



Sustainable Population Australia

Proxy form for motions that will be put to the

SPA AGM 11am, Saturday 5 April 2014

Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, 15 Blackall St, Barton ACT 2600

Only a financial member of SPA may appoint a proxy. To check whether you are a financial member or not, email info@population.org.au or phone 02 6288 6810. A financial member of SPA who is attending the meeting may be appointed as a proxy, or you may choose the Chairman, Jenny Goldie. Please print clearly.

I (name)..... (Signature).....

of
(address).....

being a member of SPA and entitled to vote, hereby appoint (mark with a tick or cross in one box below)

The Chairman of the Meeting

Or(name of the person who shall vote on my behalf)

of
(address).....
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1. Proportionment of Membership Dues

Clause 4.4 of the SPA Constitution states: Proportionment Subscriptions shall be proportioned between the Executive Committee and a Branch Committee. The proportion shall be determined by a resolution passed by majority vote at a properly constituted general meeting.

Motion: *That the proportion of membership subscriptions be changed from 50:50 to 60 per cent to the Executive Committee and 40 per cent to branches.*

Please mark with either a tick or cross:

in favour

oppose

Argument in favour: The Executive Committee carries significant administrative costs on behalf of SPA but since the change three years ago from 70:30 in favour of the Executive Committee to 50:50, it has found itself with insufficient funds to carry out, not only basic administrative functions, but wider work such as being represented at international and national conferences. On the other hand, most branches are now in a healthy financial state.

2.

Argument against: Branches have the responsibility of pursuing the objectives of the organisation at a local/state level and need sufficient funds to hold public meetings, produce materials for local festivals and other events, attend local conferences, and so on. Only some branches have the wherewithal to run their own fund-raising events and are totally dependent on their share of membership subscriptions.

2 Authorisation of Expenditure

Clause 9.7 of the SPA Constitution states:

Where the facility is available, withdrawals of funds from the bank account are to be made by cheque signed by at least two members of the Fund Management Committee.”

***Motion:** That this sentence be replaced by “Expenditure from the Gift Fund will be made when at least two of the three Fund Managers provides written (including email) approval for the specified expenditure.”*

Please mark with either a tick or cross:

in favour

oppose

Argument in favour: Expenditure from the Sustainable Population Fund is currently made through the SPA Treasurer. With Fund Managers and the SPA Treasurer rarely all living in the same location, the signing of cheques is cumbersome. This change reflects current practice, which is working well.

Argument against: Using electronic mechanisms for gaining permission may be more open to error.

Please mail this Proxy Form, completed, to the SPA Returning Officer, PO Box 3851, Weston Creek ACT 2611 to arrive no later than close of business 2 April 2014 if sent by mail or deliver by hand to Returning Officer, Ross Kingsland, prior to the 11am start of the Annual General Meeting on the 5 April 2014.