



Associated Country Women of the World

**Report of the
28th Triennial Conference**

17-23 August 2016

Working Together for a Better Future

**University of Warwick,
Coventry, England**

Associated Country Women of the World

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1. Name

1.1 The name of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation is Associated Country Women of the World (“ACWW”).

2. National Location of Principal Office

2.1 ACWW must have a principal office in England or Wales. The principal office of ACWW is in England (herein referred to as “Central Office”).

3. Objects

3.1 The objects of ACWW are

3.1.1 the relief of poverty;

3.1.2 the relief of sickness and the protection and preservation of health; and

3.1.3 the advancement of education.

4. Values

4.1 ACWW consists of independent organisations which are associated for the purposes stated in the Objects and individual members.

4.2 The ACWW, its membership and networks of rural and non-rural women will empower membership societies and networks of rural and non-rural women to work together for an improved quality of life through partnership, advocacy, sharing of knowledge and local activities.

5. Powers

ACWW strives for accuracy in the compilation of this report, but apologises for any errors or unintended omissions and acknowledges that there may be mistakes due to the large volume of information and data included.

Foreward

It is a privilege and a pleasure to present this Report of the ACWW 28th Triennial Conference, which exemplified its theme, *Working Together for a Better Future*.

The Reports of the nine Area Presidents gave an indication of the way in which lives of grass-roots women and communities worldwide are enriched and even transformed by the encouragement and support of ACWW.

The reports of four of the six Specified Committees were presented in a new format. Each was delivered in three sessions, each to a third of the participants in concurrent sessions. The intention was that smaller groups might inspire questions and discussion. The Triennial Conference and Finance Committees gave their reports in full Plenary sessions. In all cases, the reports proved educational and enlightening and demonstrated the width, breadth and depth of the work undertaken by ACWW.

Resolutions and Recommendations on issues of importance to our members were presented, some arousing more debate than others.

The Mystery Tour, spousal tours and entertainment arranged by the Hostess Committee added a taste of 'Englishness' to the whole event. Members generously supported the Coventry Women's Refuge with warm clothes, which were gratefully received. The Countrywoman's Store of home made goods was a great feature of the display area and attracted many visitors each lunchtime. Browsing, buying and meeting friends old and new were as ever, essential features of the time together.

The Pre-Conference Workshop encompassed leadership training for all those nominated for the incoming Board, empowering them with transferable skills.

I am grateful to those who kindly gave up their time to act as returning officers, scrutineers, tellers, timekeepers and stewards and my warm thanks go to everyone who contributed in any way to the resounding success of the Warwick Conference.

Our Association goes from strength to strength, and I have been honoured to play my role in this journey.

Ruth Shanks AM
ACWW World President

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Triennial Conference	Mrs Henrietta Schoeman (South Africa)
United Nations	Sharon Hatten (Canada)

Triennial Conference Committee

Chairman:	Mrs Henrietta Schoeman
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Projects	Mrs Anne Marit Hovstad (Norway)
Triennial Conference Committee	Mrs Henrietta Schoeman (South Africa)
United Nations	Mrs Kerry Maw Smith (New Zealand - Retired, April 2018)

** Deceased, July 2018*

SPONSORSHIP FUNDS

20 delegates from Europe were supported by donations to the European Travel Fund. Conference Sponsorship Funds also supported 5 delegates from Central and South Asia, 3 from Southern Africa, 2 from East, West and Central Africa, 1 from Caribbean, Central & South America and 1 from South Pacific Area. Additionally, one delegate from Malaysia was supported by the Nini Isabel Stewart Trust fund.

PRE-CONFERENCE LEADERSHIP TRAINING

All candidates for the Board were sponsored to attend 2 days' leadership training to prepare them for office either on the Board or back in their own societies. Major topics covered included how to be a trustee within English Charity regulations, the Constitution, communications, the role of an Area President, the role of the Board of Trustees.

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Programme as originally scheduled. Some amendments took place on the day due to the amount of discussion stimulated by resolutions (some ran under but others over allocated time but all those indicating were allowed to speak).

Wednesday 17 August 2016

Registration day

- 09:00 Outgoing Board Meeting
- 16:00 Briefing Meeting for Returning Officer, Tellers, Scrutineers Stewards and Time-keepers
- 16:00 Conference Choir Rehearsal
- 17:00 Flag Ceremony Rehearsal
- 18:00 Dinner
- 19:00 Area Meetings (including Conference briefing)

Thursday 18 August 2016

- 09:00 **Opening Ceremony**
 Procession of flags (Chris Trewick)
 Welcome by the Hostess Society Chair: Jackie Gregory
 Welcome by the Vice-Lord Lieutenant
 Keynote Speaker: Baroness Walmsley
 Response by the World President
 Greetings from Heads of State
 Song of Peace (Words in programme)
- 11:00 Break
 Opening of The Countrywoman's Store and Exhibition
- 11:45 **Plenary Session 1**
 Conference Information
 Voting Procedures
 Appointment of Returning Officers, Scrutineers, Tellers, Stewards and Timekeepers
 Introduction of the 2013-2016 Board Members and Central Office Staff.
 Adoption of the Triennial Conference Report 2013
 Acceptance of Rules of Procedure
 Address by the World President
- 13:15 Lunch
- 14:15 **Plenary Session 2**
 Finance Report
 Introduction of Nominees
- 15:45 Break
 Heads of delegations to collect ballot papers
- 16:15 **Election of Officers**
- 18:30 Dinner

Friday 19 August 2016

- 09:00 **Thanksgiving Service**
Minute of Silence
- 10:00 **Plenary Session 3**
Voting strength
Constitution (Resolution 1)
- 11:00 **Plenary Session 4**
Voting strength
Area presidents Report (1)
Resolutions (2)
Area Presidents Report (1)
Resolution (1)
- 14:00 **Concurrent Sessions**
 Projects Committee / Agriculture Committee / 'Fun' session
- 15:00 **Concurrent Sessions (continued)**
- 16:30 **Concurrent Sessions (continued)**
- Evening **'Entertain the World'**

Saturday 20 August 2016

- 09:00 **Plenary Session 5**
Voting strength
Operation Manager's Report
Resolutions (3)
Area President's Report (2)
- 11:30 **Plenary Session 6**
Voting strength
Area Presidents Reports (2)
Resolutions (2)
- 14:00 **Concurrent Sessions**
United Nations Committee / Communications & Marketing Committee / 'Fun' Session
- 15:00 **Concurrent Sessions (continued)**
- 16:30 **Concurrent Sessions (continued)**
- Evening **'English Cultural Night'**

Sunday 21 August 2016

- 09:00 **Plenary Session 7**
Voting strength
Guest Speaker – Non-communicable diseases – smoking
Area Presidents Reports (2)
- 11:30 **Plenary Session 8**
Voting strength
Area Presidents Report (1)
Resolutions (2)
- 14:00 **Session**
Voting strength
Guest speaker
Invitation to host the 2022 ACWW World Conference
Report of the Pre-Conference Workshop
- 16:00 **Plenary Session 9**
Voting strength
Recommendations (3)
Announcement of elected Officers
- Evening **Gala Dinner**

Monday 22 August 2016

- 09:30 **Plenary Session 10**
Voting strength
TCC Report
Voting for the 2022 Triennial World Conference
Presentation of the 2019 World Conference in Australia
Unfinished business
Evaluation forms
- 11:30 **Closing Ceremony**
Thanks – Host Society
Thanks – World President
Thanks to the World President by Deputy President
Presentation of Badges to Incoming Board
Closure of Conference by World President
Song of Peace
Procession of Flags
- 14:00 **Area Meetings**
- 15:00 **Incoming Board Meeting**

Tuesday 23 August 2016

Day Excursion

- Mystery Tour
- Departure

APPOINTMENT OF RETURNING OFFICERS, SCRUTINEERS, TELLERS AND TIMEKEEPERS

The following were appointed by the Triennial Conference Committee and approved by the Conference:

Returning Officer

Roma Patten (England)

Chief Teller

Roma Pattern (England)

Assistant Chief Teller

Dorothy Coombe (Australia)

Tellers

Marina Muller (South Africa)

Sienie Jansen Van Vuuren (South Africa)

Ms Chrissie Bedwin (England)

Ms Liz Christian (England)

Stewards and Volunteers

Mrs Marie Bradbery

Ms Elizabeth Christian

Mrs Gillian Crisp

Ms Andrea Danvers

Mrs Marcia Dodge

Mrs Annette Forsyth

Mrs Suzanne Garrett

Miss Kathleen Havenga

Miss Maureen Levenson

Mrs Norma Lovelace

Mrs Jacoba Frederika Lubbe

Mrs Carmen Luscombe

Mrs Malkanthi Perera

Timekeepers / Recorders

Mrs Heather Brennan (Australia)

Mrs Elsie Kimball (Australia)

Wednesday 17 August 2016

This was the main Registration day.

The Outgoing Board Meeting took place in the morning.

In the afternoon there was a Briefing Meeting for Returning Officer, Tellers, Scrutineers Stewards and Time-keepers, the Conference Choir Rehearsal and a Rehearsal for the Flag Ceremony.

Area Meetings (incorporating a Conference briefing) took place in the evening.

Thursday 18 August 2016**OPENING CEREMONY**

Members of the West Midlands Federation of the WI carried the following flags and placed them around the stage as ACWW Operations Manager Ms Tish Collins announced each country currently in active membership and background music was played by The Norton Trio. The following countries were represented:

Australia	Bangladesh	Belarus
Botswana	Brazil	Brunei
Cameroon	Canada	China
Denmark	Dominican Republic	East Timor
Estonia	Fiji	Finland
France	The Gambia	Georgia
Germany	Ghana	Greece
Grenada	Guyana	Hungary
Iceland	India	Indonesia
Ireland	Italy	Jamaica
Kenya	Kiribati	Latvia
Lesotho	Lithuania	Malaysia
Mongolia	Namibia	Nepal
Netherlands	New Zealand	Nigeria
Norway	Papua New Guinea	Philippines
Romania	Russian Federation	South Africa
South Korea	Spain	Sri Lanka
St. Vincent and Grenadines	Sweden	Switzerland
Tanzania	Thailand	Kingdom of Tonga
Trinidad & Tobago	Tuvalu	Uganda
United Kingdom	United States of America	Zambia
Zimbabwe		

The emblems of the ACWW and the United Nations were also displayed in the Conference hall.

Ms Tish Collins, ACWW Operations Manager, announced the platform party which included members of the Board and Guests of Honour the Vice-Lord Lieutenant of the West Midlands Colonel George Marsh TD, the Lord Mayor of Coventry Councillor Lindsley Harvard and the Baroness Walmsley who joined World President Mrs Ruth Shanks AM and the Board.

World President Mrs Shanks AM officially opened the of the 28th Triennial Conference of the Associated Country Women of the World, at the University of Warwick, Coventry, England and welcomed all to the Opening Ceremony. She introduced the Guests of Honour, then invited all to be upstanding for the National Anthem, with music provided by The Norton Trio.

The World President then thanked the Triennial Conference Committee, Staff, Board, and Volunteers for their efforts in preparing the conference. She then introduced the Vice-Lord Lieutenant of the West Midlands.

The Vice-Lord Lieutenant of the West Midlands Colonel George Marsh TD addressed the Conference, bringing greetings for a successful and productive conference from Her Majesty the Queen. Deputy President Mrs Margaret Yetman gave the vote of thanks.

The Lord Mayor of Coventry Councillor Lindsley Harvard then addressed the Conference, expressing good wishes for a successful event and hope that delegates would be able to find time to visit the City. Mrs Henrietta Schoeman, Secretary of ACWW gave the vote of thanks.

Mrs Jackie Gregory, Chair of the Hostess Committee was then invited to address the Conference. She paid tribute to the Hostess Committee and their considerable work and wished the Conference every success. Mrs Ruth Shanks AM gave the vote of thanks.

World President Mrs Shanks introduced keynote speaker Baroness Walmsley, whom she had met previously at the ACWW concert with the Amadè Players for International Women's Day. The Baroness was the health spokesman for the Liberal Democrats in the House of Lords, and currently Vice-Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group for Children and was previously Vice-Chair of the Gender Balance Task Force. Her charity work mostly relates to children and plant conservation, being the Chairman of the Botanic Gardens Conservation International for nine years. Baroness Walmsley spoke about the empowerment of women and emphasised the role of women in 'getting things done' for the greater good. Mrs Margaret Yetman, Deputy President gave the vote of thanks.

World President Ruth Shanks AM read greetings from the following Heads of State:

Her Majesty the Queen:

Please convey my warm thanks for the loyal greetings sent on behalf of the National Federation of Women's Institutes and the WI's delegates attending the Twenty-Eighth Triennial Conference of the Associated Country Women of the World, which is being held in Warwick.

I was interested to learn that this year's theme is Working Together for a Better Future and I send my best wishes to the United Kingdom delegation, together with all those in attendance, for a most successful and enjoyable Conference.

The Prime Minister of New Zealand, the Rt Hon John Key:

Rural communities are the backbone of New Zealand and at the heart of every community are rural women. They make a significant contribution to the economy and to society as a whole.

Organisations like Rural Women NZ are integral in providing the support and encouragement women in rural communities need to reach their full potential. There are women in rural communities all around New Zealand doing exceptional work and at the top of their industries.

I am pleased organisations such as Rural Women New Zealand are there to support them.

I would like to thank you for the part you play in strengthening rural communities across the country. I hope you have a wonderful conference in the United Kingdom.

**His Excellency General The Right Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Ret'd),
Governor of New South Wales, Australia**

On the occasion of the 28th Triennial Conference of the Associated Country Women of the World University of Warwick, Coventry, UK. 17th – 23rd August 2016

As Patrons of the Associated Country Women's Association of New South Wales, Linda and I convey our best wishes from the people of New South Wales for a successful Conference.

Rt Hon Nicola Sturgeon MSP, First Minister of Scotland

To all of the delegates attending, as I write this message I have an image of 600 women from all over the world, coming together to improve the lives of women and their communities across the globe.

I hope that over the next few days you have a chance to reflect on and celebrate your work and

achievements to date, as well as the opportunity to look ahead to new challenges. My very best wishes to everyone attending for an enjoyable and successful conference.

Delegates then sang the Song of Peace accompanied by The Norton Trio and members from a Welsh WI choir.

Break – in which the Country Woman’s Store, hosted by the West Midlands WI Hostess Committee, was opened for the first time. This featured arts and crafts contributed by member societies all over England and Wales.

PLENARY SESSION 1

Voting strength: 430; 51% = 219 and 2/3 majority = 287

The World President introduced the Chairman of the Triennial Conference Committee Mrs Henrietta Schoeman, to announce the appointment of the returning Officer, Scrutineers, Tellers, Stewards and Timekeepers.

