

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (Online on Microsoft Teams) OF**  
**AUSTRALASIAN PLANT PATHOLOGY SOCIETY INC.**

**DATE:** Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2025

**TIME:** NZDST 1400-1530, QLD AEST 1100-1230, SA ACDST 1130-1300,  
NSW & VIC AEDST 1200-1330, WA AWST 0900-1030

**AGENDA**

1. Welcome and Karakia – Grant Smith
2. Apologies – Wadia Kandula
3. Acceptance of minutes of 2023 AGM – Wadia Kandula
4. Action items from 2023 AGM – Wadia Kandula
5. President’s Report – Grant Smith
6. Treasurer’s Report – Seona Casonato
7. Report from Regional Councillor Coordinator – Sue Pederick
8. Australasian Plant Pathology Editor-in Chief Report – Phil O’Brien
9. Report on preparations for 2025 Biennial Conference – Jordan Bailey
10. Approval of Regional Locations for APPS Biennial Conferences 2027-2037
11. Proposals to change the APPS Constitution.
  - a. Approval of Venue and Timing of APPS Biennial Conferences by the APPS Management Committee
12. General Business
13. Meeting close

**Welcome and Karakia:** Grant Smith

**Attendees:** Grant Smith, Andrew Geering, John Hampton, Wadia Kandula, Philip O’ Brien, Sue Pederick, Bec Swift, Seona Casonato, Peter Williamson, David Guest, Steinrucken Tracey, Eileen Scott, Alexander Idnurm, Brett Summerell, Dharushana Thanab, Femi Akinsanmi, Elliott Candace, Bruce Henderson, Sunil Singh, Virajinee ND Bulathsinalage, Terry Price, Kentjens Wenly, Pooja Sharma, Rob Magarey, Jay Anderson, Hanareia Ehau-Tau, Heydari Kavkani, Hugh Armstrong, John Randle, Mohamed Cassim, Ashrafi Makhdum, Nari Williams, Shreya Patel, Robin MacDiarmid, Awais Zulfiqar, Pooria Ensafi

**Apologies:** Rohan Kimber, Marzena Krysinska-Kaczmarek, Nicole Thompson, Cathryn Todd, Prue Michael, Amanda Able, Fiona Filardo, David Lovelock, Jordan Bailey, Kylie Chambers, Joel Vanneste, Kara Barry, Ian Hood, Colleen Higgins

**Acceptance of minutes of 2023 AGM-** Proposed: Andrew Geering Seconded: Peter Williamson

# President's Report for 2024 Annual General Meeting

Grant Smith

Tēnā koutou

It seems like yesterday when I became the President of our Society at the Adelaide Biennial Meeting, but it was over a year ago! A lot has happened in the last year: one of the biggest challenges was the transfer of our business operations from the very capable Peter Williamson in Queensland to ASN Events in Melbourne. The move was not without challenges and surprises, and we're still working through some operational issues with ASN. The processes that Peter established and operated ensured that APPS was compliant, efficient and operated securely for many years.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank our eleven Regional Councillors very ably lead by Sue Pederick for their on-going key role in communication and co-ordination within our Society. A big thank you also to the Kylie Ireland, Ian Hood and Sahar Eid of the APPS Newsletter Team – who stepped down after three years of hard work. And many thanks to Sophia Callaghan for stepping up to be the new Editor-in-Chief. This year, after a long period of discussion with Springer, Australasian Plant Disease Notes was merged into Australasian Plant Pathology. Publishing two separate journals was a significant cost to the Society and the decision was made with Springer to publish Disease Notes in Australasian Plant Pathology. Many thanks to Dagmar Hanold, the Editor-in-Chief and her editorial team for their dedication and endeavour to review articles for APDN.

