

**Amnesty International UK Section**  
**Board Meeting**

**2 February 2013**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Seminar Room**  
**Human Rights Action Centre**

**Present:**

Ciarnan Helferty, Chair  
Tom Hedley, Vice Chair  
Cris Burson-Thomas  
Collette Crill  
Brian Gilda  
Sharmila Kar  
Rona Keen  
Harrison Littler  
Katie McSherry  
Peter J Murray  
Sarah O'Grady  
Hannah Perry  
Hugh Whitby

**Attending:**

Kate Allen, Director  
Tony Farnfield, Corporate Services Director  
Kerry Moscogiuri, Marketing Director (from 2pm onwards)  
Tom Fyans, Head of Campaigns  
Suzie Daniels, Head of Digital  
Selma Shirazi, PA to the Director

**Apologies;**

Brian Landers, Treasurer  
Tim Hancock, Campaigns Director

**1. INTRODUCTIONS**

**1.1 Welcome & Introductions**

The Chair welcomed Board members to the meeting.

**1.2 Apologies**

The Board received apologies from Brian Landers, Treasurer and Tim Hancock, Campaigns Director.

**2. PREVIOUS MEETING**

**2.1 Draft Minutes 01.12.2012 – Accuracy**

There were no amendments, the Board APPROVED the minutes of the Board meeting held on 1 December 2012.

## **2.2 Draft Minutes 01.12.12 – Matters Arising**

The Board noted action taken since the last Board meeting.

## **3. AGM/NATIONAL CONFERENCE**

### **3.1 AGM Decisions Implementation Report 2012**

The Board discussed the draft implementation report (Board paper B/2637) and agreed the following;

- Resolution A4 ‘Guantanamo Bay’; to delete the first paragraph.
- Resolution B3 ‘Campaigning for Trade Union Rights’; the implementation has been shared with the TUC who have made no comment on the resolution’s progress.
- Resolution B4 ‘Workers Rights in the Middle East and North Africa’; the proposers UNISON made no comment on the implementation. They will be informed of the reasons why it did not go to the International Council Meeting.
- Resolution C2 ‘AIUK Legal and Taxation Structure’; after considering the legal advice, the Finance Sub Committee has decided to recommend retaining the current legal structures.
- Resolution C3 ‘Implementation of AGM Decisions’; the implementation could include more detail and other previous resolutions.

**ACTION:** Tom Fyans, Head of Campaigns and Sarah O’Grady, Board Member to work on drafting the implementation of resolution C3.

**ACTION:** Future implementation reports to have a ‘key’ at the beginning of the document indicating what stage the implementation is at, whether or not the Section commits to continue working on it and/or whether to report on it the following AGM.

Kate Allen, Director informed the Board that a report is being drafted which details the Board position on the implementation of resolutions from the Extraordinary General Meeting. This report will be included in delegates’ pack for the AGM/National Conference.

### **3.2 AGM Programme**

The Board noted paper B/2639, the Draft AGM Programme and proposals from the Training Working Group on working parties and suggested the following;

- To ask the Standing Orders Committee for options should the conference run out of time to discuss all motions. Other non-contentious motions could be remitted to the Board.
- For the Sunday morning, to discuss the motions early on in order to ensure more time is devoted to discussing the motions in plenary.
- To move the workshops to Saturday morning giving members a chance to ask questions and gain more information on the motions due to be discussed in plenary.

**ACTION:** Kate Allen, Director informed the Board that they will be receiving the Board motions and Board Background Notes for their approval with a tight turnaround period from receipt of motions to AGM print deadlines.

## **4. INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING**

### **4.1 2013 AIUK Resolutions**

The Board noted the AIUK resolutions to the 2013 ICM.

The Section submitted two resolutions as follows;

#### **On Restricted Giving**

The ICM decides to add the following clause to decision 18, point 4, of the 2011 ICM (One Financial Amnesty):

Funds raised by a section which are restricted to the international budget can be treated as being part of that section’s assessment contribution provided:

- a. They are raised to fund work that is planned within the ISP

- b. The SG approves the funding proposal as implementable and without a prior restricted funding commitment.

The ICM instructs the IEC to develop suitable procedures between the Secretariat and NRO's to support and facilitate the implementation of the resolution.

### **On Sporting Organisations**

The International Council DECIDES

- that the International Executive Committee shall develop a policy on international sporting organisations and the prevention of human rights abuses, addressing their constitutions and accountability processes, the planning and organisation of events, participation and discrimination, sponsorship and procurement and any other area likely to have a human rights impact;
- that the IEC shall develop a comprehensive strategy, to include
  - Assessment of the human rights impact (positive and negative) of major sporting events;
  - Lobbying and campaigning to ensure the adoption and compliance of major international sporting organisations with appropriate human rights standards
  - An assessment of whether UN or other IGO standard-setting mechanisms might assist the mainstreaming of human rights considerations into the decisions of international sporting organisations.

## **5. TREASURER'S REPORT**

### **5.1 Treasurer's Report & Budget 2013 Update**

The Board noted papers B/2641 and B/2644.

The Board discussed the budget and noted the following;

- The projected year end is a financial break even, rather than the £1.5m deficit budgeted this is due to an unsolicited donation of £680k and legacy receipts resulting in £880k above annual budget.
- The annual income growth assumption remains at 2% from 2014 to 2017, Marketing are in the process of reviewing anticipated 2013 budgets.
- The CAPP2 savings are on hold until after the 2013 AGM, if agreed at the AGM they will not be fully realised until after August 2013 given three month notice periods.
- Digital project spend has been rescheduled, 2013 Budget remains at £402k, the remainder of the budget will however be spread across future years, rather than all being utilised in 2014.
- The assessment in 2013 drops as a result of substantial exchange rate gain, 2014 has a significant rise as a result of the above and of the additional income in 2012 forming part of the assessable income.

### **5.2 Supporter Insight Digest**

The Board noted paper B/2642, an analysis of the Section's membership – the report uses data in MASCOOT that has been collected through the Feedback Mechanism, the processing of financial transactions and through activities recorded onto the database.

## **6. INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGNS**

The Board noted paper B/2643. Due to the lack of time, the Chair invited Board members to send their comments on the paper to the Senior Management Team.

**7. CHAIR'S REPORT**

This item was deferred to the next Board meeting, March 2 2013.

**8. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

This item was deferred to the March Board meeting.

**9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The Board was requested and AGREED to delegate authority to the Finance Sub Committee (FSC) to approve the 2012 Annual Report and Accounts and for Iain McSeveny, Company Secretary and Brian Landers, the Treasurer to sign on their behalf at the first available FSC meeting after the audit clearance meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2013.

**CLOSING REMARKS**

The Chair of the Board thanked the Senior Management Team for all their hard work and the Board members for attending the meeting and declared the meeting closed.

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Director's Appraisal  
Director's Objectives  
2013 AGM/National Conference  
- Implementation report  
- National conference programme  
- AGM Motions and working parties  
- Board background notes  
2013 Plan

**STANDING ITEMS**

Chair's Report  
Treasurer's Report  
Director's Report  
Reports from Sub-Committees  
Board Development Review