

January session review

Thank you to everyone who turned up for our casual planning session on 17 January at the Norman Hotel. They came from far and wide, including the two coasts and the wet weather didn't seem to deter them. We had 15 people who were keen to start the year off with some great networking and an opportunity to review 2012 and plan for 2012. Not a bad turnout considering this is the first time we have tried this and some people were still on holidays.



After tucking into the biggest meals I've seen in a while (they don't call this Brisbane's worst vegetarian restaurant for nothing) we divided up into small groups to work through a list of 10 thought provoking questions I provided (on growth, of course). If you want to see the list download it from www.nationalspeakers.com.au/qld_news.html along with another new initiative, the monthly action planning form (thanks Brad Hauck for designing that). This will be used at each of our meetings in 2012 to encourage people to analyse our meeting content and decide what action they are going to take in the following month. There will be a short follow up on this at the beginning of each monthly meeting to reinforce the process.

As a result of this session we can welcome onboard our newest member, Sally Symonds, who joined the day before so she could attend. To learn more about Sally and her story visit www.sallysymonds.com.au.

Feedback was that everyone enjoyed the casual format and appreciated the opportunity to get input from colleagues at all stages of development. I also heard plenty of discussion on the benefits of a range of NSAA services including speakers academy, speakers idol, the accreditation system and our upcoming Unconvention.

Look forward to seeing you all at our first official meeting of the year on 21 February at our fabulous new venue, Moda at Portside Hamilton!

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