

Hate Crime Working Group

Minutes of the Third Annual General Meeting of HCWG held at Sonke Gender Justice, Braamfontein, Thursday 6th February 2014

The AGM commenced at 10am on Thursday 6th February 2014. The meeting was chaired by Iole Matthews, Chair of the Steering Committee. Ten of the eleven steering committee members were present. Apologies for members unable to attend were recorded.

Attendance:

Iole Matthews (Chair) (IPT), Dawie Nel (Deputy Chair) (OUT), Prof Juan Nel (Unisa) Wendy Kahn (SAJBD), Tracy Doig (Amnesty International), Nomonde Nyembe (Sonke Gender Justice), Ingrid Lynch (Triangle Project), Yolanda Mitchell (Ubora Research Solutions), Alfani Yoyo (CORMSA), Anthony Manion (GALA), N.B. Mufunwaini (MunnaNdiNnyi), GodelSefu (Disabled Refugees Projects), Ibrahim (Disabled Refugees Projects), Dr N. Mathabathe (UNAIDS), Jean Pierre Misago (African Centre for Migration & Society (Wits), Phindi Malaza (FEW), Anthony Waldhausen (GLN), Estelle Otto (DSD), Rebekkeh Barbuscia (CORMSA), Eugene Bope (CORMSA), Khonzi Mbatha (Unisa), Samson Ogunyemi (JRS), LesirelaLetsebe (LRH), Janine Shamos (SAJBD), Sipiwe Ntombela (DOJ&CD), Johan Meyer (OUT)

Apologies:

Mary Rayner (Amnesty International), Marilize Ackermann (Scalabrini), Yasmin Rajah (Refugee Social Services), Makusha Hupenyu (Catholic Archdiocese of Durban Refugee Pastoral Care), Gosiamo Choabi (Anti-Xenophobia Action SA), Ella Kotze (Counselling psychologist), Gift Moerane (SA Council of Churches), Phiwe Ngcengi (Transfeminists), Shaine Griqua (LEGBO Northern Cape), Liesl Theron (Gender Dynamix), Veronica Gantana (DSD)

1. Previous Minutes

Copies of minutes were made available. The Chair invited questions regarding the minutes, however no questions were raised.

Resolution 1: Approval of the previous minutes.

The previous minutes were approved unanimously.

2. Annual Report:

The Chair reported on the activities of the HCWG for 2013 – PowerPoint attached. The Chair thanked Steering Committee members and the Secretariat (Yolanda Mitchell of Ubora Research Solutions) for their energy and commitment throughout the year. Thanks were also given to the Research Sub Committee for their efforts during the year.

3. Report from Research Sub Committee:

Prof Juan Nel reported back on the Hate and Bias Crime Monitoring Project activities during 2013 – PowerPoint attached. It was noted that the development phase of the project was over and we were now into the implementation phase. The research sub-committee would therefore hand over to the Steering Committee and move to a supportive role rather than

driving the project. Organisations who are members of the HCWG will receive a bound version of the User Guide which was released at the AGM for their use. The User Guide will also be available for downloading on the HCWG website at www.hcwg.org.za

Questions were taken from the floor.

4. Key Note Address

Ms Sipiwe Ntombela of the Department of Justice and Constitutional Development gave an update on the work of the LGBTI Task Team – PowerPoint attached – and fielded questions regarding progress around this and the draft National Hate Crime Policy Framework. It was noted that she was unable to specifically answer any Hate Crimes Policy questions as this was not her department but any questions would be taken back to the relevant persons following this meeting.

5. Election of Steering Committee for 2014

Juan Nel facilitated the election process. He stated that in accordance with the Terms of Reference a minimum of 7 and maximum of 11 Steering Committee members could be elected by full members at an AGM and should be comprised of those able to play an active role in the organisation of the Working Group. All full members are welcome to put themselves forward to serve on the Steering Committee.

It was noted that Phindi Malaza (FEW) and Anthony Manion (GALA) would not be seeking re-election.

The steering committee members seeking re-election were:

Dawie Nel – OUT
Tracy Doig – Amnesty International
Wendy Kahn – SAJBD
Ingrid Lynch – Triangle Project
Iole Matthews – IPT
Alfani Yoyo – CORMSA
Marilize Ackerman – Scalabrini
Anthony Waldhausen –GLN
Angelica Pino – Sonke Gender Justice

A nomination was made for election of Jean Pierre Misago (ACMS/WITS) to the Steering Committee

Since the total number of those seeking election was 10 and there were no other nominations it was proposed that the election and re-election of members be dealt with as one resolution. No objection was raised and resolution was put to the meeting.

Resolution 2: Election of Steering Committee

The steering committee was elected unanimously.

It was noted by GALA that they had chosen to excuse themselves from seeking re-election in order to allow for a broader representation of organisations on the Steering Committee. Following discussion it was agreed that the 11th place on the committee should be reserved for an organisation representing the Disability Sector.

Resolution 3: Allocation of place on Steering Committee

The new Steering Committee were tasked with identifying and contacting a suitable representative organisation to represent this sector within the SC. The Disabled Refugees Projects noted that they would apply for membership of HCWG and would make themselves available.

Resolution 4: Continuation of Research Sub Committee

Juan Nel, Khonzi Mbatha, Yolanda Mitchell and Hanlie van Wyk will continue to serve on the research sub committee.

6. Other Business

A motion was passed that three changes be made to the TOR

- 6.1. Page 4 paragraph 4 – “CoRMSA, as Secretariat, will act as a liaison” will be replaced with “the secretariat will act as liaison”
- 6.2. Page 5 paragraph 2 – “Secretariat: CoRMSA provides the Secretariat for all HCWG meetings. The Secretariat will be responsible for”, to become “Secretariat: The Secretariat will be responsible for:” - based on the fact that the role of the secretariat moves and is not constrained to one person or organisation. It was agreed that the TOR should not contain specific organisations or names.
- 6.3. Table on p.3 it was suggested that where bimonthly meetings are prescribed for the Steering Committee it should rather say “at least 4 per annum and additional as the need arises” and a reduction from “3 meeting plus the AGM” to “at least 1 meeting plus AGM” for full members.
- 6.4. Table on p.4 where we do not provide for provincial structures and may have to if we formalise such an arrangement since we have two emerging provincial structures in KZN and WC.

Resolution 4: Changes to TOR

Changes to the TOR in 6.1, 6.2 and 6.3 were accepted unanimously by meeting. The Steering Committee will discuss 6.3 at the first meeting of 2014 and make a recommendation to members at the first general meeting of 2014.

There being nothing further the meeting closed at 13h00 and the first Steering Committee meeting of 2014 will be held in March 2014.