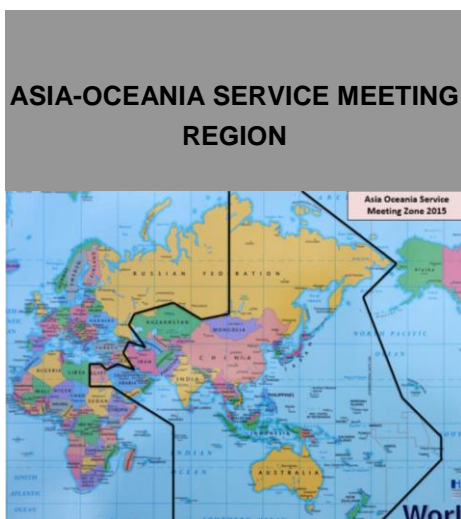


Asia-Oceania Service Meeting (AOSM)

June 2015

AOSM Update #4



Message from the AOSM Chair

Welcome to this, our last AOSM progress update before the actual 11th AOSM that will be held in Dubai in the UAE from 4 PM Thursday 29th October to Sunday, 1 November 2015.

This will be the first time that the AOSM will meet in this part of the world and I'm sure we are all looking forward to meeting old friends and making new ones.

There has been and continues to be considerable effort by individuals and committees working hard behind the scenes to ensure that the whole experience of participating in this 11th AOSM is enjoyable, productive and of benefit to our wonderful fellowship.

On your behalf I want to **thank all concerned** for their work to date.

I expect that all delegates are as excited as I am at the prospect of fellowship at this level with the opportunity of 'carrying the message' in this vibrant part of the world

Our challenge and privilege as participants in the AOSM is, in its most basic form, to carry the message... that there is hope of recovery from the disease of alcoholism.

This is necessarily a collective effort.

It is a collective effort, not just in the sense of working together to bring awareness of AA to those that need it **AND** to those who might be able to positively influence those who need it.

It is also a collective endeavour in how we encourage and support one another in this noble effort.

What a magnificent privilege it is to be part of this 11th AOSM. I look forward to working with you in Dubai.

John L – Australia
Chair AOSM 2014 - 2015

Asia Oceania Service Meeting - Statement of Purpose

The primary purpose of the Asia-Oceania Service Meeting (AOSM) is to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous to the alcoholic who still suffers.

The Asia-Oceania Service Meeting seeks ways to accomplish this goal by providing a forum for the delegates to share the experience, strength and hope of the countries they represent and who come together from all parts of Asia and Oceania.

It can also represent an expression of the Group Conscience throughout the region and provide a link to the World Service Meeting for countries unable to be represented there.

Experience has shown that a sound service structure enables the message to be delivered more effectively. The Asia-Oceania Service Meeting encourages the planning of sound structures suited to the needs of the individual countries and the expansion of AA services to reach the alcoholic through the spoken word, literature and institutions work.

The AOSM recognises that it has no authority over any AA service or Group. The only decisions to be made by the AOSM are those which affect the meeting itself.

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Working with others - carrying the message

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Snap shot - Carrying the message

News from Fiji

There is one face to face meeting in Suva on Tuesday at 1pm. Bhai Hall, 29 Brewster st. (side street next to Suva Private Hospital).

The Fiji website at aafiji.com for updates on phone contacts and meeting date,

There is also online local Skype meetings which are held Weday 6pm, Friday 6pm (steps) and Sunday 9am discussion. Contact Phylis to accept request to add to group.

Her home phone number is 9267399. She lives on the Coral Coast, between the Warwick Resort and the Naviti Resort about an hour an half from both Nadi and Suva.

Her home and front deck overlooking the lagoon are always available for drop in visitors needing a meeting.

The big news for locals is the March 24 to 27th Australia AA Convention is to be held in Suva. Carrying the message to Fiji at the Grand Pacific Hotel.

Supplied by Steve S, New Zealand

"The fact is that he should work with other people to maintain his own sobriety"

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Carrying the message, Country to Country

New Zealand and Samoa

In 2014 and again in February 2015, some Auckland AA members travelled to Samoa, where there are six sober AA members.

These members attended the annual Samoa Round Up, and took with them several large bags of books, which included Big Books and Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions. The Auckland members reported back to Auckland PIC, via the Indigenous Outreach sub-committee, and described the incredibly enjoyable experience they have had at the Samoa Round Up, and the enthusiasm of the six Samoa AA members. They plan to go again next year.