Operations Manager Ms Collins explained plenary session voting procedures. Delegation leaders for each Voting member society received an envelope with the appropriate number of voting cards depending upon their category and each session had a different colour.

The World President then introduced the 2013-2016 Board members and Central Office staff.

World President Ruth Shanks AM called for the adoption of the Conference Report 2013.

Moved: Mrs Lynette Harris (CWA of New South Wales); **Seconded:** Mrs Marie Appleton
This was approved with no votes against.

World President Ruth Shanks AM called for the acceptance of the Standing Orders and Rules of Procedure printed in the Programme booklet and moved formally.
This was approved with no votes against.

Formal address by the World President

Ruth Shanks AM again thanked everyone for attending, and spoke of her optimism for the three years ahead, building on the work achieved since 2013. At the next Triennial Conference, ACWW would be celebrating its 90th Anniversary, and the efforts of all members globally would make this anniversary one to remember. The World President announced that she was delighted to see two past World president, May Kidd and Hilda Stewart at the Conference.

Break - Delegates were handed a copy of the Triennial estimates of budget as they left the hall to peruse over the lunch break.

PLENARY SESSION 2

Voting strength: 443; 51% = 226 and 2/3 majority = 295

Treasurer Mrs Alison Burnett gave the Finance Report for the triennium 2013 – 2016.

Madam World President, Fellow Board Members, Delegates.

I said in 2010 on my election ‘I want to make the accounts easier for everyone to understand’. Last triennium the finance committee was still trying to understand them and now we are ready to make some changes to make them more understandable, remembering that there are different groups of people who look at our accounts not just ACWW members but also the Charity Commission who are very important to our continuing to be a charity.

I understand that Charity is not a word used in some countries and not-for-profit organisation is a more familiar term. However, in the UK it is important for an organisation such as ACWW to have this identity. ACWW only became a registered charity in 1984. People are more ready to give to a charity that is being regulated by an outside independent source. They have strict rules as to how you can spend your money and they scrutinise the Report & Accounts annually. As long as we do what we say in our constitution as far as aims and objectives are concerned, we should be all right. It is even more important for ACWW as nearly all of its income has come from the members and very little from outside sources. (I find this strange considering we are a worldwide organisation!).

Two changes which have been made. We are now working with 3 completed year accounts (2013-15 rather than incomplete transition years for the triennium); and the layout uses cost centres as in audited accounts which showing the actual work ACWW does in line with modern charity accounting practices.

Mrs Burnett then proceeded to go through each section of the accounts, starting with income. She indicated the need to encourage more individual membership. Membership income was received from 460 societies covering 9+ million women. She thanked all the members who contribute to Pennies for Friendship, ACWW's core fund. All societies were encouraged to contribute especially Categories 1-3, in line with constitutional obligations. Investment income seems to have settled at about 4% after a few years of worldwide economic problems. Legacies cannot be budgeted for but given our ageing organisation, it is something we should all be thinking about. Most Conference income and expenditure is accounted for in the year the Triennial conference actually takes place (ie 2010, 2013, 2016.). 2015 did not show any surplus. Initiatives such as Women Walk the World and Tea Time, the sale of branded goods, use of the Giving Machine and Just Giving have made a useful financial contribution in this period. It would help if Area President and Area Conferences shared this information more widely.

The Cost Centres reported in the audited accounts relate to the work of the charity as a whole and not necessarily just related to committee work. They are Projects, Education, Outreach/extension, UN (including Agriculture), Conference, Governance and Cost of generating the funds. We try to keep the office type costs down and are always checking that we have the best deals. Increasing the number of individual members will increase print runs and reduce unit costs. Postage is always a problem. The UK has very high postage rates for example and even to acknowledge a donation costs 55p (64p first class) and we receive hundreds of cheques monthly – email acknowledgement would be quicker and free. The cost of generating the funds increases as we get more investment income so these figures should be seen together. Governance includes all the Board expenditure and extension work. The Board's future strategies will lead to more expenditure but we have to speculate to accumulate.

We are helped by the fact that over many years we have had good interest back from our bank reserves and investments. We are not broke! We have what would seem to be a large sum of money invested but that is needed to help our income and ensure our commitments including projects. During the next triennium we will look further for outside funding, not just from the UK but through all our areas. To be able to apply for such funding we have to have all our ideas and requirements in such a format that we can quickly respond to any chance of outside funding which sometimes comes with only a few weeks' notice. A new database system and new computers has been installed within in the last 14 months and is being utilised to streamline our office systems.

Thus, I would like to encourage all societies to find new individual members. I remind you again about using your Area meetings for getting all the above information across to the members. I will leave you with a few fundraising suggestions. If people ask what they can do to help? Suggest

becoming an individual member; getting their society to become a member; join in with ACWW events such as Women Walk the World and Tea Time. Purchase ACWW branded goods. Donate through Just Giving, and do your on-line shopping through the Giving Machine portal. Collect for Pennies for Friendship (PFF). Encourage your friends to become an individual member! There are many women who are interested in women's issues but not part of a women's group.

Finally, I would like to thank the Finance Committee; to thank Tish and Manisha and say a big thank you to all the members for their support for ACWW.

Mrs Burnett also presented the financial budget for the 2016-2019 triennium.

Moved: Ms Ruth Cargill; **Seconded:** Ms Elizabeth Christian.

The financial report and triennial estimate were both approved with none against.

Mrs Shanks took a moment to remember Mrs Audrey Goh who had accepted nomination for the role of United Nations Committee Chairman but had suddenly and very recently, passed away.

The Nominees for the incoming Board 2016-2019 were called to the platform by the World President and introduced by the Operations Manager. They were invited to speak for 1 minute to introduce themselves to the delegates.

The Operations Manager explained the voting procedures for the election of officers. Six Areas had already carried out a postal vote to elect their Area President. These votes had been held securely and unopened. They would be opened and counted along with the other Areas by the Returning Officer later. Voting delegates from Canada, Europe and the USA would be voting for their Area President along with the election for other Board Officers. There were individual voting cards for each of the officer positions namely World President, Deputy President, Secretary, Treasurer, Chairman of the Communications & Marketing Committee, Projects Committee and United Nations Committee. Voting delegates were asked to write 'yes' on the card for the candidate they wished to see elected. There was a ballot box for each officer position including the three Areas voting at this stage. The election of officers took place after the break, between 16:15 and 17:45.

A question about procedure was asked by Mrs Ros Cooper and answered by Returning Officer Mrs Roma Patten.

After dinner delegates had a free evening on the university campus to meet old friends and make new ones.

Friday 19th August 2016

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

World President Mrs Ruth Shanks AM led an inclusive service of thanksgiving in the main hall. This began with the lighting of candles representing the past, present and future.

Introit: *Walk Beside Me*

Words and Music: Mutt Lange, performed by Celtic Woman

The World President's Welcome

Mrs Ruth Shanks AM

Congregation *Let there be Peace on Earth*

Words and Music: Jill Jackson Miller and Sy Miller

Messages of Welcome

A Time for Reflection & Lighting of the first candle - *The Past*

Choir *The Power of the Dream*

Words and Music: David Foster, Linda Thompson, Babyface

Choir *You Raise Me Up*

Words: Brendan Graham / Music: Rolf Løvland

Messages of Welcome

Lighting of the second candle - *The Present*

Prayers of Thanksgiving

Congregation *One Day*

Words and Music: Susan Stevens

Lighting of the third candle- *The Future*

Congregation *The Song of Peace*

To the *Hymn* from *Finlandia*

Words: Lloyd Stone / Music: Jean Sibelius

PLENARY SESSION 3

Voting strength: 435; 51% = 222 and 2/3 majority = 290

Operations Manager, Ms Tish Collins made various housekeeping and information announcements.

World President Mrs Shanks welcomed everyone back to the hall.

At the end of the Treasurer's finance report in Plenary Session 2 there was an indication of approval for Wilkins Kennedy to continue as ACWW's financial auditors. Mrs Shanks called for a mover and seconder to move adoption of the Financial Report, Financial Management Report and Triennial Estimates together with the audited Financial Statement included in the conference Information book.

Moved: Mrs Moira Cook; **Seconded:** Mrs Lyn Braico.

This was approved unanimously.

The resolutions and recommendations were printed in the conference Information book (the front cover with a picture of Coventry Cathedral). They had been circulated to member societies in advance and were available as a download from ACWW's website. Movers were reminded that they had five minutes to speak to their resolution and seconders were granted three minutes. Timekeepers were in place.

RESOLUTION 1: CONSTITUTION: TO APPROVE THE ACWW CHARITY INCORPORATION PROCESS

The members, having been informed of the incorporation process and consulted on the new constitution, hereby resolve that:

- a) incorporation of the Charity ACWW into a Charitable Incorporated Organisation is in the best interests of the Charity and its beneficiaries; and
- b) the trustees may use the power under Article IX d. of the ACWW Constitution to take all necessary steps to incorporate the Charity into a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, including making minor amendments only to the constitution as the Charity Commission may require and that following the incorporation the trustees may dissolve the present Charity.

Moved by Mrs Jenny Mitchell, Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Constitution.

Note: the Ad Hoc Committee on the Constitution was established as a consequence of 27th Triennial Conference 2013 Resolution.

In the printed Supporting statement: It was noted that:

- a. Resolutions were passed in 2013 for the trustees and an Ad Hoc committee to consider the legal structure and constitution of the ACWW Charity and “prepare a new structure” and “constitution to ensure that it meets all of the requirements of the Charities Commission of England and Wales, and make any other changes required to bring the document up to date and bring changes to be voted on at the 2016 Conference”.
- b. The ACWW Charity is currently formed as a charitable unincorporated association.
 - i. Unincorporated associations do not have a separate legal personality. As such, any legal agreements are entered into by the trustees on behalf of the Charity. Similarly, property and investments must be held by individual trustees or a “holding” trustee on behalf of the ACWW Charity and its charitable objects.
 - ii. The ACWW Charity being formed as a charitable unincorporated association means there is unlimited liability on the trustees and members to meet any debts or claims if they arise.
- c. A new structure established for charities, called Charitable Incorporated Organisations were created in January 2013, under the Charities Act 2011 (England and Wales).
 - i. Charitable Incorporated Organisations do have their own separate legal personality and can enter into legal agreements in their own name.
 - ii. Charitable Incorporated Organisations provide limited liability for its members.
 - iii. Many charitable unincorporated associations have incorporated into Charitable Incorporated Organisations since 2013.
 - iv. The Charity ACWW, as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, would have the same charitable objects and continue its current activities

- unchanged.
- v. The Charity ACWW, as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, would have a constitution which provides the members with additional powers due to requirements under the Charities Act 2011.
- d. The trustees have a power under the Charity's constitution to incorporate the Charity and that the proposal is for the Charity to begin to function as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation from 1 January 2017.
- e. The trustees and Ad Hoc committee are in agreement that the Charity should incorporate.

Errata to text circulated to societies in April 2016:

The following typographical errors have been corrected in the draft CIO Constitution circulated to Societies in April 2016 as Triennial Conference Circular 12.

Please note only the affected sentences are reproduced here. The full text is as in Circular 12 and on the ACWW website.

11. World Conferences

11.5 Calling World Conferences

11.5.2 Special World Conferences

(b) The Trustees must call a SWC if requested to do so by at least 60% of the total number of Category I, II and III Societies. The request must state the nature of the business that is to be discussed. If the Trustees fail to hold the SWC within **120** days of the request, the members may proceed to call a SWC but in so doing they must comply with the provisions of this Constitution

11.7 Attendance at World Conferences

11.7.1 (d) one (1) delegate from each Category **III** Society;
(f) the representatives from Categories **IVa** Societies and Category IVb Individuals (as space allows);

21. Meetings and proceedings of **The Executive**

21.1 Calling meetings

2a1.1.1 The chair or any three (3) **Executive members** may call a meeting of the **Executive**.

21.1.2 There shall be at least three (3) **Executive** meetings per year. Subject to that, the **Executive** shall decide how their meetings are to be called, and what notice is required.

21.2 Chairing of meetings

21.2.1 The person elected as World President, shall chair the meetings of the **Executive**

21.3 Procedure at meetings

21.3.1 The quorum is **three (3) Executive members**, or the number nearest to one third of the total number of **Executive members**, whichever is greater.

21.4 Making Decisions Otherwise than at a Meeting

21.4.1 A resolution in writing signed by all the Trustees entitled to receive notice of a meeting of **the Executive** or of a

committee of Trustees and to vote upon the resolution shall be as valid and effectual as if it had been passed at a meeting of the Trustees or (as the case may be) a committee of Trustees duly convened and held.

In moving the resolution, Mrs Mitchell began by thanking the committee, past World Presidents, the Board and Executive for their input. Mrs Mitchell's speech covered the following and she used the screen to show sections of the Constitutions side by side:

Mrs Malkanthi Perera asked if Trustees have to sign to say they are appropriate people? This was answered in the affirmative by Mrs Mitchell.

Moved: Mrs Jenny Mitchell, County Women's Association of New South Wales

Seconded: HRH Princess Azizah, Women's Institutes of Pahang, Malaysia

The Resolution was approved unanimously. Resolution carried.

REPORT OF THE CARIBBEAN, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA AREA

given by Area President Mrs Dotsie Gordon.

Mrs Gordon spoke to a PowerPoint presentation, to give an update of activities in her Area since the written report in the Information book.

RESOLUTION 2: FOOD SOVEREIGNTY

Be it resolved that the ACWW accept Food Sovereignty as part of ACWW agricultural policy and that the ACWW begin a campaign to bring awareness and understanding of Food Sovereignty to the organisation and its members during the next triennium (2016- 2019).

Moved: Mrs Joan Brady, National Farmers Union of Canada

Seconded: Mrs Sheila Minogue-Calver, Navan WI, Federation of Women's Institutes Ontario, Canada

Supporting statement: Food Sovereignty is the right of peoples to healthy and culturally appropriate food production through ecologically sound and sustainable methods and their right to define their own food and agriculture systems. It advocates for equity and full access to resources for women on farms and in rural communities. Food Sovereignty aims to reduce rural poverty, food insecurity and environmental degradation.

Mrs Brady said: Food Sovereignty simply defined is "Is about who makes the decisions around food". Food Sovereignty says that citizens, farmers and communities should have the power to make the decisions on what their food systems look like. (A food system is what our food experiences from farm to plate including production, distribution, processing, consumption and waste). Food Sovereignty is a framework for communicating a different kind of food system one that works for the people and the planet. It opposes a corporate controlled food system. Food Security or Zero Hunger is the goal, while food sovereignty describes how to get there.

