be at the meeting do not receive adequate notice, there is a risk the meeting could be declared invalid. (P&C Constitution Rule 24.1)

The notice must mention:

- Time
- Date
- Venue
- Motions on Notice (i.e. General Business)
- Financial motions to be presented
- Type of meeting (i.e. General, Executive, Special etc.)

Types of Meeting:

- General Meeting
- Annual General Meeting
- Special General Meeting
- Executive Committee Meeting
- Sub-committee Meeting (The Secretary is only required to prepare the meeting documents for a sub-committee meeting if the relevant Terms of Reference describe this as the Secretary's role for the sub-committee.

Members must receive 7 days' notice of a General Meeting (including Annual General Meeting and Special General Meeting), and 48hours' notice of Executive Committee Meetings. The required notice for Sub-committee meetings must be specified in the Terms of Reference for that Sub-committee.

The Minutes

It is essential to have a clear and accurate record of the proceedings of a meeting, which is why minutes are kept. Minutes should be written as soon as possible after the meeting, so they are a true and accurate record of the meeting events. (P&C Constitution Rules 16.2, 23.1.3 and 2.6.5). Ideally the minutes should be circulated within 7 days of the meeting.

the minutes should be signed by the President once approved at the following meeting.

Why Record Minutes?

Minutes are a brief, formal summary of the business conducted and outcomes at the meeting that help keep the Association working towards its objectives. As an official record they serve the following purposes:

- recording attendance and apologies;
- being a permanent record of meetings;
- recording policy decisions and progress on activities;
- documenting action that needs to be taken and by who;
- confirming elections, expenditure and actions authorised by the P&C Association;
- being a constitutionally acceptable reference and guide in case of later doubt or dispute; and,
- providing information to members absent from the meeting.

P&C Associations may vary the form of their minutes, but there are some items which should always be recorded as they arise. These include:

- the operating name of the P&C Association;
- the type of meeting (i.e. General, Executive, Special etc.);
- time, date and venue of meeting;
- name of the Chair;
- names of the people present – apologies, if received, of those absent;
- confirmation of previous minutes;
- correspondence received and action to be taken;
- Treasurer's report and list of accounts for payment;
- reports and action to be taken (including the names of members required to follow up);
- resolutions of the meeting;
- motions defeated, withdrawn or deferred to the next meeting;
- date of next meeting;
- time of meeting close; and
- the minutes of the Annual General Meeting must also list the names of the persons elected to the various offices and committees.

The Minute Book

The minute book is an official record of the P&C Association's decisions. Once the minutes have been accepted, the official copy should be pasted securely in the minute book or in digital format. Don't allow people to "borrow" the minutes to make copies. You may easily lose a vital piece of your history.

Hints for Recording Minutes

Minutes are not a record of who said what. It is unnecessary to accurately record everything said, and incorrect reporting may lead to repercussions. The decisions that were made are the important points that need to be noted. A verbatim report of the debate that led to the decision is not required unless a member specifically requests for their debate to be recorded (even then it is at the Chair's discretion if this happens or not). You may also choose not to record the names of the mover and seconder.

Minutes that are written in point form make a much more useful working document than minutes that are written as a narrative.

If intend to record an in-person, online or hybrid meeting to assist with the minute taking, it is good practice to clearly communicate your intention to record the meeting before it starts outlining the purpose and how the recording will be used. All members attending the meeting (in person and online) must give their consent to being recorded. This approach fosters transparency and trust within the group. Please note that recording meetings can sometimes discourage open discussion, as participants may feel less comfortable sharing their thoughts candidly. To foster a more open environment, you might opt to record only certain parts of the meeting or offer alternatives for those who prefer not to be recorded. Always prioritise creating a space where everyone feels safe and encouraged to participate fully. If a meeting is recorded for the purpose of finalising minutes, it is good practice for such a recording to be destroyed after it has been used for its intended purpose. The ratified minutes should always be the single source of truth, ensuring clarity and consistency in the meeting's outcomes.

The Secretary should always sit next to the Chair so details can be clarified quickly and to keep the Chair on schedule. Groups of people often believe they have reached a decision, yet when asked to express it, they have difficulty. It is not the Secretary's job to determine how a decision should be recorded in the minutes so do not be afraid to interrupt the meeting to clarify any matter to ensure accuracy. The Secretary should read out the wording to confirm - for motions and / or actions or any other details during the meeting for the purpose of capturing the minutes correctly.