A significant issue for our Society that was identified during the transfer of business operations to ASN Events was the status of the special interest groups (SIGs) and the legal liability inferred on the Society should a SIG meeting not be financially viable. We currently has three SIGs: the Australasian Association of Nematologists (AAN), the Australasian Plant Virology Working Group (APVWG aka APVW), and the Australasian Soilborne Diseases Symposia (ASDS). In particular, our Society may not be covered by our professional liability insurance if we cannot demonstrate proper oversight of the SIGs. The SIG meetings are focused on providing focused small meetings, and many of us have enjoyed and appreciated the benefits of these smaller meetings. I would especially like to acknowledge and thank Sophia Callaghan, Sean Bithell, Fiona Filardo, Anthony James and Mike Hodda as key contacts and representatives of the three SIGs as we considered and discussed this issue. There is still more work, discussion and consideration required before we can finalise this issue, and this may include changes to the constitution.

Ngā mihi nui, Grant

President, Australasian Plant Pathology Society

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Annual General Meeting for the 2023-2024 financial year

Treasurers report for Australian Plant Pathology Society

Seona Casonato

4 February 2025

Dear Members,

The Australasian Plant Pathology Society finds itself in a very secure financial position (Table 1; financial statement 2024 to be tabled). Net assets (excluding regions) increased from \$393,846.33 in the year ending 30 June 2023 to \$413,704.02 for the year ending June 30, 2024. As of the end of December 2024, the net assets (information provided by ASN) were \$307,342.65 (Table2).

This surplus is anticipated to fluctuate in the current financial year, dependent on the upcoming activities for APPS, which include the APPS Conference in May 2024. Due to prudence of previous committees, the society currently finds itself in a very good financial position and as such can absorb any potential unexpected losses.

It is important for regions, although they act autonomously, to ensure statements of profit and loss and a statement of financial positions are provided to the society. This ensures, for auditing purposes, the regions as included for the APPS Inc. end of year financial statements.

We thank you for your ongoing support of the society and encourage you to keep your memberships up to date to ensure the society remains financially viable.

Regards



Seona Casonato (treasurer)

Table 1. Australasian Plant Pathology Society profit and loss statement for the year ending 30 June 2024.

**AUSTRALASIAN PLANT PATHOLOGY SOCIETY INC  
STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024**

INCOME	2024	2024	2023	2023
	Excluding Regions	Including Regions (Note 1 (d))	Excluding Regions	Including Regions (Note 1 (d))
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Advertising income	5,827.27	5,827.27	2,090.89	2,090.89
APPS conference income	54,662.26	59,124.73	1,103.02	1,103.02
Donations	280.48	280.48	-	-
Interest income	1,158.20	1,158.20	722.80	722.80
Membership subscriptions	35,744.20	35,744.20	17,825.67	17,825.67
Region income	-	10,106.78	-	502.92
Royalty income	61,772.18	61,772.18	60,461.20	60,461.20
Sponsorship income	26,629.54	26,629.54	5,625.00	5,625.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>186,074.13</b>	<b>200,643.38</b>	<b>87,828.58</b>	<b>88,331.50</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
Accounting fees	1,518.33	1,518.33	1,448.67	1,448.67
APPS branch funds	4,100.00	1,960.00	3,880.00	2,976.97
Audit fees	2,970.00	2,970.00	2,775.00	2,775.00
Bank charges	16.79	16.79	52.22	52.22
Committee meetings	3,135.57	3,135.57	-	-
Computer expenses	975.40	975.40	902.14	902.14
Conference expenses	51,475.12	51,475.12	4,545.45	4,545.45
Editorial allowances	8,032.85	8,032.85	7,490.36	7,490.36
Foreign exchange (gain) / loss	-	-	-	(46.53)
Honorarium and expenses	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00
Honours and awards	45,903.36	45,903.36	26,304.55	26,304.55
Insurance expense	3,612.42	3,612.42	3,749.31	3,749.31
Journal expenditure	18,248.00	18,248.00	-	-
Paypal fees	806.76	806.76	1,291.63	1,291.63
Permits, licences and fees	(385.00)	(385.00)	58.60	58.60
Postage & freight	259.52	259.52	208.18	208.18
Region expenses	-	10,152.74	-	8,922.60
Subscriptions	239.16	239.16	59.30	59.30
Web server	308.16	308.16	228.00	228.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>166,216.44</b>	<b>174,229.18</b>	<b>77,993.41</b>	<b>85,966.45</b>
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>19,857.69</b>	<b>26,414.20</b>	<b>9,835.17</b>	<b>2,365.05</b>