They called for any New Zealand AA members who may holiday in Samoa, to please contact and attend the Samoa meeting, as our help is very much appreciated there. The Auckland AA members have travelled at their own expense, and with literature donated by local groups.

As a side note, but not part of the Indigenous Outreach sub-committee, Judge Aitken is one of the Auckland Alcohol and Other Drugs Treatment Court (AODTC) Judges, and she is currently working with Samoa Judiciary, to set up an AODTC in Samoa, using the model which is currently being used in a 5 year pilot in two courts in Auckland. The six AA members in Samoa are involved in this process.

Thailand and Bhutan

A member from Thailand met a couple of AA members from Bhutan at their convention on July 6. They said they would like help starting an AA meeting.

One member who was contacted later and they discussed what kind of help they wanted. He said they meet at a hospital right now and want to start a meeting away from the hospital. He has been sober about six years, and another member, a woman, has been sober about seven years. He said they only have a few members. Already literature has been sent, and we look forward to more updates

A response from Butan, "Thank you so much Mr. Tom for your kind support. I am really touch by the way you are helping us. Yes Mr. Tom I have one big book but I guess that's not enough".

I look forward to discussing these and many more of our experiences in Dubai

AA Love and Service - Steve S, Chair Working With Others Committee

Work of the AOSM

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Planning for AOSM 2015

Planning is still underway for the next AOSM in Dubai. The confirmed dates for the 11th AOSM will be from Thursday 29th October from 4pm through to Sunday 1 November 2015.

Joanne S. and members of the agenda committee are finalizing the agenda and will circulate it soon.

The AOSM 2015 planning committee are finalising the logistics of the meeting and will soon circulate accommodation options for delegates, officers and other attendees to the AOSM in Dubai.

Joanne and her team have sent out a request to any countries that have good stories to share about their experiences with CPC and PI with a view to these countries with such experiences to lead presentations or workshops on the topics at the AOSM.

Joanne S
Chair Site Selection and Agenda Committee
and Tony A Chair of the Policy, Admissions & Finance Committee.

Website

Work continues on the AOSM website. It can be viewed at www.aosm-aa.org. The site can now be searched. Using AOSM as a search term will ensure people end up at our site.

If you'd like to learn more about the website or have any experience or information to share contact the webmaster Steve at steve@ibis4.com

Alternatively, you can contact the Chair of the AOSM Literature and Publishing Committee (the committee responsible for the website) Donald S

"To be helpful is out only aim"

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AOSM Finance

The work of the AOSM cannot be undertaken without financial support.

Although costs for the AOSM are minimal we'd like to thank all those that have supported us in the past and continue to do so. In particular we'd like to thank Australia, New Zealand, and Japan for their much appreciated and ongoing support.

Want to make a contribution to AOSM? Want to understand how the finances of the AOSM work? or just have a question? Ask the AOSM Treasurer David G @ davidtgee86@gmail.com

Nominations are sought from suitable candidates for the role of Secretary to the Asia Oceania Service Meeting for the period 2016 – 2019 (four year position). This role offers the success candidate an exciting opportunity to be involved in an AA service role in an international setting. The applicant must have attended two international service meetings - AOSM and/or World Service Meeting (or one of each) as a delegate or alternate. For further information contact the current secretary brenda.h@xtra.co.nz

Coming up 'round the region and further afield

- ✚ Slovenia: 4th International Convention 2-4 October 2015
- ✚ 20th International Roundup Angeles City, Philippines Oct 9-11, 2015 "It works if you work it"
http://roundupangelescocity.blogspot.com/2015/06/20th-intl-round-up-angeles-city_15.html
- ✚ Hong Kong International Convention Nov 6-8, 2015, Willing to Grow -- www.hkconvention.org
- ✚ MERCAA (Middle East Region Committee of Alcoholics Anonymous) Convention Nov 7 - 8 2015 in Dubai. More information available soon
- ✚ 53rd New Zealand National Convention 22-24 January 2016 Waitangi New Zealand. www.aaconvention.org.nz/
- ✚ 34th Annual 2016 Philippines National Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous, February 5-7, 2016 in Dumaguete City, Philippines. The theme is "Just for Today" More convention information will be published on the convention website www.dumagueteaa.org as details become available
- ✚ Australasian Convention will be held in Suva, Fiji in 2016 www.aanatcon.org.au/ for more information