Good practice / hints when taking minutes include:

- listen for key words or phrases;
- try to capture basic ideas and the essence of what people say – never attempt to record debates verbatim;
- use clear, simple language;
- don't worry about spelling;
- abbreviate words and use initials to save time;
- circle key ideas, statements or decisions;
- number all pages;
- keep notes made at the time until the minutes have been confirmed at the next meeting (once minutes are confirmed any draft versions should be removed from the P&Cs records so there is a single source of truth); and
- write up the minutes as soon as possible after the meeting.

Recording Motions

There are two types of motions:

Procedural motions relate to the conduct of the meeting, such as 'point of order', 'dissent' or 'closure'. These are motions that members can use during standing orders, for more information see the President's Guide or the Effective Meeting Guidelines publications.

Substantive motions (most common type) are where motions are moved, debate follows, and votes are taken. The Secretary must confirm with the Chair if the names of the movers and secondeers are to be recorded (this is not necessary and is at the discretion of the Chair). The result of any vote, however, must always be recorded. When a motion is defeated, it must still be recorded in the minutes. To leave it out creates the false belief that the matter was not raised. Motions that are put to the meeting but are not seconded should not be recorded.

It is not necessary to record the names of speakers for or against motions. After the motion has been put to the meeting the Secretary need not record any more detail (except main points raised in the discussion) until the decision is reached.

For minor motions, you may wish to use a simple statement such as:

"It was resolved that ..."; "It was agreed that ..."; "The Anytown Primary School P&C Association resolved to ...".

Ensure you understand any motion and subsequent resolution fully before recording it. If you don't understand the motion / resolution, ask the Chair to repeat it.

Action Column

While it may not be a column as such, it is essential that the minutes include clearly and easily identifiable info on who is responsible for the actions. This essential action 'column' or record lists the names of those responsible for following up the decisions made during the meeting. Every motion that requires action, should have the name of the person responsible for the action detailed.

Remember to push this point at meetings and delegate or you may be expected to do everything. Don't let decisions pass without appointing a member to take responsibility for actioning it.

Distributing the Minutes

Minutes are important. They provide a record of decisions made, and perhaps more importantly, a record of action required. For this reason, they must be distributed in Confidential DRAFT form to members not less than two weeks before the next meeting is scheduled (P&C Constitution Rule 26.5). These minutes are not official until they are ratified at the next General Meeting.

If members have an opportunity to read and really absorb the minutes prior to the meeting they can be sure it really is a true and accurate record of the meeting – and it may also serve as a reminder to a member they have a task to action.

Avoid reading the minutes of the previous meeting in full at the next meeting– it is unproductive, kills momentum and eats into precious time.

When distributing the minutes, ensure you remind members they are expected read them!

Confirming the Minutes

If you have circulated the minutes before the meeting, the members vote:

"That the minutes of the meeting of Anytown Primary School P&C Association held on at be taken as read and confirmed as a true and accurate record.

This gives the members the chance to discuss the accuracy of the minutes as a record. This is not the time to re-open discussion on decisions taken at the previous meeting. If the decisions taken were inappropriate or misguided, or if more information has come to light that requires a review of the decision, the minutes must still stay on record and be rescinded, or amended, at the proper time in the meeting.

The Secretary can enlist the help of the Chair to ensure feedback on the minutes is constructive. While spelling and grammar edits are useful, the key considerations for members when reviewing the draft minutes is to make sure no errors have been made that change the meaning or intent of the resolution.

If amendments / corrections are required, the members vote:

"That the minutes of the meeting of Anytown Primary School P&C Association held on at, with the following amendment(s), be taken as read and confirmed as a true and accurate record."

The minutes are then signed and dated by the Chair before being pasted in the Minute Book. This is known as ratification. E-signatures are acceptable for minutes, unless the minutes are going to the bank to change signatories in which case original signatures are required.

Contrary to popular opinion, it is acceptable for the minutes to be signed by someone who was not the Chair at the meeting of which the minutes are a record. Similarly, it is reasonable and acceptable practice to allow all members at the current meeting to vote on the minutes, irrespective of their attendance at the previous meeting.