The international movement for food sovereignty began when the international peasant and farm movement, La Via Campesina (LVC), first introduced it at the World Food Summit in 1996. My Society- the National Farmers Union of Canada is a founding member of LVC. In 2007, at a special forum called Nyeleni in Mali, the principles were developed and since then these values have been accepted by many civil society organizations as a solution for a sustainable food supply. At the most recent committee for food security meeting in Rome, food sovereignty, its principles and active examples were fairly well understood and accepted by many of those in attendance.

Food Sovereignty:

- 1) Focuses on Food for the people - it acknowledges that food is a basic necessity of life and a right. It also considers women as central to food production;
- 2) Builds Knowledge and Skills- it acknowledges that food production including farming, hunting/gathering and fishing are highly skilled occupations built on traditional knowledge and the current practitioners have the skills and knowledge to develop new and innovative solutions
- 3) Works with Nature - Current practices in agriculture and elsewhere are threatening our climate - Food Sovereignty is related to Agroecology which is a system of production based on ecological principles, adapted to local contexts and which studies nature for the solution to production challenges.
- 4) Values Food Providers - 70% of all food consumed is produced by small scale producers or peasant s- in many areas - they are also the most food insecure. Food Sovereignty acknowledges these producers as the foundation of a sustainable food supply and works toward adequate incomes and power within the marketplace.
- 5) Puts the Control of localized food systems in local hands- farming and non-farming communities must be reconnected to build food systems that work for all
- 6) Food is Sacred- that it is a gift of life and not to be squandered.

We in the ACWW work together for a better future- Food Sovereignty is like a road map - one which will guide us no matter where we are or how we produce our food to a more equitable, healthy and sustainable food system. This resolution if passed will allow the ACWW Agricultural Committee to include Food Sovereignty in their policy. The committee will use it as a reference as they respond to various issues and events. The ACWW Agricultural Committee will also share information and knowledge about Food Sovereignty with ACWW member societies to allow them to adapt or create their own agricultural policies. Thank You and please support this resolution.

In seconding the resolution, Mrs Minogue-Calver said: Nettie Wiebe, An NFU member from Saskatchewan, Canada had this to say about the role of women in Food Sovereignty: "Women take a key and equal role in decisions on food and agriculture policy. Our activism and engagement as women in the movement demands that we add yet more work to days already filled with food production, family and household care, cooking, waged labour and other demands. But, speaking from my experience, our activism and solidarity also gives us more energy, encouragement, confidence and happiness. The Food Sovereignty Movement will benefit from the participation of ACWW and its members. Thank You - please support this resolution."

When moved, the show of hands in support was overwhelming, with 3 against. Resolution carried.

RESOLUTION 3. FRUCTOSE

Be it resolved that the ACWW and its member organisations strongly urge their governments to ban food and drink manufacturers from claiming their sweetened products are healthier if they use fructose as sweetener.

Moved: Ms Blanche Jansma, Koninklijk NVVH Vrouwenetwerk, Netherlands

Seconded: Mrs Faye Mayberry, Alberta Women's Institute, Canada

Supporting statement: Worldwide, obesity is becoming a serious health problem. On

advice from the European Food Safety Authority (Esfa), taking effect as of 2014, the EU has ruled that food and drink manufacturers can claim their sweetened products are healthier, if they replace more than 30% of the glucose and sucrose they contain with fructose. Fructose has a lower glycaemic index (GI), meaning fructose does not cause as high and rapid a blood sugar spike as sucrose or glucose.

However, being isocaloric i.s.o. isometabolic like other sweeteners, fructose is metabolized differently from other sugars. Fructose goes straight to the liver and unprocessed excess is stored there as fat, building up deposits that may cause life-threatening diseases. While refined fructose creates a lower glycaemic response in the short term, compared to other sugars, in the long term it causes greater metabolic havoc than sugar, as has been repeatedly demonstrated in scientific studies. Even the EU Panel on Dietetic Products, Nutrition and Allergies, while still agreeing with the health claim for fructose, notes in their Opinion paper 7 that 'high intakes of fructose may lead to metabolic complications such as dyslipidaemia, insulin resistance and increased visceral adiposity'.

Ms Jansma said: Don't we all want to eat and drink what's best for our health? Not only for ourselves, but for our families, too! Don't we all want our governments who control our food and drinks, to provide us with honest information about the content of processed food and drinks? Of course, we all love to treat ourselves, and our beloved ones every once in a while with a candy bar, or a soft drink. Even when we know that too much sugar isn't healthy at all. So, isn't it great news that some of these products nowadays may claim that they actually are healthy? If that could be true...

Let me give you a wakeup call! The reality is that in these so-called healthy products 30% of its sugars are replaced by fructose. But fructose digests differently from other sugars! In the long-term it is worse for our health than products with other types of sugar! Fructose is much cheaper to produce than other types of sugar. So, the candy and soft drinks industry reaps profit from this. All in all, this is a bad situation. Europe often sets an example for the rest of the world. By proclaiming products with a certain amount of fructose being healthier than other products, is not only misleading, but may lead to severe health problems. That's why our governments should be called upon to withdraw this false claim.

In seconding, Mrs Mayberry said that the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada President Linda Hoy informs us that FWIC is currently working on this issue in Canada through our Home Economics and Health Committee. Obesity is an ever-increasing health concern.

When moved, the show of hands in support was overwhelming. Resolution carried.

REPORT OF THE CENTRAL AND SOUTH ASIA AREA given by Area President Professor Momtaz Begum.

This detailed report was instead of a printed triennial report. Professor Begum was assisted by her daughter Mrs Reza.

The Central and South Asia region consists of India, Bangladesh, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. It has been a privilege for me to represent these Countries at ACWW and to promote the ACWW mission and objectives amongst the rural women of this region for this triennium. During this period. I was able to meet women who could be classified as

poor and helpless only because of their ignorance and lack of skills. However, they strongly believe that once they can be equipped with these skills, they can be able to meet their needs.

Membership: During this triennium the number of Member Societies has increased. We are fortunate to have a growing number of individual members in this region; they are very committed to ACWW. **Area Conference:** The 28th Area Conference of ACWW for the central and South Asia region was organized by the Bangladesh Mohila Samity (BMS) in their premises in Dhaka, Bangladesh. The Conference was held from 28th-30th January 2016. The Conference was attended by many dignitaries, especially Sister Sr. Viji, immediate past Area president, ACWW Central and South Asia, Ms. Pavlive Tamesis, Country Representative, UNDP, Sitara Ahsanullah, president Bangladesh Mohila Samity. Very important was the presence of Mrs. Meher Afroje Chumki, Minister for the Ministry of Women and Children Affairs of the People's Republic of Bangladesh as the Chief Guest. The ACWW world President, Mrs. Ruth Shanks AM could not be able to attend the conference due to her security concerns, however her message was read out in the conference.

The theme of the conference “challenges Faced and Achievements Made of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) in Central and South Asia” was proved to be a very real one as the impact of the Conference was great. Now we are able to know the limitations to achieve MDGs and we are looking forwards to overcome those.

ACWW Day : ACWW day was observed in central and South Asia on October 16th by the Member Societies in the region. Almost all the societies observed ACWW Day by undertaking various programmes to show unity and integrity amongst the women around the world. On the occasions of the ACWW day we inspired the members of BMS to be registered as individual members of ACWW. Already these persons have been registered in ACWW.

Extension Work: During this triennium I visited many societies in Bangladesh to monitor projects, encourage organizational performance and promote ACWW activities. I was overwhelmed when I visited a project, namely “Disabled Women and Girls Rehabilitation Programme” run by POWER. This organization is mainly working for social empowerment of the disabled women and girls. Apart from this, I have also visited projects, namely, sustainable sanitation practices for Disadvantaged Women” run by SAYAPATH. “Literacy and non-formal Education of Dropout girls/Children” run by DPUK “Facilities of water supply and sanitation to End Disease and poverty” run by HEARTS samaj Unnayan Sangstha etc. All the members and societies are doing great by facing challenges to achieve MDGs in this region. Throughout the year Member societies continuously undertook programmes to raise funds for activities and the running of their organizations.

After being elected as Area president for the central and South Asia region, I intended to visit most of the societies of this region. However, due to my ill health, I was not able to visit many of them.

But I tried to keep in touch with members via mailings and e-mail as well as telephone calls. My best appreciation goes to all societies and members for their most invaluable work to serve others in their community's country and the world. My best wishes to all of you

for your warm support and encouragement. While serving ACWW as your Area President for 2013-2016. It has been an honour to be an Area president for central and South Asia region under the true leadership of Mrs. Ruth Shanks AM, World President, ACWW and Board members who have supported me continuously throughout this triennial. I wish together we can meet the challenges in order to achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

Some information announcements were read by Ms Collins.

RESOLUTION 4: SUSTAINABLE ENERGY

As 2014 opened the UN decade of Sustainable Energy for All, be it resolved that the member societies of ACWW promote and support community energy projects and access to sustainable energy for all.

Moved: Mrs Susan Jonas, Wiltshire Federation of Women's Institutes, England

Seconded: Mrs Barbara Wood, CWA in Tasmania, Australia

Supporting statement: The grave impact of lack of clean energy on health, particularly for women and children, is not widely recognised. The first two years of the SE4All initiative are dedicated to the complex ties between energy, women, children and health.

More than one billion people in the world still have no access to electricity; millions more rely on unsustainable and polluting fuels for cooking. In the industrialised world the problem is not generally one of access but of inefficiency and pollution.

'Affordable, Clean Energy' – the newly adopted Sustainable Development Goal 7 – sets national targets for energy access, renewable energy and energy efficiency; locally generated energy is cleaner, more efficient and more secure.

The goal of the resolution 'Secure Sustainable Energy' is 'working together for a better future'.

When moved, the show of hands in support was overwhelming, with none against and 1 abstention. Resolution carried.

REPORT OF THE EAST, WEST AND CENTRAL AFRICA AREA

given by Area President Ms Angela Njugabui Njeazeh (now to be known as Fozzi)

Mrs Fozzi updated conference with her activities since the report printed in the triennial Report of Work. She said: Welcome from East, West and Central Africa. Our Area of ACWW is made up of 39 member societies. These societies are situated in semi-urban and very rural villages. They are made up of large memberships of illiterate and barely literate women. These women are very hardworking but most often lack knowledge and resources to improve on their living conditions. For many years ACWW has invested a lot of resources in terms of funding of small development/empowerment projects in this area. Membership: During this triennium the number of member societies stands at 39 societies. However, the number of lapsed member societies is also high. This is because most women cannot pay their membership fees. This also explains why contributions such as pennies for friendship are low.

The East, West and Central Africa region was a recipient of ACWW projects funding with most projects from Cameroon, Uganda, Tanzania, Kenya, Ghana, Sierra Leone, Mali and Gambia. These projects covered areas of concern such as Water: Provision of clean water, for household use and sanitation. Assistance to Agriculture training and revolving loans fund for rural enterprise development. Health related issues, small crafts and small industry. I am proud to announce that these projects went a long way to improve the lives of rural women, children and communities in these regions.

The area conference of East, West, and Central Africa took place from 12th-13th Feb 2016. The conference took place in Buea, south west region Cameroon. It was attended by many dignitaries but unfortunately the World President had been advised by her Government not to travel to Cameroon, so her apologies were received. Very important was the presence of Mrs Mofa Judith, the government representative and regional delegate for Women's empowerment. Mrs. Mofa elaborately described the effects and impacts of ACWW funding on the lives of the rural women, children and communities in the nation of Cameroon. She asked the ACWW Area president to extend her gratitude to ACWW. This was a two-day conference. The first day was reserved for ACWW matters and the second day was a workshop for women's empowerment. This Area conference had great impact on the women because it was accompanied by many enriching workshops. ACWW was greatly advertised in this triennium due the member societies leadership in organization of the International Women's day, and International Rural women's day.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

The World President gave an explanation of the format for the afternoon concurrent sessions. Over the following two afternoons four Specified Committee Chairmen would give their reports of work. Delegates were divided into three groups and it was hoped the smaller numbers would encourage delegates to participate and ask questions or join in discussion. Each Chairman together with their Committee members and staff will present their report and have planned some interactive session.

This afternoon the Chairmen of the Agriculture Committee and the Projects Committee would be presenting their reports with the third session would be 'Using Social Media' with ACWW Media and Communications Manager Mr Nick Newland.

Each session would have a rapporteur who will report on the main matters arising at each session. The reports of the Agriculture, Communication and Marketing, Projects and United Nations Committees were then to be moved formally for adoption later in the Conference. The symbols printed on delegates credential tags informed them which room they were allocated to for the concurrent sessions that afternoon. The tea break would be after session 2. Mrs Shanks added 'Please do not worry that your best friend is a lion and you are a fish – the idea is to mix everyone up and hopefully this way you will meet new friends.'

The Concurrent Sessions took place after lunch.

After dinner, in the evening members went back to the main hall for 'The World Entertains' with entertainment provided by conference attendees. This was great fun and ranged from singing, comic skits and poetry to Tai Chi and line dancing. A jolly good time was had by all.

SATURDAY 20 AUGUST

Information notices were given by Ms Collins.

Mrs Shanks warmly welcomed all back to day three of business.

CENTRAL OFFICE REPORT

Operations Manager, Ms Tish Collins, gave the following Central Office report to supplement the written report in the Information book.

Ms Collins said it gave her great pleasure to address the 28th Triennial Conference of ACWW. There had been many changes at Central Office since the 27th Triennial held in Chennai, India. Ms Collins said: I have been in office for just over two years and had not experienced a dull moment! In a previous job I was asked at interview if I could commit to the ethos of the organisation? Perhaps that should be the first question for all staff, Board and Committee members of ACWW. ACWW is, I believe, anti-racist, non-discriminatory and non-sectarian, an ethos I heartily endorse and am happy to work within. In the Information Book you will find a membership report and Mrs Burnett has reminded you of the figures in her talk. So I will not take up your time now.

In terms of Central Office itself, work has been dominated by three main themes: IT, staffing and the constitution. We have installed a whole new IT system taking advantage of charity discounts to lessen the cost. We have a new website designed and maintained in-house by our Communications and Media Manager Nick Newland. Our membership 'database' has also been improved by the introduction of Harlequin, a 'relationship management' system designed for charities which has enabled us to handle the registrations and accommodation requirements for this conference. Over 95% of our membership are now using email and the World President and I are able to Skype weekly.

