

Self-Governance Session Results

Ecuador: Started in 1995, and is, in 2017, a network of 18 facilitators, where 8 are active. 2 facilitators co-coordinate for Ecuador, and they pass the responsibility around every 2 years.

Namibia: Started in 2006, registered as a legally registered NGO under the Department of Health in Namibia, and is in 2017, established with a "Management Circle" instead of Board of Trustees. The management circle is much the same as a board, with roles and elections every two years (for half the members of the management circle, so that the other half are still experienced). Has 30 trained facilitators, with vision, mission and aim. Monthly and bi-monthly meetings are held by the management circle. System of decision making and elections is 'sociology' or consensus.

Nepal: Started in 2008, newly registered in 2017, with management committees, roles, regular meetings and updates provided to members and general assembly and audit held annually.

Brazil: There is no AVP Brazil, but activities have been conducted in Brazil in Ecu Paz, Serpaz and Universities, funded by NGOs, with pamphlets published.

South Korea: Has a governing committee to facilitate common decisions and annual meeting for evaluations and make plans for next year. Not registered as an NGO yet, but more as a network of facilitators.

Romania: Is registered as an NGO/Association. Holds annual meetings and members are on four year terms.

USA: Registered as an NGO, with 1 national board of directors, with members from each region. Some states also have a board, depending on size of group in the state, with monthly state meetings and annual meeting at national level.

Georgia: AVP Georgia was registered with a board in 2011 with a constitution and board meetings. Coordinators are elected every 6 years.

Zimbabwe: Has a board of trustees, but not yet registered. Constitution has been drawn up and members of board meet every month.

Western Australia: Is registered as a Cooperation/Organisation with board and sub-committees and clear roles - but not everyone follows the roles as outlined.

Improvements to work on highlighted:

1. Annual/monthly meetings to include all facilitators in information and decision making process.
2. More training for facilitators
3. Strengthening/Starting membership fee collection
4. Send email reminders to prepare reports for each region
5. Social events to build network
6. Facebook page, emails and social media to strengthen communication and involvement of facilitators
7. Offer training days for facilitators
8. Strengthening organisational processes with facilitating action and responsibilities and maintaining transparency.
9. Increasing the number of active members
10. Clarifying objectives and goals for the establishment of AVP
11. Advocacy