Sub-Committees of the P&C

What is a Sub-Committee?

The P&C may form Sub-committees to perform specific tasks. In forming a Sub-committee, the P&C delegates the responsibility of planning, management and operation of an amenity, e.g. canteen, uniform shop, or fundraising to a committee. The P&C instructs the committee on how it is to operate by adopting instructions called a Terms of Reference (P&C Constitution Rule 18.2). These Terms of Reference can be altered at any time by the General Meeting of the P&C and it is recommended that when the Sub-committee is elected at each AGM they be given a copy of the Terms of Reference for review and reference.

The Sub-committee is formed by resolution at a P&C General Meeting (or AGM) and the members of the committee elected at the same time. Should a position become vacant on the committee an election may be held at a General Meeting of the P&C to fill the vacancy.

Members of P&C Sub-committees must be financial or ex officio members of the P&C
(P&C Constitution Rule 18.4).

After a committee is formed it may elect from within its membership a Convener and a Secretary. Where finances are involved, and the P&C has approved a separate bank account a Treasurer and a Secretary or one person as Secretary / Treasurer may be elected.

The P&C Treasurer has overall responsibility for the books of account of all Sub-committees.
(P&C Constitution Rule 17.1)

The expenditure of a Sub-committee's profits must be decided upon by a General Meeting of the P&C. Power of fundraising and expenditure, in keeping with the Sub-committee's purpose, may be given to a committee by the P&C. The Sub-committee's profits should be transferred to the general P&C account on a regular basis.

Timely and responsible fund management at all levels of the P&C, including for Sub-committee/s is important. Ideally, funds raised are used or committed during the year in which they are raised so that they can directly benefit current students. This is not a must-have, as there are occasions (such as with big projects like playgrounds) where it will take several years to raise the necessary funds, but it is strongly recommended. WACSSO does not recommend that Sub-committees, other than the canteen or uniform Sub-committees, have separate accounts or fundraise independently. However, as the P&C is an autonomous body it may choose to give these responsibilities / powers to one of its committees. If this is the case then an appropriate clause, identifying the responsibilities of the Treasurer, should be included in the Terms of Reference. WACSSO suggests that the P&C Treasurer is the signatory of the Sub-committee account/s.

Sub-committees may have a clause in their Terms of Reference that allows them to spend money on consumables or incidentals directly associated with the administration of the Sub-committee. This clause in the Terms of Reference could be worded (as an example): "the Sub-committee has the power to expend up to \$100 per term on administrative purposes only".

All monies in an account in the name of a Sub-committee belong to the P&C (P&C Constitution Rule 18.8). This means that if the main P&C account runs short of funds it can claim any excess funds from Sub-committee accounts. Terms of Reference for committees with their own bank accounts are available from the WACSSO website. Where a Sub-committee has its own account, the signatories must be the same as for the P&C, (Office Bearers and one other member of the Exec). Sub-committees cannot have additional account signatories.

The President of the P&C is ex officio a member of all Sub-committees (P&C Constitution Rule 18.6) and separately, Sub-committees must include a member of the Executive Committee (P&C Constitution Rule 18.5).

Responsibilities / powers of the Sub-committee are decided by the P&C when adopting the Terms of Reference for that Sub-committee. These responsibilities / powers should be clearly described to enable the Sub-committee to function effectively. In addition to any reports presented at meetings of the Sub-committee, Sub-committees must present reports at all P&C meetings and at other meetings of the P&C (P&C Constitution Rule 18.7). It is preferable that reports be written and contain a financial statement (where finances are involved) and recommendations to be motioned and debated. The P&C Treasurer is ultimately responsible for the accounts of the Sub-committee and therefore must have full access the financial books of Sub-committees.

For further information on Sub-Committees, please see the Info Sheet and Templates sections of the WACSSO website.

Disputes and Mediation / Suspension and Expulsion

The Secretary has an important role in both these processes (P&C Constitution Rules 9.0 and 28.0) as they may be one of the first Executive members contacted when a member wishes to raise an issue. They will also be responsible for sending correspondence and calling meetings which form an integral part of these rules.

Being a member of the Executive Committee, they will also play a part in determining the outcome of a dispute or deciding if a member is to be suspended or expelled and the recording of any action in the Register of Members.

