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The National Joint Council met on 28 October 2007.

World Conference

Unfortunately, due to changes initiated by the Tunisia Scout Association, it has become necessary to alter the host country for the 2008 World Conference.

Following the ISGF World Committee meeting 25-28 October, Australia received a full explanatory letter and ballot paper asking for a vote on two items. The first was whether or not we wished to cancel the decision taken at the 2005 conference that Tunisia hosts the 2008 Conference. If the overall result of the first question be YES, we were to indicate our preference for Austria (who was able to arrange the Conference for August 2008), or Iceland (who could manage November 2008).

The NJC supported the recommendation of the World Conference that the venue be changed and gave our preference for Austria as we felt it a more favourable time for general touring in Europe by any of our members who may attend.

By delaying the circulation of this newsletter we are able to announce the vote which has resulted in the World Conference 2008 being held in Austria.

When Austria has the opportunity to issue detail, we shall forward same through State Advisers and Guildmasters.

NJC term

Written notice of the proposal that "from 2008, the current 4 year term be reduced to 3 years" was circulated in writing in July. At the October meeting this proposal was accepted. The change will now be made to the constitution.

Stamp Bank

Following the decision that the Stamp Bank funds be used for Guide/Scout projects in Australia (as notified in Fellowship News 3) it was decided that:

1. The current Stamp Bank funds (\$424) be divided evenly and forwarded to Guides Australia and Scouts Australia. It has been requested that the monies be used to support an international Guide/Scout leader receiving training or experience in Australia. This mirrors the purpose for which the ISGF use funds raised by the Stamp banks.
2. From this date (October 2008) it is recommended that States who still operate a Stamp Bank decided to what Guide/Scout project they wish to donate any further proceeds. NJC would appreciate being informed of the amounts and detail of recipients so they can inform ISGF. Stamp Banks were an ISGF initiative.

AFOFSAG/NJC Annual Meeting 2008

This will be the Change-over meeting for NJC who move to NSW for their next term of 3 years. The date will be Sunday 26 October 2008. Detail as to venue will be announced closer to the date.

Note for Baden Powell Guild.

BADEN-POWELL GUILD OF AUSTRALIA - Annual General Meeting 2008

This will also be the Change-over meeting, with the Australian Executive moving to NSW for the next term. It will take place in Sydney on Saturday 25 October 2008. More details will be available in the New Year.

Membership fee for 2008 will remain at \$5 per member.

Yvonne James (President)

Jenny Nelson (Vice President)