

REPORT ON ECC EXEC DISCUSSION ABOUT ITS ROLE
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General Role

- Continually assessing the functioning of ECC as a whole
- watching for problems and gaps in ECC
- being sensitive to the needs of ECC members and trying to attend to them where necessary
- forum in which sensitive issues can be discussed (rarely used for this)
- important role during crackdowns
- general co-ordinating role
- sometimes a base for visiting national ECC people (esp. if in hiding)

Subcommittee reps

- channell or bridge between exec and the subcomms
- stressed importance of reps relaying facts/figures/feelings of subcomms to the exec, so that the exec can play the watchdog roles set out above
- very important that subcomm reps try to gauge the feelings of their subcomms and represent that in any discussion that exec has. But where there are 'decisions' that need to made, then its not enough to rely on the rep gauging feelings, there will have to be proper discussion and mandates etc.
- reps can play a role in integrating their subcommittee into general ECC activity
- particular problems of a subcomm can be discussed by the exec
- some subcomms feel that they can bring to exec and ECC more than just the feelings of the members of the subcomm, but also the feelings of their constituency (especially churches and schools)
- we need to spend more time thinking about how to make reportbacks meaningful and relevant. This relates both to exec reports to subcomms and subcomm reports to GB. It was suggested that if subcomms want something discussed at GB that they should put it on the agenda as a separate issue, rather than just incorporate it into their report.

Portfolio Holders

- Treasurer: Would like to be based in a subcomm
Has to handle responsibility of finances, and try to pass that sense of responsibility on to the rest of ECC
ECC needs to think more re budgeting
Think about how to cope with possible financial crises
- Press: Prefer to be Publicity Officer
lots of potential to expand in this area
must be two way contact between Pub. Off. and others in ECC
if subcomms want press coverage, they should contact the P.O.
Press group would be useful
Only the P.O., the vice-chair and the chair can make statements to the press on behalf of ECC
- Sec Gen: Important to be in touch with all subcomms and rotate subcomms
Responsible for internal ed. and training
Bureaucracy
Promote links between subcomms ? of a group to coordinate
- Vice Chair Liase with front orgs
try to broaden base of ECC in front
felt need to have meeting with reps to discuss their role
- Chair Constantly in touch with all areas of ECC
Be a motivator
Ensure ECC has contact with orgs and indiv's broader than front ECC National
Exec and GB
Prefer to rotate subcomms.

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