Mrs Lisa Barker resigned as Operations Manager shortly after Chennai. She was replaced by Miss Sandra Golding who resigned after six weeks. I have been in post since May 2014. Office Administrators have also changed and, to some extent shows that we have developed young graduates who were then able to go on to further their careers. Laura Hoskins resigned at the same time as Mrs Barker and was replaced by Ms Poonam Gill who left for a better paid position after twelve months. Helena Alty joined the team but left to go back to full-time study a couple of weeks before this Conference. I am pleased to say Ms Sydney King will be joining us in September. Mr Nick Newland joined the team after Ms Jennifer Atigolo left at the beginning of 2016. Whilst Mrs Juliet Childs remains as Projects Administrator, Ms Mariana Meirilles (who attended the Chennai conference) resigned at the same time as Ms Barker. Her replacement, Mr Sam Godolphin left after twelve months to take up a full-time position and we are pleased to have Mrs Sarah Kenningham. Ms Christine Ro also resigned the same time as Ms Barker and her post as UN and Agriculture Committees administrator has been filled by Dr Sam Page. Finance Manager Mr Amit Patel left at the end of May due to increasing ill health.

Working on the Constitution with the Ad Hoc Committee of Mrs Jenny Mitchell, Mrs Ros Cooper, Mrs Elizabeth Warden and Princess Azizah has been an intense but pleasurable experience. When appropriate legal advice was sought from specialist charity lawyers Russell Cooke.

REPORT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AREA
given by Area President Mrs Beverley Earnhart.

Mrs Earnhart spoke to a PowerPoint presentation, to give an update of activities in her Area since the written report in the Information book.

Mrs Shanks then introduced Guest Speaker Dr Mary Tilki. Dr Tilki was a former Principal Lecturer in Social and Health Policy at Middlesex University, London. Mary had taught, researched and published widely on cultural competence in nursing, health inequalities, ageing, ethnic elders and the health of Irish people in Britain. Dr Tilki gave a presentation on Dementia: a growing global problem.

Dr Tilki's informative slides would be made available on the ACWW website. Amongst other matters she emphasised the need for culturally aware and appropriate care, particularly within the dementia service. She also spoke on living well with dementia and how family and friends could help, alongside professional care. A number of delegates spoke of their experiences and thanked Dr Tilki for her understanding and clear presentation. Some gave examples of how their own member society was involved with making 'twiddle muffs' and knitted sleeves. In the break that followed, many delegates took the opportunity to speak with Dr Tilki.

The vote of thanks was given by Mrs Magdie de Kock.

REPORT OF THE PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP

Existing Board member Mrs Sheila Needham, (Quebec Women's Institute, Canada) and nominee Ms Nancy Shukri, (Sarawak Women's Institute) spoke of their experience at the workshop on leadership training and how they felt better prepared for the future with a number of transferable skills.

Mrs Commens said: President Ruth has asked me to give you my observation on the worth of the workshop from the viewpoint of someone finishing her 3-year term on the board and as a nominee. Was there valuable information given? Did I find it a waste of time? Was there still a benefit to be had to attend a full 2-day workshop?

Well before I answer these questions, I thought I would tell you a little of what we experienced. First off, we had the introductions which were made quite interesting by pairing us off and interviewing each other, then introducing our partners to the group. This more intimate introduction was a great way to welcome potential new members to the board and also I've learned more about familiar faces I've had sat beside for the past 3 years.

We received handouts from Alison Burnett and Tish Collins concerning the roles and responsibilities and trustee duties and, from Alison, how to sell our product – which is ACWW. Magdie de Kock presented her Dream Team and how to make Dreams work with the right teamwork, even as a second time hearing this it felt fresh and I could appreciate it even more and could only wish that all of you endeavouring to lead branches or state/provincial organisations or national ones would have a chance to appreciate the thoughtful take on how to work with all the wonderful yet very diverse team members we work with and how to be the leader that such a disparate group needs. Nick certainly brings a fresh voice and persona and energy to ACWW's Media and Communications that seemed to energise all of us, and might even tempt me to try Twitter although I am more of a fan of Facebook myself. I am very much looking forward to the new look of the website with its further changes to come. Don't forget #WeAreACWW

All in all, the workshops on Monday gave added information in a very positive and dynamic way, stressing how passionate the presenters were as they themselves stressed how passionate and opportunistic they want us to be when talking and promoting ACWW to established members as well as potential members.

On the Tuesday, if we didn't already know it, we found out what a smart and articulate woman Jenny Mitchell is, and that she actually enjoyed the challenge of working on the constitution and she and her committee in bringing us forward to be a CIO a Charitable Incorporated Organisation with a constitution that lines up as required by the Charities Commission of England and Wales. Yes! After hearing her explanation and answering questions at the workshop it was inevitable that our membership would pass this vital resolution.

Valerie Stevens, you will have to agree is a very vital and passionate Area President and although she is going off the board she took this opportunity to encourage us, to share with us all the work and energy that must be part of being an Area President and she sort of scared us by sharing all the work and energy that it takes to be in this position! Valerie thank you! I think!

So, if we were slightly intimidated by Valerie and Jenny, it was Nick with his Death by PowerPoint talk that put fear in us. It was very informative and probably of most benefit to the nominees of the board. Those of us who have prepared a PowerPoint as part of our reports might unfortunately risk killing some of you off, but its only because we received this valuable information here at this workshop!

So, to answer Mme President's questions

1. Was there valuable information given? I would have to give a resounding yes to this! Far more info was given than I have time to elaborate today.
2. Did I find it a waste of time? Of course not! Is it ever a waste of time to learn something about our organisation and the members we work with?
3. Was there still a benefit to be had to attend a full 2-day workshop? An overwhelming yes! To meet up with board members and other nominees to further our working relationship was very important to see the office staff in action as they gave us information, made us realise what a super group of staff we now have at central office. Thank you to all the staff, to the presenters and to Ruth World President for giving us this very valuable experience.

A call to discuss an Urgency Resolution that arose from the European Area meeting was put from the floor. After much debate as to whether the subject matter was actually 'urgent' or already covered by existing policy, the motion to discuss was put.

This was carried and approved for discussion on Monday afternoon.

PLENARY SESSION 4

Voting strength: 368; 51% = 187 and 2/3 majority = 245

REPORT OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

given by Area President Mrs Margaret Sullivan

Mrs Sullivan gave a verbal update of activities in her Area since the written report in the Information book.

REPORT OF THE SOUTHERN AFRICA AREA

given by Area President Mrs Maybel Moyo

Mrs Moyo was ceremonially brought to the platform by members of the Southern Africa Area who joined in a traditional song and dance.

Mrs Moyo spoke to a PowerPoint presentation, to give an update of activities in her Area since the written report in the Information book. She urged delegates to 'empower yourselves women, don't sit on your hands. PUSH – Push Until Something Happens.'

RESOLUTION 5: SHALE GAS

Be it resolved that ACWW members request their governments to, before allowing shale gas exploration to commence, gather as much as possible information from more than just the oil and gas companies applying for the fracking licenses.

Moved: Bertha de Bruyn, WAU Overaal, South Africa

Seconded: Mrs Anette Turner, CWA of New South Wales, Australia

Supporting statement: The decision should be based on sound scientific information, in other words proper investigation on the risks of shale gas exploration and extraction. Task teams should include NGO's involved in the sustainability of the environment, all government departments like Agriculture, Health, Rural Development, Land Reform, Tourism and Transport.

Well pod sizes differ from 1 ha to 2.4 ha. According to an oil company one pod can house up to 32 wells. The amount of water needed per well is 20 million litres. 55,000 truck trips per road will be transporting water and other equipment (like chemicals) to and from the wells. Road infrastructure will take a beating. 32 billion litres of water will be used on one pod, of which half will end up toxic and radioactive waste water.

A myriad of health concerns and risks are associated with natural gas production and can range from infections and irritations to cancer. These are not just related to humans, but also the ecosystem. Different stages of the gas extraction poses different health issues. Groundwater and surface water contamination resulting from the toxic drilling waste water lead to serious illnesses in humans and cattle, especially due to BTEX chemicals known for causing endocrine disruption and cancer. Arid countries will not have the capacity to lose any water resources, as that will impact negatively on all communities and herds along the area earmarked for drilling.

In moving the resolution Mrs de Bruyn added: The decision on allowing the exploration of shale gas, by any government, should be based on scientific information gathered,

about the risk of such an operation on the environment. This information must be obtained from as much sources as possible, other than just oil and gas companies.

In seconding the resolution Mrs Turner said:

A reliable supply of energy and water is fundamental for global agriculture, industry and economies to thrive. However, we must also ensure, for our sake and for that of future generations, that the supplies of both energy and water are sustainable. Shale gas exploration and extraction has not yet proved itself to have a “little or no effect” impact on the environment, and particularly water supplies. Shale is typically a dry rock, and hydraulic fracturing (fracking) is required on each well in order to make gas flow. The amount of water required for each well is huge - millions of litres - and once injected will only be partly recovered during gas extraction. Once gas flow becomes slow enough, the well will require fracking once again. But the problems continue. The fracking water, when withdrawn from the well, can contain chemistries that need to be cleaned before reinjection. The fracking water will contain mud, fracking chemicals, but also salts, naturally occurring radioactive materials (or NORMs) and other dissolved materials, and those contaminants need to be removed from the water before re-use. So not only do shale gas wells consume huge amounts of water which is left underground, but they generate a waste stream that needs to be managed and removed to safe locations at the ground surface, so that they do not poison surface water supplies as well.

The tension between the use of huge amounts of water used for fracking, instead of other purposes such as drinking, agriculture and industry, is one of the largest problems with shale gas. Keeping surface waters and soils free of the other contaminants is also a problem. Industry does not want these discussions out in the open, but they must be, for openness, clarity, and thorough investigation of our environmental and economic futures.

When moved, the show of hands in support was overwhelming, with none against. Resolution carried.

RESOLUTION 6: PROTECTING THE SUPPLY OF WATER

Be it resolved that ACWW urges all countries to vigorously protect the supply of potable, farming and industrial water through the best technical information available that will provide sustainability of life.

Moved: Mrs Linda Gause, Indiana Extension Homemakers, United States of America

Seconded: Mrs Jimayne Brown, Indiana Extension Homemakers, United States of America

Supporting statement: ACWW has supported drilling wells and clean water. It is time to think about not wasting a precious resource. Water is not a limitless resource and only 3% is available for drinking. Water usage has increased 6 times in the past 100 years and will double again by the year 2050. By 2025 it is estimated that half of the world’s population will lack access to safe drinking water.

One fifth of the world’s population (1.2 billion people) live in areas where water is physically scarce. Shortages of water may be caused by population growth, unsustainable agriculture, pollution, and lack of the natural resource.

One third of all water used in the home is flushed down the toilet. Homes could reduce this waste by using a water saving device. The average household could save 44,000 gallons per year by just turning off the tap.

In moving the resolution, Mrs Gause said:

It's time to think about not wasting a precious resource. Water is something we all need worldwide. Our bodies are about 75% water. 97% of the world's water is saltwater which is not suitable for drinking. Glaciers and ice caps are approximately 2% of the water which leaves only 1 % of water for use. The human body can only go 3 to 5 days without water. In 1995, the United Nations predicted that by 2050 half a million people would be living in water stressed areas. Ten years later, in 2005, that prediction was revised to 4 billion people.

Every product that we use is water dependent in its production, transport and packaging before it comes to us. It is quite a surprise when we hear the amount of water used in producing the food we eat every day. On average the amount of water needed to produce food is about 1000 times the weight of the food itself. Fifty-four buckets of water are needed to produce just 1 chicken breast; twelve litres of water to produce 1 tomato. There is a lot of water, time and energy spent in producing the product. And stop and think about food that is thrown away- not only is it a waste of food but also water and money used to prepare it.

We overuse water in our homes, leaving less fresh water for agriculture. Crop yields are reduced when there are shortages of water. The food supply for humans and livestock is threatened when crop production is down. Wasting water can limit the amount of water that is available for others to drink, cook and clean. This can then contribute to illness, disease, dehydration and starvation.

The future of our water supply is not secure so we must start using less in order to conserve. In our homes, we need to check for faucet leaks, if possible, use a low flush toilet, turn off the faucet when brushing teeth, and make sure you have a full load before washing dishes and laundry. If you must use bottled water, make sure to use all of the water before throwing the bottle away. We need to make changes for a sustainable water future.

When moved, the show of hands in support was overwhelming, with none against. Resolution carried.

Before breaking for lunch, the World President reminded delegates about the afternoon Concurrent Sessions. Today was the turn of the Agriculture Committee, Communications & Marketing Committee and a light-hearted, multi-faceted craft session.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS.

Following the concurrent sessions and dinner, the Hostess Committee had organised an English Cultural Evening for all to enjoy.

SUNDAY 21 AUGUST**PLENARY SESSION 5**

Voting strength: 442; 51% = 225 and 2/3 majority = 295

The World President introduced guest speaker Ms Alison Commar from the World Health Organisation (WHO) in Geneva. Ms Commar had worked in tobacco control and the prevention of non-communicable diseases at the WHO since 2009. A demographer by training, she is an expert on the trends in tobacco use and is a major contributor to the biennial WHO Report on the Global Tobacco Epidemic. She had previously worked for the Australian Government in various policy areas concerned with health and employment.

Ms Commar presented an interesting statistical survey of non-communicable diseases and their impact on world health. The impact of tobacco was seen in cardio vascular, cancer, diabetes and chronic respiratory diseases. In non-conflict areas, for every 10 deaths, 6 were due to non-communicable diseases, 3 by communicable and 1 by accident.

There were a number of questions and contributions from delegates. It was hoped to be able to put Ms Commar's slides on the ACWW website. A vote of thanks was given by Mrs Suzanne Garrett.

RESOLUTION 7: VACCINATION AGAINST POTENTIALLY ERADICABLE DISEASES

Be it resolved that ACWW societies and members urge their governments and health organisations to continue local vaccination efforts of potentially eradicable diseases in order to work toward area elimination which would then result in global eradication.

Moved: Mrs Linda Gause, Indiana Extension Homemakers, United States of America

Seconded: Mrs Jo Ellen Almond, Shelby County Extension Homemakers, United States of America

Supporting statement: To date smallpox is the only infectious disease that effects humans that has been eradicated and we are close to the second global eradication that being Guinea Worm Disease. Other diseases Lymphatic Filariasis, Measles, Rubella, and Taeniasis/Systicerosis are currently potentially eradicable with Poliomyelitis at the top of the list. In some cases, there is a public misconception of the seriousness which can be a chief obstacle to eradication. Incredible headway has been made and we need eradication efforts to continue.

In moving the resolution, Mrs Gause said: When a person is immunized against disease, they have received a vaccine that makes them immune or resistant to an infectious disease. The body's immune system is stimulated to protect the person against infection or disease. This is a proven tool to control or eliminate life threatening infectious diseases. It is estimated that immunization will avert somewhere between 2 and 3 million deaths each year. Vaccination does not require a life style change; it can be delivered effectively and has clear target groups. It is cost effective and accessible by hard to reach populations.