**AUSTRALASIAN PLANT PATHOLOGY SOCIETY INC  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION  
AS AT 30 JUNE 2024**

ACCUMULATED FUNDS	NOTE	2024	2024	2023	2023
		Excluding Regions	Including Regions	Excluding Regions	Including Regions
		\$	\$	\$	\$
Opening Balance		393,846.33	461,679.45	384,011.16	445,978.75
Add initial recognition of regions	1 (d)	-	3,601.02	-	25,969.15
Less de-recognition of regions		-	(8,171.67)	-	(12,633.50)
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		19,857.69	26,414.20	9,835.17	2,365.05
<b>TOTAL ACCUMULATED FUNDS</b>		<b>413,704.02</b>	<b>483,523.00</b>	<b>393,846.33</b>	<b>461,679.45</b>
<b>REPRESENTED BY:</b>					
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Cash at bank	2	394,800.39	464,619.37	381,143.96	448,977.08
Prepayment		49,060.02	49,060.02	59,068.86	59,068.86
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>443,860.41</b>	<b>513,679.39</b>	<b>440,212.82</b>	<b>508,045.94</b>
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<b>LESS LIABILITIES</b>					
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>					
GST (receivable)/payable		14,333.17	14,333.17	14,572.77	14,572.77
Revenue in advance - Memberships		11,433.50	11,433.50	27,404.00	27,404.00
Trust account - Workshop		4,389.72	4,389.72	4,389.72	4,389.72
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>30,156.39</b>	<b>30,156.39</b>	<b>46,366.49</b>	<b>46,366.49</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<b>30,156.39</b>	<b>30,156.39</b>	<b>46,366.49</b>	<b>46,366.49</b>

Table 2. Balance sheet for the Australasian Plant Pathology Society as of December 31, 2024. Financials provided by ASN.

**AUSTRALASIAN PLANT PATHOLOGY SOCIETY**  
**Balance Sheet**  
As of December 31, 2024

	<b>Dec 31, 24</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	
1150 - NAB Operating Account	27,300.09
1152 - CBA Cheque Account 10008922	110,723.62
1153 - CBA Fund 10929854	17,639.96
1154 - CBA Term Deposit 50323777	39,890.09
1155 - CBA Term Deposit 50386831	55,187.26
Total Chequing/Savings	250,741.02
Other Current Assets	
1250 - Prepayments	59,068.86
Total Other Current Assets	59,068.86
Total Current Assets	309,809.88
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>309,809.88</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
2170 - Trust Account - Worskhop	4,389.72
2200 - Tax Payable	-1,922.49
Total Other Current Liabilities	2,467.23
Total Current Liabilities	2,467.23
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>2,467.23</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>307,342.65</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>	
3010 - Conference Seed Funding	-83,000.00
3900 - Retained Earnings	427,742.36
Net Income	-37,399.71
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b>307,342.65</b>



**Annual Regional Councillor Reports for the APPS (Australasian Plant Pathology Society)  
Management committee  
30<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

*Region Council Coordinator: Sue Pederick*

**Regional Councillors:** NSW/ACT- Jordan Bailey, SA- Sue Pederick, Vic- David Lovelock, QLD- Fiona Filardo, NT Merran Neilsen, NZ (North) Joel Vanneste, NZ (South)- Virginia Marroni, PNG/Pacific- Vacant, TAS- Kara Barry, WA- Kylie Chambers.

**NSW/ACT- Jordan Bailey**

**Name of Region:** New South Wales/Australian Capital Territory Region

**Number of Members in region:** Financial- NSW- 46, ACT- 19; Expired NSW- 88, ACT- 43

**Activities in the last 12 months:** no activities to report, APPS conference planning has commenced. ASN events have been contracted. The International Convention Centre in Darling Harbour has been booked. The organising committee is established, and workshop ideas and invited speakers are underway.

