



Meeting Summary

1 July 2008 (No. 8)

- It was noted that Meeting 8 was the first face-to-face meeting of Blue Shield Australia.
- It was agreed that BSA did not require incorporation as its activities can be organised under the auspices of its incorporated pillar bodies. The Committee agreed to create guidelines defining the functions and operations of Blue Shield Australia.
- The Collections Council of Australia (CCA) will continue providing secretariat support to BSA, including usage of the CCA intranet to share BSA documents. Starting with this meeting, bullet point summaries of meetings will be made available to the public on the BSA website.
- The meeting agreed that an appropriate sequence for rotation of the Chair would be by alphabetical ordering of pillar body members: ICA / ICOM / ICOMOS / IFLA
As ICOMOS had held the Chair to date, the sequence from 1 July 2008 will be:
IFLA (> ALIA, 2008-2009)
ICA (> CAARA, 2009-2010)
ICOM (> ICOM Australia, 2010-2011)
ICOMOS (> Australia ICOMOS, 2011-2012)
- Following a stakeholder analysis the following strategic planning statements were agreed upon:

VISION

To influence disaster preparedness and emergency management response in Australia in respect of natural disasters (†) and armed conflict (£), in order to ensure the preservation of cultural heritage in Australia's areas of responsibility (#) and influence (§).

(†) Not man-made disasters

(£) Not terrorism

(#) BSA adopts the Australian Government's definition of Areas of Responsibility (AoR), being continental Australia (including Tasmania) and the off-shore territories

(§) BSA adopts the Australian Government's definition of Areas of Influence (AoI), being SE Asia and the SW Pacific.

LONG-TERM GOAL / STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

To prepare the Australian community (*) to respond to threats to cultural heritage in times of natural disaster and armed conflict.



(*) BSA acknowledges that 'community' includes the staff and volunteers of cultural heritage organisations, emergency management specialists, and the broader community as applicable.

SHORT-TERM GOALS, 2008-2010

1. To raise awareness of the existence and activities of BSA among members of the pillar bodies.
2. To influence the federal, state and territory government so as to develop integrated approaches to disaster preparedness and emergency management and response.
3. To enable cultural heritage organisations to build effective relationships collaboratively with other cultural heritage organisations in their locality and with local emergency response / service organisations.

The meeting acknowledged that principles of operation would include:

'Peak body to peak body' communication (i.e. not at grass-roots level)

'Whole of government' approach to dealing with government

- The Committee agreed to develop a two-year Forward Plan in which pillar bodies will be responsible for particular activities.
- Elements of a BSA Communications Strategy were discussed with regard to milestones already achieved e.g. MayDay campaign; conference presentations; corporate design of letterhead, flier and powerpoint templates.
- The Committee agreed that each pillar body is to contribute a second \$200 payment in support of BSA administration.
- BSA will recognise at least one co-operative in each jurisdiction and, with permission, publicise them via the BSA website. BSA will help to stimulate the filling of gaps where such co-operatives do not exist.
- The Committee agreed to compile a list of Blue Shield committees and related organisations in the Asia Pacific region to facilitate communications.
- The Committee decided to collaborate further with Emergency Management Australia by contributing (EMA) to EMA's training programmes, co-hosting a symposium, and preparing an Emergency Risk Management Planning 'toolkit'. BSA to write to the Minister for Foreign Affairs to seek collaborations with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and AusAid.
- The Committee decided to collaborate further with the Australasian Civil-Military Network (CIMIC), and will write to the Chief of the Australian Defence Force.