Vaccination efforts can lead to disease eradication. The infectious disease smallpox is the only eradicated disease that affects humans. There are several other potentially eradicable diseases those being Measles, Rubella, Lymphatic Filariasis, Poliomyelitis and others but

Polio is at the top of the list. Polio affects children under the age of 5 years old. 5% to 10% die because their breathing muscles become immobilized. There has been a 99% decrease in cases since 1988. Only 74 cases were reported in 2015 and that is because of the global effort to eradicate this disease. As long as one single child is infected all children are at risk of contracting the disease. There could be 200,000 new cases every year and within 10 years all over the world if there is failure to eradicate polio from the remaining areas. Today, because of the global effort, countries have expanded immunization systems to tackle other infectious diseases.

There are many myths about vaccinations. Better hygiene, hand washing and clean water do help to protect against infectious diseases, but some infectious diseases will spread no matter how clean we are. If people are not vaccinated, diseases that have become uncommon such as measles and polio will quickly reappear.

Some people think that there is no need to be vaccinated because vaccine preventable diseases are almost eradicated in their country. Infectious agents that cause these diseases still circulate in some parts of the world and, since we are a highly inter-connected world, these agents can cross borders and infect anyone who is not protected.

Side effects from immunizations are rare. Effects of receiving several vaccines at one time are at a minimum. Our children are exposed to several hundred foreign substances every day. With combined vaccinations, there are fewer injections, fewer clinic visits, and saves time and money.

The two most important reasons to get vaccinated are to protect ourselves and family members and to protect those around us. We all have very successful vaccination programs and they depend upon the cooperation of everyone to ensure the good of all. We must do what we can to stop the spread of disease.

When moved, the show of hands in support was overwhelming, with none against. Resolution carried.

REPORT OF THE CANADA AREA

given by Area President Mrs Sheila Needham

Mrs Needham spoke to a PowerPoint presentation, to give an update of activities in her Area since the written report in the Information book.

Mrs Ruth Shanks AM read greetings from Past World Presidents who were unable to attend this Triennial Conference, Dr Ellen McLean and Dato Ursula Goh.

Rapporteurs from the Concurrent Sessions were invited to give reports on the main matters arising in the sessions they attended. This was the first time the Committee reports had been given in this format and delegates were mixed in their views. Mrs Beverley Earnhart, ACWW Board, USA Area President, thanked the Committee Chairmen and thanked delegates for their participation

The reports of the Communications and Marketing, Projects, Agriculture and United Nations Committees were formally moved for adoption by Mrs Beverley Earnhart.

Seconded by Ms Pamela Fausz, Country Women's Council, United States of America. The show of hands in support was overwhelming, with none against. The Committee Reports were adopted.

Mrs Shanks reminded delegates that the Urgency Resolution was to be discussed in Plenary Session 8 the following day.

It had been reported that some delegates had been rude to Warwick University staff and to ACWW staff and that this type of behaviour was abhorred and not acceptable and must desist immediately.

Mrs Shanks went on to thank ACWW staff and the University of Warwick staff teams who had worked with us and handled the health emergency with calm and efficiency. There had been an outbreak of diarrhoea and vomiting and some respiratory problems and Public Health England had been called in to interview all attendees who had any symptoms. One corridor into the hall had been closed in order to contain the germs and allow a deep clean to take place. Conference attendees were asked to cooperate fully with staff and the medical teams.

PLENARY SESSION 6

Voting strength: 422; 51% = 215 and 2/3 majority = 281

REPORT OF THE SOUTH EAST ASIA AND THE FAR EAST AREA

given by Area President HRH Princess Azizah

Princess Azizah spoke to a PowerPoint presentation, to give an update of activities in her Area since the written report in the Information book. Delegates were also informed that since the Social Media concurrent session, the King and Queen of Sweden were now following ACWW on Twitter.

As she had been unable to attend on the first day of conference due to work commitments, Mrs Irina Gekht, the Deputy Chairperson of the Council of the Federation (upper chamber of the Russian Parliament) Committee for Agrarian and Food Policy and Environmental Management was invited to deliver her greetings, assisted by Ms Kate Belotsvetova.

“Your Excellency World President, honourable members of the Board, dear Ladies – members of the Associated Country Women of the World!

The women-legislators, representing regions at the upper chamber of the Russian Parliament pass on the greetings to the 28th Triennial World Conference of the Associated Country Women of the World – the Organisation with its rich history of charity activities – and to its participants, who gathered in the historical England – the country justly recognised in the world for its steadfast traditions of women's voting rights and policies.

Over the past few years Russia has experienced a significant increase in women of influence. For instance, since 2013, the time of the former ACWW Triennial Conference, the number of women in the Federation Council has doubled. Out of total 85 regions of Russia are being currently represented by women, 9 regional parliaments are headed by women and 2 governors as well are women. Since 2011, for the first time ever in the

history of Russia the Federation Council is being chaired by Madam Valentina Matvienko. Among women-senators are presidents of two leading women's organisation – the Women's Union of Russia, which is the ACWW member, and the All-Russia Movement of the Russian Mothers.

Currently in Russia are registered over 30 thousand women's non-profit organisations, actively involved in the federal regulation of social sphere.

Under the aegis of the Federation Council in Saint-Petersburg in 2015, was held the First Eurasian Women's Forum, which gathered 750 participants from 80 countries of the world. And the major themes brought to the attention of women concerned some of the most vital issues of people's life, such as: problems of refugees, drugs addiction and fight against terrorism.

While the Women's Union of Russia has been enjoying its membership at the ACWW since 1996, it would be a great honour for us to invite the European Regional Meeting to one of the cities of Russia. The Meeting could be held in conjunction with the Second Eurasian Women's Forum timed to year 2018.

I am pleased to mention that the ACWW Board members have already had an experience of attending the All-Russia Rural Gathering in Moscow in 1998, and the First Eurasian Women's in Saint-Petersburg in autumn last year, as well as other events organised by the Women's Union of Russia. World unincorporated and parliamentary organisations share the common aims – they are called to lead the multi-cultural dialogue, to facilitate the widening of humanitarian and charitable activities.

Thereby, I would like to bring a good cheer and to wish all women present the success in working together at the ACWW 28th Triennial World conference.

REPORT OF THE EUROPE AREA

given by Area President Mrs Valerie Stevens

Mrs Stevens gave a verbal update of activities in her Area since the written report in the Information book. Mrs Stevens said: Madam chairman, friends, I have written 12 newsletters to 300+ members; Spoken at about 80 meetings; visited all parts of the UK and been a guest at 12 different mainland European countries. It has been my privilege and pleasure to dine with Norwegian royalty and on the one hand served soup, rice and bread in a soup kitchen; ad to enjoy tea in the garden at Buckingham Palace and to deliver wheelchairs to severely disabled elderly housebound villagers in Georgia where poverty is all to evident.

I have met amazing talented women, young people and children who have made music and danced for me and skilled craftswomen who have delighted me with their talents and gifts. I have been deeply moved by the poor, the elderly and those living on the fringes of society with whom our society members work, but I have also had the privilege of meeting and talking with politicians who have the possibility of making a difference. It was a great joy 3 days ago to receive a phone call from the Deputy President of the Republic of Yakutsk, Siberia wishing me well at the conference here.

I must thank those who have made it all possible - My generous hosts who have shared their lanes with me; my wonderful interpreters who have made communication and connections possible; my 'tour guides' who have shown me the traditions and culture, beauties, sights and scenery of their home countries; my drivers who have negotiated some difficult journeys and sometimes impossible roads.

All of those whose generous contributions to the European Area Support fund have made it possible for us to share the rich diversity of our European Friends. It is their support which had made it possible. That they are here is all the thanks I need. I thank the ladies of the Turgu Mures, Romania for inviting us to have our European Area Conference there. My thanks too to the office staff has given me much support; and the wonderful Board. I will not forget football with a coca cola can at Southwark or fish and chips on the Waterloo Road. It will be hard to say 'good bye'. And to my husband, without whom none of this would have been possible.

To all of you my thanks and love, I shall miss you, thank you.

Mrs Elena Bashun brought greetings from the President of Irkusk, Russian Federation.

Mrs Anne Marit Hovstad, ACWW Board, Chairman of the Projects Committee moved acceptance of all reports of the Area Presidents.

This was seconded by Mrs Noela MacLeod, CWA of Victoria Inc, Australia

The show of hands in support was overwhelming, with none against. The reports were approved.

RESOLUTION 8: INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP FOR BOARD & COMMITTEE CANDIDATES

Be it resolved that it is a prerequisite for any candidate seeking office as a member of the Board of ACWW, a Committee Chairman or a member of a specified committee, to hold individual membership of ACWW.

Moved: Mrs Marie Appleton, Rural Women New Zealand , New Zealand

Seconded: Ms Dorothy Coombe, CWA of Australia, Australia

Supporting statement: In order to be considered for a position on the highest level of governance of most organisations a candidate must be a financial member. ACWW is slightly different in that it is made up of Member Societies and Individual Members. Whilst Member Societies may nominate a candidate, that candidate should hold Individual Membership of ACWW to show a real commitment to ACWW. Individual Members are very supportive of and committed to ACWW without having any voting rights. A candidate needs to show that same kind of commitment.

This resolution was proposed by RWNZ at the 2010 ACWW 26th. Conference in Hot Springs, Arkansas, USA. The Board downgraded it to a Recommendation. This was passed, but it is not binding as a Recommendation and therefore it was again raised at the South Pacific Area Conference in Dubbo, New South Wales. It was passed and is now forwarded as a Resolution from that Conference to the 2016 ACWW World Conference.

In moving the resolution, Mrs Appleton said: In moving the Resolution that it is a

prerequisite for any candidate seeking office as a member of the Board of ACWW, a Committee Chairman or a member of a Specified Committee to hold Individual membership of ACWW, members of the South Pacific Area consider this is of sufficient importance to warrant resolution status and not be a recommendation, which is not binding, which is what happened in the 2010 Conference.

ACWW is made up of many Member Societies each of which observes its own or its Parent Body's Individual Constitution. In order to stand for election to office in those organisations it is necessary to prove the candidate is a financial member.

Through their own organisations members are affiliated to ACWW, but they are also encouraged to take out Individual Membership of ACWW as this strengthens ACWW and is of significant financial support to that body.

Currently, Individual Members do not have voting rights, only if a Society delegate does a member have a vote at the Triennial Conference.

Yet we have the situation that without holding Individual Membership, a person may be elected to the Board and Specified Committees, the decision-making level of the organisation.

Member Societies are continually urged to encourage their members to take out Individual Membership of ACWW to support the very worthwhile work which is undertaken throughout the world. How fair is it to ask this when it is not necessary to be an Individual Member to stand for office. Surely someone who holds Individual Membership is in a better position to encourage others to join and support the work.

Holding Individual Membership reinforces one's belief in the aims and objectives of the organisation and therefore it should be a prerequisite for any candidate wishing to be elected to the ACWW Board or Specified Committees.

This resolution was fully supported by those attending the 2014 South Pacific Area Conference and I strongly urge voting delegates here to support what we are hoping to achieve.

A number of delegates spoke in favour of the resolution.

When moved, the show of hands in support was overwhelming, with none against. Resolution carried.

RESOLUTION 9: INDIVIDUAL MEMBER VOTES

It is hereby resolved that all individual members of ACWW be given the right of a vote for resolutions and recommendations at Triennial Conferences of ACWW.

Moved: HRH Princess Azizah, Women's Institute of Pahang, Malaysia

Seconded: Mrs Nancy Shukri, Sarawak Women's Institute, Malaysia

Supporting statement: Since it is the practice to encourage members standing for the office to be an individual member apart from being a member organisation, it will be just right to allow them an individual vote during Conferences. This privilege will encourage individual membership thus increasing ACWW funds through membership fees. It will also

increase more personal and dedicated participation and contribution to ACWW.

An amendment which added 'when present' in between 'recommendations' and 'at Triennial' was in the process of being moved by Mrs Bethan Williams, Ceredigion WI, Wales and seconded by Mrs Brenda Howell, Ceredigion WI, Wales when a motion to Close Debate was moved by Mrs Philippa Croft, Essex FWI, England and Seconded by Mrs Susan Jonas, Wiltshire FWI, England.

This was opposed by Mrs Sue James, Devon FWI, England and Miss Ruth Cargill, CWA New South Wales, Australia.

When moved, the show of hands against the motion was overwhelming and therefore, it was not carried.

A motion to Adjourn the Debate was moved by Miss Ruth Cargill, CWA New South Wales, Australia.

Seconded by Ms Elisabeth Rusdal, Norwegian Women & Family Organisation, Norway. When moved, the show of hands in support was overwhelming and the motion was carried.

The World President proposed to continue the debate after lunch and the Guest Speaker, this was approved by acclaim. Mrs Shanks explained that as the next session was planned as a 'Conference Session' delegates would have to go out and come back in so that the voting strength could be counted.

EXTRA PLENARY SESSION 6A

Voting strength: 431; 51% = 220 and 2/3 majority = 287

Mrs Shanks announced a change in the programme. The guest speaker was to have been Dr Agnieszka Brandt-Talbot talking on Sustainable and Renewable Energies. Dr Brandt-Talbot unfortunately had to cancel her talk today as she is 28 weeks pregnant with twins and found she had been taking on too much and needed a rest. I am sure we all send her good wishes.

We are very pleased that Professor Julie E Gray has very kindly stepped in at the last minute. Julie is a Professor in the Department of Molecular Biology and Biotechnology at the University of Sheffield. She studies how plants adapt at the molecular level to changing environmental conditions. Her research is focussed on understanding signalling pathways that regulate drought tolerance. Through several academic mentoring schemes and Women@TUoS Network, she will Chair for the coming year, as she works towards equality for women in science. Julie's biography was handed out as delegates came into the hall. Dr Marina Muller, Namibia Women's Society, gave the vote of thanks.

Mrs Shanks returned to the adjourned discussion on Resolution 9.

The amendment which would change the wording to:

It is hereby resolved that all individual members of ACWW be given the right of a vote for resolutions and recommendations when present at Triennial Conferences of ACWW.

Moved: Ms Brenda Howell, Ceredigion WI, Wales

Votes cast for the Amendment were: For 265, Against 81, Abstentions 7. Therefore, the Amendment was accepted.

There had been considerable discussion as to the practicalities of this. The desire to give individual members incentive to participate had to be balanced with the need to ensure the numerical strength of societies was recognised so some sort of 'weighting' should be considered.

The substantive motion, as amended was then put to the vote. On a show of hands, although the vote was close, the majority was against the motion and so it was lost.

INVITATION TO HOST THE 2022 ACWW WORLD CONFERENCE

The Women's Institute of Pahang, Malaysia made a presentation inviting the 30th Triennial World Conference to Pahang. Delegation leaders were given a brochure for their delegation to consider.

