

APGF Secretariat Report – Nov/Dec 2016

The primary focus for November was to set the foundations for our new APGF Council. To make sure we had shared all the key documents - contacts, constitution, by laws, charter, and have a look at how we work as an organisation, with our Council and various Committees.

There were also several additional Council meetings held in November, and an early Council meeting for December, to cover a larger than normal Council workload due to preparations for the Global Greens Congress 2017.

The APGF is well underway preparing for the Global Greens Congress. Member parties have appointed their delegates, and budgets have been drawn up to ensure we can support as many delegates as possible to attend from our region. There has also been much discussion on how the APGF want to respond to the future of the global greens, who could speak on behalf of our region, and how we could possibly thank Margaret Blakers (the current Convenor of the Global Greens) for her lifetime of work supporting the Global Greens, and especially the Asia Pacific Greens.

More recently, the focus for the Secretariat (and Convenors) has been the logistical side of getting the APGF to Liverpool. This means drafting financial agreements, visa support letters, following up member party delegations and applications, and most of all - encouraging people to get their visa applications ready to go!

Our APGF Committees have been busy these two months. The Finance and Fundraising Committee is looking at crowd-sourcing options to get marginalised/under-represented groups to Congress, the APGF website is getting prepped to receive monthly donations (if you know people who might be keen, direct them our way), and plans to move to a cloud-based accessible accounting system are being investigated.

Our Membership Committee has faced an increase in Membership Applications recently. This has included the applications from Atjeh Greens (a semi-autonomous region in Indonesia) and Parti Hijau Indonesia, which have both been accepted by APGF Council as our newest Associate Member Parties. We have also received an application for Membership from the Iraqi Green Party and the Trees Party of Taiwan, which are being reviewed.

The Project Working Groups, that oversee the projects in the Solomon Islands, Nepal, Bangladesh, Atjeh and India, are all making good progress. The groups are meeting regularly, and have clear pathways for what their next steps need to be. Nepal and Atjeh, both being at the stage where their final proposals are now ready to be put before IDC for funding consideration, which is testament to how well those Project Groups are working together.

Finally, December is the month our APGF Annual Reports are due, and these have been coming through to the Secretariat. It's very encouraging to see the Membership numbers for a lot of our parties have increased over the last year. If you haven't yet sent in your Annual Report, please make sure you do so.

Secretariat Expenses for November/ December

There have been no expenses incurred by the Secretariat for November or December..

Kind wishes to you all,
Claire
APGF Secretary

APGF Trainee Report

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Skills Developed	Work Done
Social Media Usage	Updated APGF Women Network Facebook page and invited friends to reach and share on this page and received more than hundred likes in this month Updated Asia Pacific Greens page as well.
Writing for a wide audience	Communicated with all APGF council and members
Networking	Connected with APGF councilors and other Audience to respond regarding APGF and Women Network
Writing skills	Drafted Article for GG Newsletter Composed Article on Peace and Tolerance and got it published in Newspapers
Research	Continued research on different sites to find training and development program for women and shared links with all
Coordination and Participation	Participated in APGF Council meeting Participated in MAC Participated in APGF-IDC Bangladesh Project Working Group Meeting Participated in Program on Women Rights
Managerial skills	Organized Women Network meeting and shared meeting minutes with all
Drafting Skill	Composed Emails to APGF members and Councilors to participate in APGF Different meetings Taken Meeting Minutes in APGF meetings

Administrative Skills	Supported APGF to run smoothly all scheduled activities as per time and need.