They may also be required to take part in the mediation process.

Examples

Sample agenda for a General Meeting

Anytown Primary School P&C Association Inc.

1. Open and Welcome

Acknowledgement of Country, confirm quorum, apologies (read by Secretary if not listed on the agenda when circulated), Introduce new members, declarations of interest.

2. Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting

(Motion that the minutes be accepted)

3. Business arising from previous minutes

(Specific items under consideration may be listed here. Members may raise any matter referred to in the minutes, but do not re-debate the issues)

4. Correspondence

4.1 In

(Motion that correspondence in be received)

4.2 Out

(Motion that correspondence out be approved)

5. President's Report

(Motion that President's Report be adopted)

6. Treasurer's Report

(Motion that Treasurer's Report be adopted)

7. Other Reports

7.1 Vice President / WACSSO Liaison

7.2 Principal

7.3 Sub-committee reports

(Motion that each report be adopted)

8. General Business

Notice of motions

(must include financial motions, which should be provided at least 7 days before meeting - encourages members to notify the Secretary of items for discussion at last 7 days prior to the meeting as well)

9. Other Business

(Added to the agenda at the beginning of the meeting and prioritised by the Chair)

10. Date of next meeting

11. Close



Sample minutes

Anytown Primary School P&C Association Inc.

Minutes of the General Meeting held on Wednesday 3 May 2018 in the Staff Room. Meeting opened at 7.35pm.

1. Welcome

In attendance:

B Smith (Chair), C Jones, J Rogers, Chong San Yoon, B Miller, M Taloi, K Rees-Smith, I Card

Apologies:

M Short, R A Wilkins

2. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Resolution: That the minutes of the meeting of Anytown Primary School P&C Association held on 3 May 2018 at 7.30pm be taken as read and confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Carried

3. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

3.1 School Fete

Letters have been sent to prospective sponsors and exhibitors. Phone call to WACSSO re Public Liability Insurance (see attached note).

3.2 Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser

Orders have been posted and goods should be received on Monday 25th April.

3.3 School's 40th anniversary

Working party met to draw up timetable and allocate tasks.

4. Correspondence

4.1 Correspondence In

Resolution: That correspondence in be received as per attached list.

Carried

4.2 Correspondence Out

Resolution: That correspondence out be approved as per attached list.

Carried

5. President's Report (attached)

Resolution: That the President's Report be received

Carried

6. Treasurer's Report (attached)

C Jones explained increase in cost of uniforms due to supplier's price increase.

Resolution: That the Treasurer's report be adopted.

Carried

7. Reports

7.1 Vice President / WACSSO Liaison Report (attached)

Resolution: That the Vice President's report be received.

Carried

7.2 Principal's Report

Resolution: That the Principal's report be received.

Carried

7.3 Canteen Sub-committee's Report

Jane Doe reported that the Canteen Supervisor's contract is due for renewal.

Action: President and Ms Doe to negotiate new agreement with Manager.

Profit of \$1,870 from last semester (Semester 2, 2018) transferred to P&C General Account.

Resolution: That the Canteen Sub-committee's report be adopted.

Carried

8. General Business

8.1 Homework Policy

Several parents have raised the issue of student homework.

Resolution: That the P&C request that the Principal outline the school's homework policy in the next School Newsletter and invite comment from concerned parents.

Action by: Principal

Carried

8.2 Use of school grounds outside of school hours

The question was raised whether students can use the school oval, playground equipment and basketball court outside of school hours. The Principal was unsure of Education Department Policy in this matter and will report back to the next meeting after receiving advice.

Action by: Principal

8.3 Motion on Notice: That the P&C Association contribute \$600 towards the cost of purchasing new football jerseys for the senior team.

The school's senior football team needs new jerseys at a cost of \$60 per jersey for 20 jerseys.

The school has indicated a willingness to pay half of the cost if the P&C is willing to donate the rest - \$600.

J Rogers wished it noted that she voted against this motion.

Lost

9. Other Business

9.1 P&C Training Program

I Card reported on a P&C training program attended at a nearby school, reported how awesome it was and suggested that we host a similar training at our school and invite all P&C members and parents to attend.

Resolution: That the Vice President / WACSSO liaison contacts WACSSO and organises a training session be held at our school.

