



The Association of
Christian Spiritual Directors Inc.

NEWSLETTER

March 2015

FROM THE EXECUTIVE

Greetings to you all from the Executive, which met in Wellington on February 21st. All the Exec members were present except Molly King who was unwell. Please keep her in your prayers. As usual, the meeting covered a lot of ground with spirited discussion.

TRAINING EVENT AND BIENNIAL GENERAL MEETING

The Wellington Working Group organising this year's Training Event reported to the meeting (through Exec member Pip Nicholls) on progress with various aspects of organisation. The budget for the event and the brochure advertising the BTE were approved. The brochure will be sent out when the preferred logo is decided by the membership. (Both the brochure and the registration form will be sent out and will also be available in the 'members only' part of the website.) Jo Anastasiadis attended to talk the Exec through the financial planning for the BTE. The local organising committee has clearly worked hard not only to ensure that the BTE will be a superb event, but also that costs have been carefully kept in check for the benefit of members. The Wellington Planning Group is comprised of: Jo Anastasiadis, Jane Wilkinson, Bede Haughey, Molly King, Clare O'Connor and Pip Nicholls. (NB: To ensure that no 'cracks' have been ignored in the planning process, Exec members Molly and Pip have taken turns in chairing the Planning Group's meetings.)

STRATEGIC PLAN

Some time was spent reviewing the strategic plan, and the Exec is continuing to implement aspects of it. (And so, the choice of logo is being put to you, the members, even as this report is being prepared.)

FINANCE

A considerable period of time was spent discussing the finances of the Association. The last five years have seen the Exec develop new systems following the death of Shirley Fergusson. Now, with this work coming to fruition, there is a need both for costs to be

closely monitored and for membership over all to be increased. Current annual income is not meeting annual expenditure, and so the Exec will limit their meetings to three a year, with one of these perhaps being done via Skype. Unfortunately, it may be necessary to increase subscriptions which have been static for some years. Thank you to those members who generously give an additional donation. This will go towards a scholarship fund in the future.

Fuller details on our income and expenditure will be provided along with a recommendation on an increase in annual subscription fees after our next Exec meeting.

ACSD WEBSITE

Website manager Terry Alve attended the meeting to give feedback on website usage, and to brainstorm with the Exec on how the website might be better presented for the benefit of ACSD members. It was noted that some parts of the website require a password that is restricted to members. [That password is 1acsdanz9]. Minutes from the last Biennial General Meeting, including the Executive and Financial Reports, will be posted in the restricted section, for example.

MEMBERSHIP

A warm welcome to our new Associate Member:

Juliet Drage, Cambridge

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the ACSD Executive will be held in Wellington on May 16 2015.

Mary Hepburn, Sec/Treas

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Exec members hard at work!