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## **RE: Indigenous Committee Motion**

At the ANZASW Board meeting 4 April 2014 the following motion was put to the meeting and carried.

Motion	Commit practice IFSW UN	That the IFSW General Meeting affirms the establishment of an Indigenous Committee within the structure of IFSW to address indigenous social work practices and knowledge. The Committee is to work collaboratively with the IFSW UN Indigenous Committee Delegates and to assist with policy statements of IFSW.	
	Moved:	James Makowharemahihi	
	Seconded:	Merrill Simmons-Hansen	
	Outcome:	Carried	

The Tangata Whenua Social Workers Association was asked to work alongside both the National Coalition of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islanders Social Work Association and the Aboriginal Social Workers Society of Manitoba to gain support from either the Australian Association of Social Workers and or the Canadian Association of Social Workers for the motion.

The attached document is a Rationale statement put together by TWSWA and endorsed by the ANZASW Board.

Mauri ora Mai

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