

Resolution of the 12th Asia – Oceania Don Bosco Past Pupils Congress 2021

Main points (group sharing based on the Asia-Oceania Federation inputs)

1. Delegate - role, animation, formation
2. Starting the past pupil association in new areas
3. Networking - collecting past pupil database
4. Making use of digital platforms (social media)
5. Forming business clubs
6. Sense of belonging to the Salesian family
7. Have more GEX activities to get them interested

Resolutions 2021-2025

1. **We dream and work together that our SDB delegates take active interest in the promotion, animation and accompaniment of the Don Bosco Past Pupils.** They can help organise monthly meetings on a fixed date or day every month, so that everyone remembers the date, to start the alumni association. They should animate the past pupils regularly which helps in formation towards the mission of Don Bosco. His personal life-long formation is based on the ‘Past Pupils of Don Bosco Delegate’s Handbook’. (ed.2020)

Every youth that comes to a Salesian setting/house, should feel at home. And that sensation to be part of the family should not be weakened. On the contrary they be longing for when are away. The Past Pupils of Don Bosco are numerically the largest group among the 32 members of the Salesian Family, but often the less known and less integrated group within the Salesian Family. “The recognition that without the others the members of a particular Group cannot be themselves, ought to be an awareness cultivated by all, inspiring appropriate expressions and practical attitudes.” (Art. 10 Charter of the Charismatic Identity of Salesian Family of DB). Without others we can not be a brother or sister in Don Bosco.

2. **We encourage a better spread and knowledge of the World Confederation Statute (ed. 2015) as the guiding force** behind the formation of the past pupils Association at the local, provincial and National levels. They must be translated into main Asian languages and followed by all in principle. Every federation has a right to write their own statutes but they must follow the world statutes in spirit and then presented to the World Confederation for approval.
3. **We encourage and animate the start of the Association of the Don Bosco Past Pupils, at any level.** The Association can be started only with the approval and invitation of the SDB Delegate. Hence, to begin with, the local unit SDB Delegate invites the ex-students to form a Don Bosco Alumni Association. If there is more than one local unit in a province, then a provincial Association can be formed. If

there is more than one province in a country a National Association should be formed. If a country has one province, then provincial and nation association office bearers can be the same persons. If a province has many countries then each country can form a national association keeping other principles in mind. Every Association must register themselves with the Superior Body and National Association must register with the world Association of Don Bosco Alumni. The world statutes can be a guiding factor for rules and regulations at every level.

4. **We foster networking within the members of association** we continue to collect data of ex-students at local unit level. A national data base of members must be maintained. The information that needs to be collected is Name, contact details (address of residence or work, email address, phone number, LinkedIn, Facebook, Instagram, etc.) area of work, immediate family members, position at work and department, own business or company or employment details, how can on help or what help he or she seeks from the Association.
5. **We foster more systematic, creative and prudent use of digital platforms** like Facebook, LinkedIn, Instagram, WhatsApp, line, etc. to connect with more past pupils, post you activities and for networking. However, take every precautions to avoid misuse of online platforms.
6. **We foster the formation of business clubs** when we can help with employment for the needy and help grow business within past pupils.
7. **We appoint in every Association a Vice President GEX** (Young Past Pupils – Giovani Exallievi). He or she will be the person responsible for GEX. In every association GEX must be given special attention and Special programs must be organised for GEX to give special attention to the gex members have a very special position in our movement.

Dear All Delegates, Presidents and Secretaries

You can add my **phone number on +91987445000 on WhatsApp** for Any information, clarification, guidance or any other subject you need my help on. I promise immediate reply.

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