

ACTSA AGM 2011 Motions and Amendment

Constitutional Amendment: Clause 2

Delete all of the current aims and objects i.e. points a), b) and c) shown below

- a) to inform and educate the people of Britain and elsewhere about the situation in Southern Africa, including the legacies of apartheid and its destructive consequences throughout the region;
- b) to campaign and otherwise work for peace and democracy in Southern Africa and in support of the reconstruction and development of the region;
- c) to promote friendship, co-operation and solidarity with the peoples of Southern Africa.”

and replace by

- “a) to support the development of southern Africa (defined as those countries in membership of the Southern Africa Development Community- SADC)
- b) to support the people of southern Africa achieve a region free of poverty, based on, peace, justice, democracy, equality and human rights for all.
- c) to advance the education of the public on southern Africa, in particular on the legacies of apartheid, the causes of poverty, underdevelopment, conflict and human rights.
- d) to promote friendship, co-operation, partnership and solidarity between people, organisations and communities in Britain and southern Africa.”

Proposed by ACTSA NEC

Amendment

Under (c), insert "destructive" between "the" and "legacies".

Proposed by ACTSA Scotland

Motion 1

This AGM

notes that the global economic crisis disproportionately affects Southern Africa with the hardest burden being felt by women and children;

congratulates ACTSA on its work on women – in particular, campaigning for a women’s agency within the UN – and for identifying the need for poverty-reduction strategies.

Therefore, this AGM:

calls on ACTSA and its members to use the 100th anniversary of the founding of the ANC to work in partnership with other organisations – nationally and locally – to raise the need for continued solidarity with Southern Africa.

Proposed by Bristol ACTSA

Motion 2

This AGM

Believes that local activity assists the effectiveness of ACTSA and that groups of members and supporters working together in local areas have an important role to play in achieving ACTSA’s objectives.

Local groups would:

- Encourage activity in local areas in support of ACTSA’s campaigns

- Assist in the recruitment of members
- Fund-raise for ACTSA
- Encourage affiliation of organisations (eg trade union districts and branches, student unions)
- Work with other organisations (eg local authorities, churches, trade unions) on projects, events, campaigns of mutual interest

Calls on the NEC

1. to establish a Working Group for local groups under the auspices of the NEC.
2. to support the Working Group in identifying clusters of members in selected areas with the aim of establishing local groups.
3. to assist in the setting up, advising and supporting local groups

Proposed ACTSA Scotland

Motion 3

This AGM

while recognising the value and benefits the Youth and Student Delegation brings, has concerns that sponsorship of the Delegation is provided by Coca Cola.

Therefore, this AGM:

1. calls for alternative forms of sponsorship to be sought for the Delegation;
2. asks that ACTSA's policy on ethical donations be publicised to its membership.

Proposed by Bristol ACTSA

Motion 4

This AGM

is appalled that homosexuality is illegal in most countries of Southern Africa and notes with horror the attacks on members of LGB & T communities.

Therefore, this AGM:

1. re-affirms its history and principles of campaigning for equality and diversity;
2. calls for a scoping paper to be produced to consider what actions ACTSA can take.

Proposed by Bristol ACTSA