PLENARY SESSION 7

Voting strength: 422; 51% = 215 and 2/3 majority = 281

ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATION: VOTING RIGHTS OF INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

Be it resolved that as part of the ongoing Strategic Plan of ACWW that the Board review the voting rights of individual and society members and report their recommendations to the 29th Triennial Conference in Melbourne, Australia for debate.

Moved: Lyn Braico, CWA of New South Wales, Australia

Seconded: Jo Ellen Almond, Shelby County Extension Homemakers Association, USA

Supporting statement:

In light of the nature of the discussion on rights for individual members a RECOMMENDATION was put that this should be added to the strategic plan and referred back to the Incoming Board for further consideration.

When moved, the show of hands in support was overwhelming, with none against. Recommendation carried.

RESOLUTION 10: SUBSCRIPTIONS

Be it resolved that the membership subscription for Categories I, II, III, IVa and IVb be increased to:

Cat I	£105 + handling
Cat II	£64 + handling
Cat III	£53 + handling
Cat IVa	£35 + handling
Cat IVb	£25 + handling (1 year)
Cat IVb	£65 + handling (3 years)

Moved by Miss Maureen Levenson, Hampshire Federation of Women's Institutes, England

Seconded by Mrs Joy Granger, CWA of New South Wales, Australia

Supporting statement: The Constitution (old or new) states that the Triennial World

Conference should review membership fees (2010 page 19 Bye-law 1 Dues and 32 Bye-law 18.6 Business of the Triennial Conference.) There was no review in 2013 so fees have not increased since 2010. The suggested new fees represent an increase of 10% over six years for Societies (less than 2% per year) and rather more for individuals where an increase has not been made for many more years. The handling charge is for foreign exchange and is standard on the ACWW website but of course the figures are for current fees. It is thought this is about the charge made by Banks.

Mrs Levenson said: My society asks you to support this resolution. There has been no increase in fees since 2010. The new fees represent a 10% increase over six years for societies – so less than 2% a year, though rather more for individuals who I understand have not had an increase in their subscriptions for a very long time.

It is easier to ask members and new members to raise funds for projects. However, without a secure management system to run this global organisation there would be no projects. You have heard from the world treasurer that she expects travel costs to increase. It is also likely that new technology will be developed over the next three years calling for further investment and we must not forget our hard-working staff and their salaries and needs. If increased costs cannot be met from Pennies for Friendship, reserves would need to be used. Raise subscriptions would prevent this.

Without a management system at its centre the education development and knowledge which our work inspires cannot be put into operation and the fun friendship and understanding that flows from this would be lost.

Votes cast were as follows: For 371, Against 28 and Abstentions 12. The 2/3 majority figure was 281 therefore this resolution was carried.

RESOLUTION 11: CIVIL SOCIETY AND GENDER

Be it resolved that member societies of ACWW strongly urge their governments to integrate a gender-perspective in their policies to create an enabling environment for economic and social development especially in rural areas.

Moved: Jeanne van Poppel, Vrouwen van Nu, The Netherlands

Seconded: Annette Turner, CWA of New South Wales, Australia

Supporting statement:

The worldwide need for food production, the eradication of poverty, and the urge for sustainability needs strong citizens of all ages. The whole series of budget cuts in the EU-countries for example are disproportionately affecting women through job losses and reductions in public services. There is evidence of rising precarious working conditions, increasing discrimination in the labour market with subsequent shift to informal work, rising levels of poverty, reduced access to services, and rising levels of domestic violence, accompanied by cuts in vital support services. Solutions are needed which are built on the positive effects of gender equality on well-being, employment and people-centred sustainable growth.

Food, care and health are in the hearts of women. Working in these fields contribute to the development of life-standards and to the eradication of poverty. Investing in sustainability is a chance to restore the gender balance and using the knowledge of the

region of both men and women. An equal relation between civil society, the government and private sector is essential. Women's organizations, as a part of that civil society, play a role in empowering women through their network and programs at local, regional or national level. The main goals for women are: encouragement in decision making and participation, learning by doing, learning together, strengthening personal development and competences, such as entrepreneurship. Stimulation of knowledge sharing and strengthening civil society, such as women's organizations, is effective for the liveability (survival expectancy) and continuation of projects in local communities.

In moving the resolution Ms van Poppel said: After World War II the government in the Netherlands started the modernisation of agriculture through investing in institutions for example in research, landscape development, extension. This was an investment in an enabling environment for economic development. Women's organisations stood up for better living – and labour conditions for rural women. As part of the civil society, they played an important role in social development through empowering women, education, advocacy on social services in their villages. Their advocacy resulted for example in the first female professor at the Wageningen University in 1952. Followed by research on time management, food conservation, consumer behaviour and extension programmes on the field of food, house-design, this was in the past, but important to the knowledge of the region.

Today to address worldwide problems a gender perspective is essential. Numerous studies point out to the positive effects of gender equality policies not only for general well-being, but also on employment and people-centred sustainable growth. We need solutions which build on the positive effects of gender equality strengthening civil society its effective for the liveability and continuation of projects in local communities. Women organisations play an important role in the social network and wellbeing of individuals for example in funding jobs, in stimulating inter-cultural exchange, in supporting carers, in finding customers, in developing social and democratic skills.

I hope that you vote for this resolution so that we can build the future! Thank you for your attention.

When put to the vote, the show of hands was overwhelming with none against. Resolution carried.

RECOMMENDATION 1: ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT BORDER CHILDREN

Be it recommended that ACWW member societies urge their governments to develop comprehensive plans to identify and care for illegal immigrant border children as to their safety, health and education.

Moved: Mrs Linda Gause, Indiana Extension Homemakers Association, USA

Seconded: Mrs Javonna Earsom, Country Women's Council, United States of America

Supporting statement: Worldwide undocumented (illegal) immigrant children are crossing borders daily hoping to escape the poverty, violence and social oppression in their homelands. Data collection of numbers of children is a major challenge due to the lack of unified protocol for differentiating between children that are unaccompanied, seeking asylum or victims of trafficking. Unaccompanied young migrants are more vulnerable and often there is no post release monitoring which raises questions about security and safety.

In moving the resolution, Mrs Gause said: Undocumented immigrant children are defined as children under the age of 18, traveling without their parents or guardians. Within the past decade their numbers have grown. Immigrant children migrate for many reasons. Some may be fleeing war, gangs or persecution in their home countries. They might be looking for jobs or joining parents or other relatives. Others might be victims of sex trafficking or slavery. Some will attempt to go through normal immigration. They might present false documents or no documents. The way unaccompanied minors are received, processed, held, returned or integrated depends upon the country in which they arrive.

It has been proposed that immigrant children be detained as little as possible. If appropriate, they should be released to a family or other sponsor. They should be supervised in a community-based setting where there is safety and security. We need to invest in systems that protect and care for these children and help them live productive lives.

When put to the vote, the show of hands was overwhelming with none against. Recommendation carried.

RECOMMENDATION 2: REFUGEES

ACWW calls for all governments affected by the current refugee crisis impacting Africa, Europe and Asia to afford such compassion, humanity and assistance as is necessary to those refugees who find themselves in this situation.

Moved: Mrs Anne Kerr, Scottish Women's Institutes, Scotland

Seconded: Mrs Agnes Black, Federation of Women's Institutes of Northern Ireland

Supporting statement: Over recent months we have had a significant number of people fleeing persecution across Africa and taking desperate measures to reach a safe haven whether that is in Europe or Asia. We have seen the pictures of desperate people on our television screens attempting to flee oppression and violence. EU governments scaled back the search and rescue capabilities within the Mediterranean resulting in a significant loss of life of some of the most vulnerable people of the world.

No government should turn their backs on providing whatever assistance they can in protecting the vulnerable whilst those that engage in people trafficking profit from their misery.

When moving the resolution Mrs Kerr said: ACWW calls for all governments affected by the current refugee crisis impacting Africa, Europe and Asia to afford such compassion, humanity and assistance as is necessary to those refugees who find themselves in this situation.

Madam President, Honoured Guests, Fellow members, the current refugee crisis is a global issue. Media coverage focuses heavily on the refugees arriving in Europe but in fact refugees are fleeing in countries from Honduras to Nigeria to Myanmar and arriving in wealthy countries including the United States and Australia as well as poorer ones like Turkey and Lebanon. It is a worldwide problem- one whose scale and severity is unmatched since World War 2.

There are 19 million people in the world who are currently refugees - a disastrously high number- and they all need to find somewhere they can live in safety. Persecution forces them to flee their homes. Some are fleeing wars in Somalia, Afghanistan and Libya,

some political persecution in Eritrea, Myanmar and Bangladesh and some, other kinds of violence in Central America, Nigeria and Pakistan as examples.

Often refugees end up in camps where life is difficult, cramped and unsafe with few prospects for work or education. This is a crisis for the refugees as well as the countries that house them.

Countries like Lebanon and Turkey are struggling to manage their camps and to absorb the thousands or sometimes millions of people who live in them. These camps are national and global failures as they keep refugees from integrating into the local communities and creating stable, productive lives.

Some families, realising that the camps offer them little hope or protection, seek safety further afield, often in Europe. The journey can be horrifyingly dangerous with many families drowning crossing the Mediterranean in rickety boats. They understand the risks but may pay thousands of pounds per person for the trip.

Many Western Countries now have huge numbers of refugees in overcrowded camps. Most European countries are still trying to keep refugees out and are refusing to accept even a remotely sufficient number for resettlement. Families who make it to Europe end up in camps, sleeping in railway stations or living in fear of deportation.

Australia has gone to great lengths to prevent so called "boat people" from reaching its shores including imprisoning them in abusive detention centres on remote Pacific Islands and sending them to Cambodia. In North America, the US has stepped up enforcement efforts after the child migrant crisis and is sending aid to Central American countries in exchange for efforts to keep children from making the journey to the United States. Taking in large numbers of refugees requires acceptance of the fact that these people may bring changes to your Nation's identity and culture.

Anti-immigration sentiment tends to rise when people feel economically insecure as many do currently. In order to solve this massive problem, we must all accept that changes to our communities and cultures are inevitable and that the integration of refugees into our communities will bring us all economic and cultural benefits.

All governments must be encouraged to assist the refugees to find new and safe places to live and to deal with them with compassion and humanity.

Every immigrant and asylum seeker brings the potential for new ways of creating forward growth. Let's not waste that potential, let's keep this country the rich melting pot of skill and knowledge inherited from the many nations that have landed on our shores; those that have shared their knowledge, skills and genetic potential to enhance the lives of future generations.

Our security agencies have a duty and obligation to all of us to rigorously vet and segregate good citizens from anyone involved with ISIS.

A United Nations General Assembly meeting in September will aim to secure the equitable sharing of responsibility for refugees. In light of this, we would ask all members to return home and encourage their politicians to give genuine refugees, many of whom are women and children, a safe haven in their country.

When put to the vote, the show of hands was overwhelming with none against. Recommendation carried.

RECOMMENDATION 3: REGULATION OF THE GOLD MINING INDUSTRY

There was no mover from Passage, the Netherlands, for this recommendation in the hall and so it was held over until the next session.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE ELECTED OFFICERS TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The following results were announced by the Returning Officer, Mrs Roma Patten. All candidates standing are shown with votes, those in bold were duly elected.

World President	Mrs Ruth Shanks AM Sharon Hatten		393 76	84% 16%
Deputy World President	Mrs Margaret Yetman	for	435	89%
Secretary	Mrs Henrietta Schoeman	for	449	94%
Treasurer	Mrs Heather Brennan	for	459	98%
Committee Chairmen:				
Communications & Marketing	Mrs Magdie de Kock	for	453	96%
Projects	Mrs Anne Marit Hovstad	for	454	95%
United Nations	Mrs Kerry Maw	for	444	94%
Area Presidents:				
Canada	Mrs Sheila Needham	for	45	100%
Caribbean, Central & South America	Mrs Dotsie M Gorden	for	10	100%
Central & South Asia	Mrs Thilaka Perera	for	20	95%
East, West and Central Africa	Mrs Irene Chinje	for	32	100%
Europe	Mrs Susan Watkins Mrs Margaret McMillan	for for	57 70	45% 55%
South East Asia & The Far East	Mrs Maria Abdul Karim Mrs Nancy Shukri	for for	16 5	76% 24%
Southern Africa	Mrs Maybel Moyo	for	97	100%
South Pacific	Mrs Margaret Sullian Mrs Gail Commens JP	for for	5 40	11% 89%
United States of America	Mrs Jo Ellen Almond Mrs Patricia Weitzmann	for for	42 17	72% 28%

MONDAY 22 AUGUST

PLENARY SESSION 8

Voting strength: 435; 51% = 222 and 2/3 majority = 290

Information notices were given.

The World President welcomed all to the last day of business. There was the Urgency Resolution to discuss, some reports to receive and, of course, thanks to give. Attention was drawn to the decoupage letters spelling #WeAreACWW that had been decorated in the craft sessions to remind everyone to tag ACWW in this way if they are posting on social media.

RECOMMENDATION 3: REGULATION OF THE GOLD MINING INDUSTRY

Be it resolved that ACWW and its member organizations strongly urge their governments to regulate the gold mining industry.

Proposed by Passage, Christelijk-maatschappelijke Vrouwenbeweging, The Netherlands

Moved: Mrs Valerie Stevens, European Area President

Seconded: Mrs Annette Turner, CWA of New South Wales, Australia

Supporting statement:

The gold industry is one of the top 5 largest industries in the world. Gold is a precious possession, but gold mining has major consequences for the environment. Extraction of gold causes the following problems: Loss of vegetation; Pulling away of fauna ; Loss of water and flora/ fauna; Negative social effects varying from disturbance to pushing aside traditional and local societies; Environmental disasters; Deteriorating health of people and animals.

It is neither easy to find gold nor winning the ore, as gold coheres with other minerals. One method is grinding the extracted ore several times, making gold digging very expensive. It is cheaper to use poisonous cyanide and mercury to dissolve the gold. 85-90% of gold is extracted via large-scale mining with the toxic cyanide. Cyanide is used to exploit the gold and Mercury to separate gold from the mud.

Mercury is not only a danger to fish as food source, but also for sensitive ecosystems and animal populations, such as fish-eating birds and mammals in the tropical rainforest. The most important effects of mercury on the health of people are disturbance of the brain functions. Damaged brain functions may cause degradation of learning capacity, deafness, memory loss, Down's syndrome and allergic reactions resulting in rashes, fatigue headaches and so on. Sometimes children have 33 times more mercury in their body than the internationally accepted safety standard.

