

Abolition 2000 Online AGM Draft Agenda: June 19, 2021 – Session 1A

Session 1: 90 minutes. Campaign updates and reports. Strategy discussion on challenges and opportunities to advance nuclear abolition in a dysfunctional world, and Introduction of proposals.

Session 1 A [11 pm Pacific Time, Friday June 18, 2021]

Assume we start 3 minutes late

[2] **Welcome & Opening; Overview of the meeting - Dave**

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 - History of the Network
 - Introduction to our Founding Statement
 - Review of our Operating Principles

Reports from Affiliated and Allied Networks
Reports from working groups
Challenges and opportunities strategy discussion
Introduction of proposals and announcements

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- Several of the “founding mothers and fathers” of Abolition 2000 are in this meeting, including Jackie Cabasso and Alyn Ware. I will read the opening paragraphs, then Tony will show a short video of Abolition 2000 supporters reading the 11 points.

“A secure and livable world for our children and grandchildren and all future generations requires that we achieve a world free of nuclear weapons and redress the environmental degradation and human suffering that is the legacy of fifty years of nuclear weapons testing and production. Further, the inextricable link between the “peaceful” and warlike uses of nuclear technologies and the threat to future generations inherent in creation and use of long-lived radioactive materials must be recognized. We must move toward reliance on clean, safe, renewable forms of energy production that do not provide the materials for weapons of mass destruction and do not poison the environment for thousands of centuries. The true “inalienable” right is not to nuclear energy, but to life, liberty and security of person in a world free of nuclear weapons.

We recognize that a nuclear weapons free world must be achieved carefully and in a step by step manner. We are convinced of its technological feasibility. Lack of political will, especially on the part of the nuclear weapons states, is the only true barrier. As chemical and biological weapons are prohibited, so must nuclear weapons be prohibited.

We call upon all states particularly the nuclear weapons states, declared and de facto to take the following steps to achieve nuclear weapons abolition. We further urge the states parties to the NPT to demand binding commitments by the declared nuclear weapons states to implement these measures:”

- **Tony shows short video of people reading the 11 points of the A2000 Statement.**
- If your group or organization wishes to sign on to this statement, please send an e-mail stating contact name, organization name, address, fax, telephone to secretariat@abolition2000.org – **Tony: please post this in the chat.**
- Abolition 2000 also explicitly recognizes some of the related interlocking injustices that dominate our dysfunctional world. Colonised and indigenous peoples have, in the large part, borne the brunt of nuclear devastation – from the mining of uranium and the testing of nuclear weapons on indigenous peoples land, to the dumping, storage and transport of plutonium and nuclear wastes, and the theft of land for nuclear infrastructure. **The Moorea Declaration on Nuclear Weapons, Colonialism & Indigenous Peoples,** adopted in 1997 at the Abolition 2000 Annual General Meeting held in French-occupied Polynesia is a supplemental statement to the Abolition 2000 founding statement, which addresses this reality. **Tony: please post the link Moorea Declaration / Abolition 2000 in the chat box.**

[2] **Review Operating Principles - Dave**

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[12] **Reports from Affiliated and Allied Networks** (introduction plus 1 minute each) - **Vanda**

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[10] **Reports from working groups** (introduction plus 1 minutes each) – **Dave**

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[36] **Discussion** – limit to 2 minutes each (18 speakers) – **Vanda continues**

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[2] **Fundraising pitch - Vanda**

[1] **Group photo – Tony**

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Session 1 B [9 am Pacific Time, Saturday June 19, 2021]

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- Before we begin, in light of the racial justice reckoning we have been experiencing in the United States over the past year, I want to note that today, June 19th has just been designated by the U.S. Congress as a federal holiday, celebrating “Juneteenth”, marking the day in 1865 when slavery was ended in Texas. Today we celebrate the formal end of the enslavement of Africans in the United States, but we also recognize and call for an end to all forms of racial attacks on African Americans that continue today, including police killings, mass incarceration, voter suppression, and low wages.
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Session 2: 90 minutes. Discussion of proposals. Abolition 2000 Secretariat report. Fundraising. Affirmation of the Abolition 2000 Coordinating Committee and Global Council. Calendar of upcoming events. [12:00 noon Pacific Time]