**SA- Sue Pederick**

**Name of Region:** South Australian Region

**Number of Members in region:** Financial= 33, Expired=56

**Activities in last 12 months:** APPS Conference, 20<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023. Planning to continue to support the Adelaide University Post graduate symposium in November with judging student presentations and providing monetary prizes and membership whilst promoting the APPS. Amena Khatun, University of Adelaide was awarded a \$750 bursary to attend the APPS 2023.

**Vic- David Lovelock**

**Name of Region:** Victorian Region

**Number of Members in region:** Financial=70, Expired=129

**Activities in last 12 months On** 23rd July 2024, 23 members of the Victorian APPS branch attended in-person, while a further 16 attended virtually from Victoria and other States, the Seminar Series and Annual General Meeting. The meeting was held at the University of Melbourne. As part of the seminar series, talks were given by Prof. Paul Taylor (Uni of Melb), Dr. Pragya Kant (AgVIC) and PhD students, Aayushree Kharel (Deakin University) and Lorena Rodriguez Coy (La Trobe University). Prof Paul Taylor provided an overview of the "Life cycle of a Plant Pathologist."

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**QLD- Fiona Filardo**

**Name of Region:** Queensland Region

**Number of Members in region:** Financial = 98, Expired =143

**Activities in last 12 months:** Organised two APPS seminar series at UQ with catered morning tea. Assessed student bursaries for APPS and ASDS (Australasian Soilborne Diseases Symposium). Organising the APVW (Australasian Plant Virology Workshop) conference to be held in Oct.

**NT-Merran Neilsen**

**Name of Region:** Northern Territory Region

**Number of Members in region:** Financial-7, **expired 6\*** (\* five of the six expired members have retired or moved interstate, and one of the six works in a different area now).

**Activities in last 12 months:** APPS quiz night held June 13th, 2024, in Darwin, catered with food and RedBubble themed mug prizes. Quiz categories were plant pathology, molecular diagnostics, entomology, general knowledge, music, and literature. Entomologists from the museum won.

**NZ (North)- Joel Vanneste**

**Name of Region:** New Zealand North Island Region

**Number of Members in region:** financial =36, expired=87

**Activities in last 12 months:** no activities to report. Considering a one-day workshop on the theme 'Plant-Microbiome' with overseas invited speakers joining by video.

**NZ (South)- Virginia Marroni**

**Name of Region:** New Zealand South Island Region

**Number of Members in region:** financial = 24, expired= 65

**Activities in last 12 months:** newsletter contribution and no activities.

**PNG and Pacific- Vacant**

**Name of Region:** PNG and Pacific Region

**Number of Members in region:** financial=5, expired=11

**Activities in last 12 months:** No report- No councilor at time of report

**TAS - Kara Barry**

**Name of Region:** Tasmanian Region

**Number of Members in region:** financial= 16, expired= 28

**Activities in last 12 months:**

There have been no activities or newsletter submissions in the past 12 months. Since Robert Tegg took a redundancy, no one else has wished to join the committee. Kara has now been councillor for over 10 years, and no one has expressed interest in filling the role.

Bursaries using Tas regional funds were advertised to Tas members in early 2023.

Tory Clarke was awarded a bursary of \$1000 to support travel to the ICPP.

Muhammad Umar was awarded \$750 to support travel to the APPS conference in Adelaide.

**WA - Kylie Chambers**

**Name of Region:** Western Australia Region

**Number of Members in region:** financial= 42, expired= 126

**Activities in last 12 months:** The WA APPS branch did not run any events in the 2024 financial year; however, it did support some of the plant pathology seminars in Curtin Universities Ag and Bio seminar series. The WA APPS branch funds contributed to the seminar presented by Elaine Davidson in early 2024.

**Other Members**

**Number of Members:** Financial= 80, expired = 190

This concludes the summary of the Regional Councilors' activity over the last 12 months to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024. The bank account details have also been supplied separately to the business manager.

