

ECC NATIONAL DISCUSSION~ Phoenix Settlement, Durban 1.12.1984

PRESENT: Benita, Lois (Jhb), Mike (CT)
Paul, Sue, Richard, Anita, Jeremy (Durban)

1. JANUARY CONFERENCE

- ~ issue of public meeting: Durban will decide
- ~ max of 10 from each region
- ~ only active ECC members; i.e. no-one from Eastern Cape or Namibia (it was felt that it would not be the best type of conference to introduce new people or regions to ECC).
- ~ regions must fund themselves, including travel
- ~ conference would run from Fri night to Sun 5pm
- ~ regions must bring:
 - * i. assessments of their own work
 - * ii. perceptions of other regions
 - * iii. financial statements and itemised budget
- ~ focus of the conference would be 1985 projects and campaigns
- ~ Durban will draw up the final agenda.

2. BUDGET

- ~ it has come to our attention that someone(?) has applied overseas in ECC's name for R20 000 to assist war resisters to leave the country. Benita is checking up on this
- ~ Benita, Richard and Mike were mandated to draw up a budget for 1985
- ~ this would be sent out through Lesley (WCC, etc)

aid through Benita (catholic funders).

- ~ Richard would follow up applications when he goes overseas during Feb/March
- ~ application would include background on ECC, and funders would be informed of other funders
- Jhb will check up on the best auditing and accounting procedures and will contact sympathetic auditors and book-keepers. They will open an ECC national bank account and will set up an ECC box address
- ~ ECC national co-ordinators (1 from each region) will be decided on in January. They will double up as the national finance committee
- ~ regional differences in expenditure were allowed for
- * ~ CT will draw up a draft constitution for ECC

3. NATIONAL CO-ORDINATION

- ~ national campaigns will be decided on at national gatherings
- tight co-ordination is extremely important, especially with regard to national media → any media which comes out as the product of ECC National must be sanctioned by all regions (as compared with local media which goes out nationally).
- ∴ drafts of national publications should be circulated nationally
- a national co-ordinating structure will be set up with one "mobile" executive member from each region, to meet on occasions through the year and

co-ordinate finance allocation.

4 ECC FIELD - WORKER

- there was strong support for the idea of a national ECC field-worker. His/her tasks would be
 - i. national co-ordination
 - ii. assisting existing regions → answerable to the local structures
 - iii. helping build up new regions, especially Eastern Cape and Namibia
 - iv. helping organise national events, including the national conference (a tentative suggestion)
 - v. research

- it was felt that the job should only be filled if the right person were available - this should be someone who
 - i. has worked in the area of conception/militarisation
 - ii. has preferably been involved in ECC, or at least has a "feel" for ECC work
 - iii. would be able to relate to the different ECC constituencies
 - iv. would be prepared to make the necessary sacrifices, particularly with regard to no permanent base

- the field worker would spend the year travelling, spending varying periods in each region

- a salary of R500 per month was suggested

* - nominations and motivations should be forwarded to regions by the end of December, so that a final decision can be made at the January conference.

5 PFP

- not an issue in the other centres
- main question concerned whether the CT position allowed debate between ECC and the PFP (Mike suggested it would)
- strong feeling that we should not come out with a public position in January
- * - CT will co-ordinate discussion on this issue

6 PATRONS

- strong suggestion that we scrap the idea of patrons and continue to use our endorsers in the roles envisaged for patrons

7 DECLARATION

- Durban said that when they had tried to collect endorsements they had received a hesitant response and that some who supported the campaign did not endorse the declaration
- it was suggested that energy need not be put into collecting new endorsements
- regions should decide how best to utilize the declaration

8 IYY

- it was strongly felt that this should be ECC's major national campaign
- Toberg will co-ordinate discussion at the January conference

9 ECC CONSTITUENCY

- the issue of ECC's different constituencies/focusses in different regions was discussed
- it was felt that there needed to be a measure of regional autonomy on this issue

10 NAMIBIA

- the importance of strong relations with the Namibian anti-conscription campaign was stressed
- the field-worker would play an important role
- the issue will be discussed at the Jan conference

11 PEACE MOVEMENT

- the issue of ECC in relation to an emerging Southern African peace movement was discussed
- again, it was left as an issue for January

BUDGET PROPOSAL

1. BACKGROUND ON ECC

- Why ECC was established
- ECC's objectives
- Campaigns
- Impact
- affiliates and endorsers
- relationship to UDF + SACC
- relationship to CO movement
- specific issues
 - recent racial conflict / those affected by conscr.
 - Namibia
 - extension of conscription
- Where ECC is going, esp youth

2. STRUCTURE AND ADMINISTRATION

- How ECC is structured
- National co-ordination + administration of money
- Self-generating finance eg concerts, T-shirts

3. PROCESS

- Application to be followed by Richard Seel's visit (Feb 18 - Mar 18 - evidence to UN Comm. on Human Rights during their hearing on CO)
- All funders will be notified of every other funding agency to whom the application has been sent.

INCLUDE :

- 1 Declaration ✓
- 2 CT ECC budget application to SACC ✓
- 3 sample of media ✓
- 4 Pressclips ✓
- 5 List of affiliates ✓
- 6 List of endorser ✓
- 7 Bank a/c, signatures + auditors
8. Other funders, applied to
- 9 SACC resolution
- 10 Richards trip
11. Covering letters — Bezek ✓
— Murry ✓

SPECIFIC BUDGET

A NATIONAL

1. FIELD WORKER

Salary (at R500 p/mth)	R 5000.00
Travel and additional expenses	R 4000.00
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	10 000.00 →

2 NATIONAL CO-ORDINATION

Travel	4500.00
Phone	1000.00
National mailing	500.00
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	R 6000.00 →

3 NATIONAL ADMINISTRATION

Book-keeping, auditing, bank fees etc	1500.00
Legal fees (eg appeals)	1000.00
International contact	500.00
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	R 3000.00 →

4 NATIONAL CONFERENCE (±100 delegates for 4 days)

Travel	3000.00
Accommodation, food, etc	6000.00
Speakers	1000.00
Preparation + resources	1000.00
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	11 000.00
Less payment from delegates	3 000.00
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	R 8 000.00 →

R 27 000.00

B REGIONAL ACTIVITIES + CAMPAIGNS

1. MEDIA (to include banners, posters, pamphlets, displays, etc + possibly an ECC newsletter) 27
~~R 30~~ 000.00
2. SPEAKERS R 5.000.00
3. HIRING (halls, equipment, etc) R 2000.00
- ~~4. VIDEO (ECC video on conception) R 3000.00~~
5. COMMUNICATION (within regions esp postage) R 4000.00
6. MISCELLANEOUS + EMERGENCY R 5000.00

~~R 38000.00~~
R 43000.00

~~R 65000.00~~
R 70000.00

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