Often there is no thorough legislation. As a result (foreign) companies are unlimitedly left to their own devices, putting up roads deep into the jungle, even though nature reservations, "gobbling up" jungle villages. Thus, in many places turning the jungle into bald excavated craters and toxic lunar landscapes. This 24/7 industry causes not only day and night noise pollution for the local population and the fauna, it also poisons the rivers making it unfit for human (and animal) use and consumption. Furthermore, sand and gravel accumulate in the river, silting up fairways.

Foreign companies start a mine and force the people who live on that spot to move. Gold mining workers see little back from the real value of their gold. Gold mining causes great damage to people and the environment. Regulation of the gold mining industry is therefore necessary.

When put to the vote, the show of hands was overwhelming. Recommendation carried.

URGENCY RESOLUTION: ABUSE IN CAMPS

Be it resolved that ACWW and its member organisations urge their governments to take action to stop the increasing worldwide sexual abuse of women and children in the refugee camps and shelters.

Moved: Ms Blanche Jansma, Koninklijk NVVH-Vrouwennetwerk, Netherlands

Seconded: Lesley Young, CWA in Tasmania, Australia

In moving the resolution, Ms Jansma said: As the UNHC states: I quote: 'Refugees are people fleeing conflict or persecution. They are defined and protected by international law and must not be expelled or returned to situations where their life and freedom are at risk.'

What happens in the refugee camps and shelters is a grave violation of human rights! Vulnerable women and children need to be protected against sexual abuse also in the refugee camps. That is why we, the delegates of the ACWW European Area, ask you all to support this urgent motion.

What would you do when it isn't safe any longer to live in your home, your beloved country, because there is a war outside, tearing everything down, the future of your loved ones included? You try to find a better place, a safe country to build up a new existence where your children will grow up in peace. That's how thousands and thousands of men, women and children end up in the refugee camps and shelters. That's living 'back to basics' but they are safe at last! If that could be true ...

Let me give you a wake-up call! Last week national papers worldwide, stated that the UN refugee agency, UNHCR, the Red Cross, Médecins sans Frontiers, Amnesty International and so on, reported that in many refugee camps and shelters women and children – both boys and girls – are increasingly victims of sexual abuse. In some camps, groups of young males harass women and children after dark, when they are on their way to the communal toilet buildings. Little girls are dragged into tents and abused by several men. In one of the camps, young boys were abused by a cleaner. Just to give you a few examples.

When put to the vote, the show of hands was overwhelming. Resolution carried.

REPORT OF THE TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Mrs Schoeman, Secretary and Chairman of the Triennial Conference Committee said that the actual conference was the summation of the three years of the Committee's work with the Hostess Committee, World President and Central Office. She invited the Committee members to join her on the platform and for each to give their personal reflections reflections.

Mrs Chris Trewick, Worcester FWI, England and Hostess Committee

I was asked to provide a picture of myself when I started on TCC, but I don't have any. One of my children suggested that I use a picture of me as a child, but it was not very flattering. I will only say that my hair, then, was a pleasant auburn. As for the present... well, time marches on, and what you see now is what you get. Fifty shades of grey, you might say; but, of course, I couldn't possibly comment. I have been on TCC for 6 years, and I am sorry that my time there is coming to an end. What have I learnt in that time? That no two conferences are the same, I knew a little about charity law when I started, now I know a little more, as to performing rights we are old friends, I learnt a lot about the ACWW Resolutions and Recommendations because the first 3 years were spent putting them in the order they are now... but I could not have done this without the help of Bethen Williams and my husband. He now disappears out the door at the mention of them. But I hope that you find them a lot easier to use.

It hasn't all been hard work... I've had the opportunity of attending a number of conferences, where I have met many inspiring women. It seems to me that this contact between members is of great importance. For example, on one occasion, we had 2 committee meetings on the same day, and in the same place. We were able to have lunch together. It was a chance to put faces to names, to hear each other's news, and, incidentally, to discover that we all had a great sense of humour.

Over the past 6 years, I have also been on the Committee that has organised this Conference. I have quickly learned that organising such events is 'no walk in the park'! You have to be patient in the early stages, because things seem to happen more slowly than you want, but, closer to the event, everything goes at breakneck speed. There never seems to be enough time. I would like to express my admiration of the office staff, whose contribution especially at this stage, was over-and-above the call of duty.

It is not easy to come up with new ideas to make money for any charity, but we know that good old tried and tested ones do work. We all like to shop, hence the Country Store. I must tell you that one of my duties on the Committee was to drum up support in the form of craftwork from WI branches around the country. I think I got this job because I happened to have a spare bedroom that could be used for storage. For a while, only a trickle arrived... but, then, we almost needed flood-gates. The result you will have seen in the Country Store. And boy, don't you like to shop!

I had 5,500 items when I arrived, by close of today it has risen to about 6,000 items, donated by WI's around the country, some very large items, some very small. To me, that shows how much commitment the WI's have to ACWW and the work we do. And the fact is that what we do is worthwhile. It may not be spectacular, but I always bear in mind what was said by Hilda Stewart: 'One person cannot change the world, but you can change the world for one person'. Thank you, Chairman.

Mrs Lynn Maclean, WI of Nova Scotia, Canada

What are my impressions as a member of The Triennial Conference Committee? Being on an any ACWW Committee is an educational and rewarding experience and TCC is no exception. This was not my first time on an ACWW committee as I had the opportunity to serve two terms as a member of P&P (now C&M) and I was fortunate to join TCC. TCC provides the opportunity to meet women from around the world. Meeting and working

with women from many parts of the world, hearing their perspectives, and learning of their culture are some of the best reasons for serving on any ACWW Committee. In our case, we have women from South Africa, Romania, England, and myself from Canada.

TCC is a perfect example of the importance of building relationships and partnerships. In our case this was with the Host Committee. We came together as strangers and grew to have an understanding and developed trust with each other. There are too many details to be worked out so there is no time for power struggles. Having roles and responsibilities for the Host Committee and TCC clearly delineated is crucial for this committee. Under Henrietta's leadership I believe we achieved this goal of building a solid relationship with all the stakeholders.

There is an old saying in Canada that too many cooks can spoil the broth. One could say that there are a lot of people or stakeholders that require a say in planning the World Conference. It is not just the Host Committee nor just TCC. We must also gather the thoughts and opinions of the Executive, Board and of course Central Office in order to plan and reach agreement on all aspects of the Triennial Conference. To achieve this goal there needs to be a free exchange of ideas and opinions from all stakeholders, the Committee has done just that - organized a successful Triennial Conference.

In 1950 President Mrs Sayre summed up the essence of ACWW and I believe the value of the Committees and in this case TCC. 'We, who belong to ACWW, do not all think alike. The strength of our organization comes in part from this. Honest differences help us see more clearly and to plan more wisely. Out of our diversity can come strength if we work together to get agreement and harmony on the things that we can'. Thank you for the opportunity to serve on TCC.

Mrs Afrodita Roman, Women of the III Millennium, Romania

As a member of the Triennial Conference Committee for the last 3 years, the first time in my life in such a position, I was fortunate to work with the most professional and amazing ladies from ACWW, TCC, from the Board, from the host society, also to meet and work with and some of the Central Office staff, which was an excellent opportunity to come to know them better. I was welcomed by everybody and I felt that very encouraging. Even if I attended many previous ACWW conferences in the past, and I have a good understanding of spoken and written English, as a non-native English language person I had to cope with many new terms, and words, and at times I felt it a little bit difficult, especially when it came to the voting process and Resolutions and Recommendations section, but I think I've learnt a lot at each and every meeting. In October last year, along with some of the staff and members of the Communication and Marketing committee, I had also the opportunity to visit the venue of the conference, at Warwick University. It was exciting to meet the people in charge there and to visit and appreciate the premises and the facilities offered by the location.

The work within this the Triennial Conference Committee was a real challenge for me, but a rewarding and very pleasant one, the activity was dense, and I hope that I did well my part. I took it as a personal development process, and I think I gathered a lot of information and knowledge and being involved in ongoing of the conference it's a plus that will give me even more satisfaction. The most important fact I think is that I feel I "grew up" these 3 years, and I have now the courage to continue this work, for the next Triennium, if I am

confirmed. Thank you for listening! And see you in Romania next year for the European Area Conference!

Mrs Alison Burnett moved adoption of the Report. Seconded by Mrs Jo Ellen Almond. When put to the vote, the show of hands was overwhelming with none against. Report approved.

The World President announced that evaluation forms would be handed out at the end of the session and urged every member to fill one in as it would help with planning the next Triennial World Conference. There would be a prize for a randomly picked evaluation form.

REFLECTIONS ON CONFERENCE FROM AN EXPERIENCED CONFERENCE TRIENNIAL ATTENDEE AND A FIRST TIME ATTENDEE

Mrs Barbara Schaeffer, Women in Agriculture and Business in South Australia said: 'Thank you, Madam President, for the opportunity to comment. This is my first time to be an observer, but I have attended all the sessions. About 40 years ago one of my little boys had a T-shirt with the message 'Nobody's Perfect'. I thought of that message when asked to give my thoughts.'

Just as life is not always perfect, I believe there is no point coming to a Triennial Conference expecting it to be perfect or comparing with other conferences – of course there will be a few hiccups. But I am choosing to look at the positives. At the end of a very long day seeing ACWW signs held by smiling members indicating that there was a meal available on the first evening; the accommodation; the Opening Ceremony – as we've come to expect with the flag parade (heavy flags!) – this is always inspiring. The Concurrent information sessions – good to have the presenters move. I always enjoy the Area Reports. Resolutions and Recommendations were well researched. The speakers were well chosen and relevant. The Constitution and Ad Hoc Committee. The lanyard! I almost had some negative thoughts when I arrives at the craft session. Coming to England to make some little craft gadget! Quite fun!! One of my favourite songs 'You Raise Me Up'.

My congratulations to the Organising Committee, Central Office Staff, Outgoing Board. Best wishes to the Incoming Board.

Mrs Irene Bih Chinje: My impressions as a first-timer. I feel as if I have made a leap from darkness into light, from an unknown world to a bright open world full of great resources to tap from and seeing concretely in action some realities. Women are women and all need recognition. I have acquired so much knowledge of ACWW, made connections the world over and hope to build better relationships, help contribute to the empowerment of woman for a peace-loving world.

Seeing women of all ages with their various difficulties, doing things their own specific ways by contributing and wanting to be part in building a better world for women has been the greatest booster for me to aspire to do the most and best I can within my means to bring our women in Africa to the front row of development and make the dream of ACWW a reality.

Its been a new mind search in helping me build great ideas to improve on my skills, develop new ways of doing things to move women forward.

As women, we are all different but let us keep an open mind, a clean heart and remain focus to our dreams, make ACWW an association to reckon with. As regards the 'Zero Hunger' resolution, we should all try to eliminate food waste by taking just what we can eat at any meal time, be it at home or at a party.

VOTING FOR THE 2022 TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE

The invitation to Pahang, Malaysia had been moved the previous day by Princess Azizah, on behalf of the Women's Institutes of Pahang.

Voting for this was unanimous. Therefore the 2022 Triennial Conference would be hosted by the WI of Pahang, Malaysia.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Dame Margaret Millard said that there was unfinished business from the Agriculture Committee report, and she wanted to raise the worldwide problem of suicide among dairy farmers.

The World President agreed this was a very serious matter and it was unfortunate that it had not been brought up earlier in the Conference as there was not time to address it properly. Mrs Moira Hammond, Suffolk East WI, England volunteered to speak to concerned delegates in the break as she had experience as a volunteer counsellor.

CONFERENCE SPONSORSHIP

A number of delegates had been supported for part of their costs to enable them to attend this Triennial Conference. The World President thanked all who had made donations to the World Conference Fund and the European Fund which resulted in sponsorship for thirty women, with most of them having registration fees and accommodation covered. The sponsored delegates were introduced and received a gift from Ceridigion WI, Wales. Mrs Priscilla Allen, CWA Jiwaka, Papua New Guinea gave thanks on behalf of all the sponsored delegates.

PRESENTATION OF 2019 TRIENNIAL WORLD CONFERENCE IN MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA

Mrs Lynette Harris, CWA of Victoria, Australia

Mrs Harris said: Good Day Madam President, member societies. I have pleasure in presenting my report followed by a brief video for the ACWW World Conference to be held in our wonderful city, Melbourne. This will be held the 3rd to 10th April 2019 in the Season of Autumn. CWA of Victoria are extremely honoured to be your Host, and our current State President Machel Chrichton sends you her Best Wishes for a successful and enjoyable 2016 Conference.

Wow - Three years ago in Chennai it seemed such a long time to Warwick and even longer to Melbourne 2019 - now with great excitement and I must admit some trepidation as Convener, as we are now on count down and as you are all aware time passes quickly when having fun. Planning at this stage consists of asking all Victorian Groups/ Branches to begin raising money to enable us to support as many South Pacific Island members to attend. Day Tours are being formulated so that Partners and others who wish to participate can do so.

I encourage all of you attending Warwick, to come to Melbourne and bring other Members, Friends and Partners (especially partners/fellas, to keep my hubby busy and out of my hair). For those who have never been to visit our beautiful Victoria, it will more than live up to your expectations and create lifetime memories. The Melbourne Convention Centre where the conference is being held has impressive open spaces and is a short walk to the centre of the city as you will see in the video.

There is a huge number of accommodation options to choose from, with many within a few minutes walking distance and prices to suit everyone. This includes 6-star international hotels, small hotels, backpackers and our members are offering billeting.

Food - Melbourne is renowned for its restaurants with a variety of amazing local and multicultural dishes to choose from that range to suit all budgets. Entertainment - The saying "The World is your Oyster" well Melbourne will be yours during your time with us.

I look forward to working with Ruth, the Committee, London and Gail in the South Pacific. Sit back and enjoy the presentation that Ash Harris has prepared for you and I will be happy to answer questions in our next break. Sit back, relax and enjoy Victoria.

South Pacific Island ladies-Workshops (to be worked out) Sponsorship to support Island Women to enable you to attend (To be worked out). Representatives from CWA of Victoria to meet and greet at airports and transfers organized. CWA Member to be Host to different Areas. End of Conference Tour for those who are interested.

CLOSING CEREMONY

The World President announced the winner of the Evaluation Form prize draw.

Mrs Jackie Gregory, West Midlands FWI and Hostess Committee gave their thanks to everyone for such a great conference.

Mrs Shanks paid tribute to and gave thanks to the Hostess Committee for all their hard work.

She went on to thank ACWW staff, in particular, Operations Manager Tish Collins and Media & Communications Manager Nick Newland who had acted as conference manager. A special thanks went to Nicky Enderby who had stepped in for the last few weeks and done a great job as Assistant Conference Organiser.