A special thank you to Dr Monica Kehoe for her support and guidance over the years as Region Council Coordinator a worthy recipient of the 'Peter Williamson Distinguished Service award 2023'. Farewell to Regional Councillor Merran Neilsen (NT), thank you for your support.

In recent months we have welcomed a change in Regional Councilors and would like to introduce the new team members. We thank them for their continued service with workshops, conferences, special interest group meetings, bursary applications and continuing to support students and early career researchers and their members.

The current team of Regional Councilors can be found here: [Regions — Australasian Plant Pathology Society](#) ACT- Dr Mohamed Zakeel, NSW- Dr Jordan Bailey, SA- Ms Sue Pederick, Vic- Dr David Lovelock, QLD- Dr Fiona Filardo, NT- Shreya Patel, NZ (North)- Dr Joel Vanneste, NZ (South)- Dr Virginia Marroni, PNG/Pacific- Dr Sunil Singh, TAS- Dr Kara Barry, WA- Ms Kylie Chambers . We now have a full contingency of Regional Councilors with all positions filled.

We are looking forward to an exciting year with the APPS biannual Conference. The Regional Councilors are gathering a Seminar series which will be potentially in ½ hr time slots, stay tuned for more on this as we gather our momentum.

Thank you again to all Regional Councilors past and present, we value your service and look forward to continuing to support the members of our organization.



Kind Regards,  
**Sue Pederick**  
APPS Region Council Coordinator  
Mobile: +61 400 607 713

04.02.2025

APPS AGM (Biennial CONFERENCE UPDATE REPORT)

<b>Dates</b>	May 25 – May 29
<b>Location</b>	International Convention Centre, Darling Harbour, Sydney
<b>Website</b>	APPS2025.org
<b>Welcome reception</b>	The Ternary
<b>Dinner</b>	Doltone House, Jones Bay Wharf
<b>Sponsorship</b>	\$36,570, 26% of target
<b>Major sponsors</b>	TBC Platinum Sponsor DAFF Silver Sponsor GRDC
<b>Delegate supporter</b>	Atlas of Living Australia
<b>Satchel sponsor</b>	Agricultural Scientific Collections Trust
<b>Exhibitors</b>	Azenta – Life Sciences Promega University of Southern Queensland The University of Sydney
<b>Excursions</b>	Blue mountains fungal foray Botanic gardens forest pathology walk TBC central coast farms tour
<b>Workshops</b>	Common contaminants of fungi How to name a species TBC Specimen collecting for long term preservation
<b>Daniel McAlpine lecture</b>	TBA
<b>Keynote speakers</b>	Dr Cathie Aime - <i>Innovative use of collections: A few case studies in Pucciniales</i> Dr Toni Chapman – <i>use of cultures</i> Dr Bevan Weir – <i>culture collections</i> Dr Susie Collins - <i>biosecurity</i> Dr Megan Romberg - <i>diagnostics</i> Dr Erin Roger – <i>ALA, citizen science</i> Dr Jean Ristaino – <i>Ancient DNA</i> Dr Yong-Hwan Lee – <i>Genomic data portals</i>
<b>Invited speakers</b>	Dr Mathews Paret – <i>Detection and Surveillance</i> Dr Nicole Thompson – <i>ToBRFV response</i> Dr AJ Perkins – <i>Native/First Nations</i> Dr Teresa Coutinho – <i>emerging pathogens</i> Dr Laura Mugnai – <i>viticulture</i> Prof Jan Leach – <i>Climate change</i>
<b>Abstract submission</b>	56; 10 incomplete
<b>Registrations</b>	18; 18 incomplete
<b>Website visits</b>	2138; 941 in the last week

Redrafted Proforma Letter of support for Regional Councillors to attend APPS Biennial Meeting

Dear APPS Regional Councillor,

As per sections 3.6 and 3.7 of the **Australasian Plant Pathology Society Incorporated Operating Procedures** (Revised July 2015) The Australasian Plant Pathology Society will provide support for Regional Councillors to attend and participate in the Societies Biennial Meeting.