Action by: Vice President / WACSSO Liaison

Carried

10. Date of Next Meeting

The next General Meeting will be held Tuesday 4 June at 7.30pm (to 8:30pm) in the staff room.

An Executive Committee Meeting to be held on the same evening from 6:30pm – 7:30pm.

11. Closure

The meeting closed at 8:23pm.

Membership Forms

Having a supply of membership forms at each meeting will simplify the task of recording the details of new members to the Association. Only required details should be transferred to the permanent Register of Members as soon as practical after the meeting. The Register of Members will include the name, either the residential, postal or email address of each member and the date they became a member. Any changes to this information will be recorded within 28 days.

P&Cs may also decide to digitise membership, using online forms or the school app to capture member details and payments. WACSSO recommends this is a separate process where possible (ie, not an inclusion on the booklist) so that the Treasurer can more easily reconcile payments and the Register of Members contains the correct information. Just as you would ensure that personal details collected via paper forms are stored securely, so too should personal data collected online be kept safe.

Updated membership forms are available in the WACSSO P&C Handbook which is delivered to P&Cs at the start of every year and available on our website. Membership forms from the previous financial year should be destroyed as soon as possible after the next AGM.

The only people permitted to view these membership forms will be the Office Bearers of the P&C. Any P&C financial member may view the Register of Members, which is why it has limited information.

Refer P&C Constitution Rules 6.6 & 16.3.

Register of Members and Record of Office Bearers

The Register of Members and Record of Office Holders is a legal document and must be maintained as a permanent record of the members and the Office Bearers of the P&C Association. A member's details, change in membership, or change in Office Bearer must be recorded in the register within 28 days after the change.

(P&C Constitution Rules 6.6 & 16.3).

A template for this Register can be found on the WACSSO website.

Top ten rules for being a great Secretary

Be organised

With the assistance of the Chair, prepare a comprehensive agenda for every meeting.

Make sure all members are aware of the start time, finish time and place of the meeting.

Ensure the Chair starts on time and finishes on time.

Do not read the minutes of the last meeting in full at the meeting. Circulate draft copies at least two weeks before the next meeting date.

Do not attempt to take detailed notes of discussions and include them in the minutes.

Record all resolutions taken exactly as passed by the members and ask the Chair to repeat the words of the motion if unsure.

Ensure that you record the names of the people responsible for following up a resolution (Action Items).

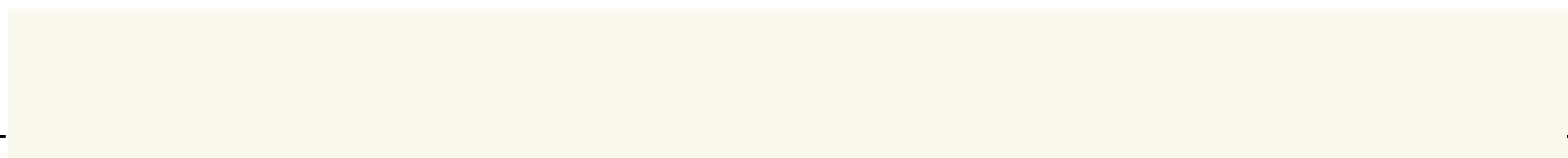
Nominate members to assist. That's what they are there for.

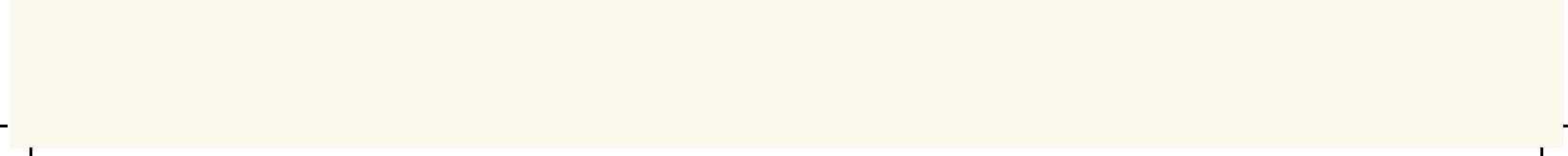
Do not become too involved in discussion / debate. If you feel you want to have close involvement in a topic, ask someone else to take the minutes for that item.

Office Bearers and Sub-committees must put in written reports to save time and help you in your duties.



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