Warwick University staff were thanked for their cooperation and efforts to make the conference such a success, especially Julie, James, Vaio and Louise and the team of young conference assistants in grey shirts.

All members of ACWW committees were thanked for their input over the triennium.

Members of the Outgoing Board were called to the stage followed by the Incoming Board members. There was an exchange of greetings and presentation of badges of office.

The World President then presented Certificates of appreciation to the retiring members of the Board. Mrs Beverley Earnhart, Mrs Margaret Sullivan, HRH Princess Azizah, Mrs Alison

Burnett, Professor Momtaz Begum, Sharon Hatten, Mrs Valerie Stevens and Mrs Angela Fozzi (formerly Njugabui Njeazah) .

Mrs Alison Burnett gave a vote of thanks to the World President Ruth Shanks AM.

Returning World President Mrs Ruth Shanks went to the podium to give her final words and formally close the conference. She became overwhelmed with emotion and abandoned her speech after thanking everyone.

The Song of Peace was sung accompanied by a local harpist.

The flags were paraded out of the hall to the sounds of various fanfares, and this was followed by singing and dancing to the Men at Work song 'Land down under'.

AREA MEETINGS

These took place after lunch.

TUESDAY 23 AUGUST

The day excursion billed as a 'Magical Mystery Tour'.

Triennial Estimates / Budget 2016 - 2018

Actual 2015	Description	Proposed Budget 2016-2018			
		2016	2017	2018	2016-2018
INCOME					
47,986	Membership	50,000	50,000	50,000	150,000
194,854	Donations (Pff)	200,000	200,000	200,000	600,000
82,079	Investments	85,000	85,000	85,000	255,000
4,338	Miscellaenous	2,000	2,000	2,000	6,000
	Conference	5,000			5,000
329,257	TOTAL	342,000	337,000	337,000	1,016,000
EXPENDITURE					
43,801	Education	60,500	60,500	60,500	181,500
88,063	Outreach	110,500	110,500	110,500	331,500
109,332	Info & Research	110,500	110,500	110,500	331,500
41,142	UN	55,500	55,500	55,500	166,500
323,882		337,000	337,000	337,000	1,011,000

List of Attendees of the 28th Triennial Conference In Alphabetical Order by Country

Australia

Ades, Maree, Ms	CWA Victoria Inc.	Hammon, Peter, Mr	Observer
Aistrope, Mignon, Ms	CWA New South Wales	Harding, Rosalind, Mrs	CWA in Tasmania
Allen, Heather, Mrs	CWA of Western Australia	Harris, Lynette, Mrs	CWA Victoria Inc.
Allen, Peter, Mr	Observer	Harris, Terry, Mr	Observer
Ball, Glenys, Mrs	CWA Victoria Inc.	Hart, Marilyn, Mrs	CWA of Western Australia
Barrand, Peter, Mr	Observer	Henderson, Janet, Mrs	CWA of New South Wales
Barrand, Rhonda, Mrs	CWA Victoria Inc.	Hunter, Margaret, Ms	CWA Victoria Inc.
Bartlett, Carole, Mrs	CWA Victoria Inc.	Jackson, Carol, Mrs	Queensland CWA
Batten, Pam, Mrs	CWA of Western Australia	Jackson, Sylvia, Mrs	Queensland CWA
Batten, Peter, Mr	Observer	Johnstone, Helen, Mrs	CWA Victoria Inc.
Beebe, Coral, Mrs	CWA of Northern Territory	Joswig, Caroline, Miss	CWA of Northern Territory
Berryman, Jenny, Mrs	Narromine CWA	Joswig, Winfried, Mr	CWA of Northern Territory
Bertram, Linda, Mrs	South Australian CWA	Keating, Maureen, Mrs	CWA New South Wales
Bjorksten, Elizabeth, Mrs	CWA Victoria Inc.	Kelman, John, Mr	Observer
Blatch, Marjorie, Ms	CWA of New South Wales	Kelman, Madelyn L, Mrs	Queensland CWA
Bowman, Mary, Mrs	CWA of New South Wales	Kenny, Michael James, Mr	Observer
Bradbery, Marie, Mrs	CWA of New South Wales	Kenny, Sara, Mrs	CWA of Western Australia
Braico, Lyn, Mrs	CWA of New South Wales	Keys, Maria, Mrs	Queensland CWA
Brennan, Heather, Mrs	CWA Queensland	Kieseker, Elaine, Mrs	Queensland CWA
Bright, Kathleen, Miss	CWA of New South Wales	Kieseker, Keith, Mr	Observer
Cant, Joan, Mrs	CWA of Western Australia	Kimball, Elsie, Mrs	CWA of New South Wales
Cargill, Ruth, Miss	CWA of New South Wales	King, Christine, Mrs	Queensland CWA
Carr, Jennifer, Mrs	CWA of New South Wales	Kitto, Dorothy, Miss	South Australian CWA
Chapman, Joyce, Ms	WAB in South Australia	Lees, Meryl, Mrs	CWA of New South Wales
Chobdzynski, Jenny, Mrs	CWA of New South Wales	Lenton, Shirley, Mrs	Queensland CWA
Clay, Carol, Mrs	CWA Victoria Inc.	Lovelace, Norma, Mrs	Queensland CWA
Commens JP, Gail, Mrs	CWA of New South Wales	Lowe, Joan Elaine, Mrs	CWA of New South Wales
Coombe, Dorothy, Ms	CWA of Australia	Luscombe, Judith, Mrs	CWA Victoria Inc.
Danvers, Andrea, Ms	CWA Brunswick Heads	Luscombe, Ray, Mr	Observer
Dean, Phillip, Mr	Observer	MacLeod, Donald, Mr	Observer
Dean, Robyn, Mrs	CWA New South Wales	MacLeod, Noela, Mrs	CWA Victoria Inc.
Dewar, Marion, Mrs	CWA Victoria Inc.	Mason, Gwen, Mrs	CWA Victoria Inc.
Earwicker, Wendy, Mrs	CWA Victoria Inc.	Mason, Lester, Mr	Observer
East, Margery, Ms	CWA of New South Wales	Materne, Julia, Mrs	South Australian CWA
Edwards, Mary, Mrs	South Australian CWA	Mawson, Pam, Mrs	CWA Victoria Inc.
Evans, Anthony John, Dr	Observer	McCall, Gwynnyth, Mrs	CWA Victoria Inc.
Evans, Llewella, Mrs	CWA New South Wales	McTackett, Janice	CWA of New South Wales
Faddy, Sara, Mrs	Queensland CWA	Mitchell, Jennifer, Mrs	CWA of New South Wales
Ferguson, Carol, Ms	Queensland CWA	Mitchell, Ranald, Mr	Observer
Field, Alison, Miss	CWA Victoria Inc.	Moffatt, Elaine Avon, Mrs	Queensland CWA
Forsyth, Annette, Mrs	CWA of New South Wales	Phillips, Suzanne, Miss	CWA Victoria Inc.
Garrett, Freda Mary, Ms	Queensland CWA	Pinkerton, Debra, Ms	CWA of New South Wales
Garrett, Gordon Roy, Mr	Observer	Poole, Judith, Ms	CWA of Victoria Inc.
Garrett, Suzanne, Mrs	CWA New South Wales	Roberts, Linda, Ms	CWA of New South Wales
Graham, Olwyn, Ms	CWA Baulkamaugh Branch	Rogers, Beverly, Mrs	CWA of New South Wales
Granger, Noel Joy, Mrs	CWA of New South Wales	Rowan, Carmel, Ms	CWA Victoria Inc.
Hadley, Dianne, Mrs	CWA Victoria Inc.	Rudwick, Margaret, Mrs	CWA of Western Australia
Hammon, Jennifer, Mrs	CWA Victoria Inc.	Russ, Susan, Mrs	CWA of New South Wales
		Schaefer, Barbara, Mrs	WAB in South Australia

Sevcikova, Karolina, Ms	CWA Victoria Inc.	Brady, Joan, Mrs	NFU Canada
Shanks, Greg, Mr	Observer	Button, Judy, Mrs	NFL WIs, Gander Branch
Shanks, Ruth, Mrs	ACWW Board Member	Byl, Margaret, Mrs	FWIs Ontario
Simon, Isobel, Mrs	CWA Victoria Inc.	Christenson, Margaret, Ms	FWIs Ontario
Singe, Margaret, Mrs	CWA of New South Wales	Dammann, Diane, Mrs	Alberta Women's Insitute
Spence, Jean, Mrs	South Australian CWA	Dammann, Peter John, Mr	Observer
Spikin, Marilyn, Ms	CWA Victoria Inc.	Desrocher, Lynda, Mrs	British Columbia WI
Sullivan, Margaret, Mrs	ACWW Board Member	Dunn, E Anne, Mrs	British Columbia WI
Teed, Ayrton, Mrs	CWA Victoria Inc.	Fetherston, Kari, Ms	Observer
Tilly, Frances Wilma, Mrs	Queensland CWA	Hall, Margaret, Ms	Observer
Tilly, Hugh Paton, Mr	Observer	Hancock, Margaret E	Newfoundland & Labrador WI
Tognela, Rosa, Mrs	CWA of Western Australia	Harris, Marg, Mrs	FWIs Ontario
Turner, Angela, Ms	CWA Victoria Inc.	Hatten, Sharon	ACWW Board Member
Turner, Annette, Ms	CWA of New South Wales	Hecker, Arthena, Ms	FWIs Ontario
Turner, Barry, Mr	Observer	Hickling, Karen, Mrs	Ontario
Twiss, Patricia Faith, Mrs	CWA of Western Australia	Holthe, Joan, Mrs	FWI Canada
Virtue, Yvonne, Mrs	CWA Victoria Inc.	Holthe, Larry, Mr	Observer
Wade, Margaret	Queensland CWA	Hoszouski, Susan, Ms	British Columbia WI
Walsh, Helen, Mrs	CWA of New South Wales	Kaiser, Elaine G, Mrs	Alberta Women's Insitute
Webb, Christopher, Mr	Observer	Laite, Jane, Ms	Newfoundland & Labrador WI
Webb, Sandra, Mrs	CWA Victoria Inc.	Lilley, Eleanor, Mrs	WI of Nova Scotia
Wingent, Donald, Mr	Observer	Macdonald, Dorothy, Ms	FWIs Ontario
Wingent, Mary, Mrs	CWA of New South Wales	Maclean, Jim, Mr	Observer
Winter, Lauren, Mrs	CWA of Northern Territory	Maclean, Lynn, Mrs	WI of Nova Scotia
Wood, Barbara, Mrs	CWA in Tasmania	Maines, Cecilia, Mrs	FWIs Ontario
Young, Ian, Mr	Observer	Maines, Grant, Mr	Observer
Young, Lesley, Mrs	CWA in Tasmania	Mandziuk, Lois Ann, Mrs	Manitoba WI
Young, Sandra, Mrs	WAB in South Australia	Mayberry, Faye, Mrs	Alberta Women's Insitute
		McLean, Marbeth, Ms	FWIs Ontario
		Minogue-Calver, Sheila, Ms	Navan WI, FWI Ontario
		Murray, Coni, Mrs	FWIs Nova Scotia
		Needham, Neil, Mr	Observer
		Needham, Sheila, Mrs	ACWW Board Member
		Nolting, Gisela, Ms	Manitoba WI
		Overnes, Helen, Mrs	British Columbia WI
		Page Jones, Judy, Mrs	Quebec WI
		Peck, Evelyn, Ms	FWIs Ontario
		Pettigrew, Leila, Mrs	FWIs Ontario
		Rabstein, Cynthia, Mrs	FWIs Ontario
		Reaburn, Christine, Mrs	East Area WI
		Richards, Sheila, Ms	FWIs Nova Scotia
		Robillard, Irene, Mrs	FWIs Ontario
		Rushton, Elizabeth W, Mrs	Alberta Women's Insitute
		Russett, Donna, Mrs	FWIs Ontario
		Russett, Gerald, Mr	Observer
		Stares, Iris, Mrs	NFL WI Gander Branch
		Stephenson, Elsie, Mrs	FWIs Ontario
		Stones, Barbara, Ms	FWIs Ontario
		Sutton, Elizabeth, Ms	FWIs Ontario
		Thaiss, Shirley, Ms	FWIs Ontario
		Toivonen, Ralph, Mr	Observer
		Wakabayashi, Tomi, Mrs	British Columbia WI
		Weese, Barbara, Ms	FWIs Ontario
Bangladesh			
Begum, Momtaz, Prof.	ACWW Board Member		
Hilaly, Zebunnesa, Mrs	Bangladesh Mohila Samity		
Khan, Marufi, Dr	Bangladesh Mohila Samity		
Rahman, Tamanna, Mrs	Bangladesh Mohila Samity		
Reza, Farhana, Ms	Bangladesh Mohila Samity		
Belarus			
Ivanistava, Valiantsina, Mrs	English Cultural Centre		
Sauchanka, Liudmila, Mrs	English Cultural Centre		
Stupak, Larisa, Mrs	English Cultural Centre		
Vinnik, Svetlana, Dr	English Cultural Centre		
Botswana			
Maphane, Gaboitsiwe, Mrs	Botswana Council of Women		
Maswabi, Lebelelang, Miss	Botswana Council of Women		
Canada			
Bangs, Janet, Ms	British Columbia WI		
Berry, Eleanor, Ms	New Dundee WI		
Bianco, Mary, Mrs	Overlander WI, BC		
Bird, A, Mrs	FWIs Ontario		
Bogner, Frances, Mrs	Alberta Women's Insitute		
Brown, Carol, Ms	Alberta Women's Insitute		

White, Hania, Ms FWIs Ontario
 Yetman, Eric, Mr Observer
 Yetman, Margaret, Mrs ACWW Board Member
 Young, Elizabeth, Mrs Newfoundland & Labrador WI
 Hoy, Linda, Ms FWI of Canada

England

Addams, Susan A, Mrs Warwickshire FWI
 Alker, Jean, Mrs Somerset FWI
 Allcock, Mary, Mrs Cumbria-Westmorland FWI
 Amos, Nicola, Ms Somerset FWI
 Andrews, Lynda Ann, Mrs Somerset FWI
 Andrews, Mary, Mrs Devon FWI
 Atrill, Sue, Mrs Hampshire FWI
 Avnell, Doreen, Mrs Suffolk West FWI
 Banks, Jennifer, Ms Hampshire County FWI
 Barsby, Jeanne, Mrs Kent West Kent WI
 Bates, Jean, Mrs Northamptonshire FWI
 Beames, Kyrene, Mrs Hampshire FWI
 Bedford, Elizabeth, Mrs Hampshire FWI
 Bedwin, Chrissie, Ms Derbyshire FWI
 Bevis, Jean, Ms Somerset FWI
 Biggs, Jane, Ms West Sussex FWI
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