3.6. Partial or complete financial support to attend the Biennial Conference shall be provided to the President, President-Elect, Executive Secretary and Regional Councillor Coordinator, at the discretion of the Management Committee.

3.7. Partial or complete financial support to attend the Biennial Conference shall be provided to the Business Manager, Executive Editor, Editor-in-Chief Australasian Plant Pathology, Editor-in-Chief Australasian Plant Disease Notes and Regional Councillors, at the discretion of the Management Committee.

With reference to Section 3.7 of the APPS Operating Procedures (July 2015 revision), the support offered, based on submission of invoices, and funds availability is:

1. Reimbursement of the Biennial Conference registration fee
2. Reimbursement of an economy class return air-fare (or appropriate transport equivalent)
3. Reimbursement of hotel or other appropriate accommodation for the up to three nights
4. Reimbursement of ground transport costs directly associated with attendance such as taxi to/ from airport

Costs not covered by the Society include:

1. Travel insurance
2. Any additional travel or expenses incurred due to delay or disruption
3. Meals or refreshments during travel
4. Attendance at post-conference workshops or similar, including site visits

## Management Committees and Conferences – past, present and future

MC location from September/Year	Location of MC (years since previous hosting by (sub) region)	Conference (Items in green unconfirmed)
1983-1984	Adelaide (14)	Melbourne ICPP
1985-1986	Sydney (14)	Auckland N/NZ ICPP
1987-1988	Sydney (nil)	Adelaide
1989-1990	Melbourne (13)	Brisbane Q
1991-1992	Brisbane (17)	Sydney NSW
1993-1994	Perth (15)	Hobart Tas
1995-1996	Armidale (Never before in country NSW)	Lincoln S/NZ
1997-1998	Adelaide (14)	Perth WA
1999	Melbourne (10)	Canberra ACT
2000	Melbourne (11)	
2001	Sydney (14)	Cairns NQ
2002	Sydney	
2003	Christchurch (Never before on S Island)	Christchurch S/NZ ICPP
2004	Christchurch	
2005	Nth Queensland (Never before in NQ)	Geelong Vic
2006	Nth Queensland	
2007	Canberra (27)/ Orange	Adelaide SA
2008	Canberra/ Orange	
2009	Tasmania (Never)	Newcastle NSW
2010	Tasmania	
2011	Western Australia (18)	Darwin NT
2012	Western Australia?	
2013	South Australia (15)	North Is NZ
2014	South Australia	
2015	Victoria (16)	Western Australia
2016	Victoria (16)	
2017	NSW (10)	Queensland
2018	NSW (10)	
2019	Nth Island NZ (Never before)	Victoria
2020	Nth Island NZ (Never before)	
2021	Queensland (16)	Tasmania
2022	Queensland (16)	
2023	South Island NZ (2)	South Australia
2024	South Island NZ (2)	
2025	WA	NSW
2026	WA	
2027	SA	NT
2028	SA	
2029	NT/TAS?	SNZ

2030	NT/TAS?	
2031	NT/TAS?	WA
2032	VIC	
2033	VIC	QLD
2034	NSW	
2035	NSW	VIC
2036	NNZ	
2037	NNZ	SA
	Items in black confirmed	Items in green unconfirmed
	Number in parentheses is years since previously held in that region.	

# Proposal to change APPS Operating Procedure 3.2

Proposed change to the

## Australasian Plant Pathology Society Incorporated Operating Procedures

**Proposed change.** To require approval of Venue and Timing of APPS Biennial Conferences by the APPS Management Committee

**Rationale.** Many key processes and meetings such as change of Officers of the Society are aligned with the Annual General Meeting held at the Biennial Conference. The conference is traditionally held in November of every second year the an AGM is

### Current

3.2 The Biennial Conference shall be organised by a committee of Regional Members (the Local Conference Organising Committee) nominated by the Regional Councillors and endorsed by the Management Committee. The Management Committee will oversee the Local Conference Organising Committee and have the power to step in and assist if the Local Conference Organising Committee is unable to function effectively, including taking over the management of the Conference or appointing a new Local Conference Organising Committee.

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