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12:03 pm EDT

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- Welcome to Session 2 of our 2021 online AGM. The first session, which was held twice earlier today to accommodate as many time zones as possible, included a brief history of Abolition 2000, campaign updates and reports, a strategy discussion on challenges and opportunities to advance nuclear abolition in the dysfunctional post COVID-19 world, and introduction of proposals. I believe that most of you were on one or both of those calls, but just to remind you, this is a meeting for member groups, though everyone is invited to participate as an observer.
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 - **Operating Principles and Decision-Making Process**
 - **Consideration of proposals/announcements from Session 1**
 - **Secretariat and Coordinating Committee Report**
 - **Finances and fundraising**
 - **Building, serving and strengthening the network**
 - **Affirmation of Coordinating Committee and Global Council**
 - **Evaluation and follow up**
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[5] **Review Operating Principles and Decision-Making Process - Jackie**

Read [Operating Principles](#), noting that written version was included with background materials sent to you after you registered; explain decision-making process

12:20 pm PDT

[10] Consideration of proposals/review announcements from Session 1 –**Tony**

[10] CC Observations and taking ideas forward – **Regina**

Revival of NWC working group

Following up on *How do we move from a dysfunctional world to a world without nuclear weapons?*

[5] **Secretariat and Coordinating Committee Report – Tony**

[10] **Finances and fundraising; fundraising pitch; ask for fundraising ideas - Jackie**

[15] **Building, serving and strengthening the network– website, newsletter, webinars**

- **Tony**
- Encourage people to use A2000 resources and make suggestions for improvement.
- Highlight Views from the Global Council
- Open the floor for questions and suggestions
- *Invite groups that are not already members to join A2000.*

1:10 pm PDT

[15] **Affirmation of Coordinating Committee and Global Council - Jackie**

- Under the pandemic situation we can't handle this the way we usually do at in-person meetings, where we can spend time chatting informally and getting to know each other during breaks and meals, and during side events during the NPT meetings.
- We'd like to thank Sharon Dolev and Monserrat Prieto who are stepping down from the Coordinating Committee and joining the Global Council.

- We're asking you to reaffirm the remaining current members of the Coordinating Committee and the Global Council. The lists of current members were included in the materials sent to you after you registered for this meeting. They are:
 - Reiner Braun, Germany
 - Jackie Cabasso, USA
 - Arielle Denis, France
 - Regina Hagen, Germany
 - Marzhan Nurzhan, Kazakhstan/Vanda Proskova, Czech Republic
 - Tony Robinson, United Kingdom
 - Alyn Ware, Czech Republic and Aotearoa/New Zealand
 - Yosuke Watanabe, Japan
 - Dave Webb, United Kingdom

- Describe the roles of these groups and lets people know that if they are interested in joining CC or GC then let the Secretariat know, and CC can decide on additional members (or if they are already a member and wish to step down). *Alyn: post contact e-mail in the chat: Abolition 2000 Secretariat <secretariat@abolition2000.org>*

Responsibilities of the Coordinating Committee;

- The Coordinating Committee is mainly responsible for administrative matters. It usually meets once a month by Zoom, but more frequently in the run up to the AGMs
 - 1) To work with the Secretariat in planning the AGM and carry out followup
 - 2) To look for fundraising opportunities
 - 3) To stay in touch with the working groups and Global Council
 - 4) To work with the Global Council to occasionally issue statements in the name of the Global Council
 - 5) To occasionally organize webinars
 - 6) To occasionally organize strategy sessions on the margins of NPT and UN meetings

- **Responsibilities of Global Council (GC) members** (adopted at the 2011 Abolition 2000 AGM):
 - The GC is made up of individuals, not representatives of organizations
 - GC members are expected to be active with Abolition 2000
 - GC members are encouraged to serve as advisors and ambassadors for Abolition 2000, and work with Abolition 2000 groups in their regions and thematic areas

- We need to hear from GC members at least annually. GC members are expected to check in with or respond to the CC at least once a year (respond to a draft statement, contribute to the e-newsletter or some other way)
 - GC members are expected to abide by the Abolition 2000 Operating Principles
- Q & A

1:30 pm EDT

[7] Evaluation and follow up– Tony

- Opportunity for people to offer verbal evaluations
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- Announces that we will be sending out an evaluation form to all participants by e-mail. We will also be sending other follow-up material including the calendar of events we have collectively compiled.

[1] Group photo - Tony

Ask people to wave hands for photo