

IASPM Australia - New Zealand
Annual General Meeting 2014
St David Theatre Complex, Otago University
6 December 2014

The Chair declared the meeting open at 4:05 pm.

1 Attendance and Apologies

In Attendance: Sarah Attfield, Daniel Milosavljevic, Tony Mitchell, Claire Coleman, Shane Homan, Sam Bennett, Henry Johnson, Mark Thorley, Liam Ryan, Nabeel Zuberi, Geoff Stahl, Ian Collinson, Paul Oldham, David Cashman, Amy Bauder, Shelley Brunt, Dan Bendrups, Kath Nelligan, Rebecca Hawkings, Roy Shuker, Sam Whiting, Victor A. Vicente, Donna Weston, James Cox, Penny Spirou, Jen Cattermole, Stephen Loy, Pat O'Grady, Rachael Gunn, Oli Wilson, Rosie Overell, Lewis Tennant, Catherine Hoad, Aline Scott-Maxwell, John Whiteoak, Brent Keogh, Michael Brown, Kimberley Cannady, Aleisha Ward, Kristen Zemke, Adrian Renzo, Catherine Strong (Chair), Natalie Lewandowski (Treasurer), Liz Giuffre (Publications [Web] Officer), Julie Rickwood (Secretary).

Apologies: Gavin Carfoot, Katelyn Barney, Anthony Linden Jones, Ed Montano, Jodie Taylor, Narelle McCoy, Jadey O'Regan, Toby Wren.

2 Minutes of the 2013 AGM (Queensland Conservatorium Griffith University)

The Chair asked for any feedback on the minutes. The minutes were moved by James Cox; seconded by Tony Mitchell.

3 Executive Reports

3.1 Chair's Report:

The Chair reported that 2014 has been another good year for the organisation, and acknowledged and praised the hard work that all the other members of the Executive have been putting in. There was a lot that went on behind the scenes, she added, and commended Liz Giuffre, Natalie Lewandowski and Julie Rickwood for working tirelessly to keep everything ticking over smoothly. Natalie had had a whole new role to learn but had taken to it like "a fish to water" and contributed greatly to executive discussions during the year. Liz had done an enormous amount of work on the website – a lot of which was not necessarily obvious to a casual observer, but which had greatly improved the website and was an ongoing project. In particular, the Chair gave special mention to Julie who was stepping down from her position as secretary. The Chair said that in her three years in the role Julie had done an amazing job keeping the executive in line and making sure that the things that needed to be done got done on time. Julie had her head around all aspects of the job, from editing Soundings to ensuring the agendas and minutes for our meetings were produced in a timely fashion. The Chair suggested that all members had benefitted at some point from the updates and notices sent to the mailing list. She asked everyone to join her in thanking Julie. The Chair then welcomed Kath Nelligan as the incoming Secretary.

The Chair thanked the University of Otago and particularly Henry Johnson, Oli Wilson, Rosemary Overell and Jen Cattermole for organising this year's conference. She noted

that the wonderful experiences throughout the conference indicated the hard work that had been put in and called for round of applause.

The Chair thanked the membership for their attendance at the AGM and commented that she hoped to have another solid contingent of ANZers at the IASPM Conference in Brazil in June 2015.

3.2 Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer spoke to her report which had been distributed prior to the meeting. She noted that expenses had dropped by \$651.73 this year: from \$9104.73 (2013) to \$8453 (2014). This could be attributed to the higher international membership fee payment in 2013 AGM financials. Despite this, the account balance had dropped by \$3396 compared to 2013 AGM financials.

With this in mind, it should also be noted that peak membership renewal time (November) for this year had yet to be included due to timing requirements. There had been sixteen renewals due in November which would boost funds for December 2014. Membership numbers have experienced little growth, with the total number of members growing by two in comparison to last year's figures. This is due to some members not renewing, or allowing their membership to lapse until conference time.

Overall, there was a good amount of surplus in the accounts to balance the years where membership renewals were lower. These renewal cycles were no cause for concern as they were due to IASPM-ANZ having membership periods of 1-3 years.

As this has been the first year as IASPM-ANZ Treasurer, she thanked the previous Treasurer Penny Spirou for her assistance and guidance and the Executive and Chapter members for their patience while she had her "training wheels on".

The Chair asked for the floor to accept the Treasurer's report. The report was passed.

3.3 Secretary's Report:

The Secretary stated that she had enjoyed another year as the Secretary of IASPM-ANZ. As was evident to the membership, she had continued to field emails from interested members and other enquiries, posted notices and calls-for-papers on the e-list, and maintained essential communication with the membership. Behind the scenes there had been many on-line discussions between the Executive members in relation to various issues that arose throughout the year, particularly as it drew closer to the annual conference and AGM.

The Secretary commented that she would soon be preparing another edition of the Soundings e-newsletter for release in early 2015. She would be putting out an online call for items in the New Year and expected that the newsletter would be distributed in March.

The Secretary said that she had not sought nomination for 2015 because she felt it was time to hand the role on to another. She declared that it had been a fulfilling and fruitful experience. She thanked the current Executive for their assistance throughout the year: Catherine Strong, Natalie Lewandowski and Liz Giuffre, who were a wonderful team to work with. She also thanked past Executive members Shelley Brunt and Penny Spirou –

who had been willing to engage in ongoing consultation, and Eve Klein for her earlier support. She particularly thanked Katelyn Barney for her management of the transfer of the role to her in 2011. Finally, the Secretary thanked the members for the various dialogues she had experienced over the years.

3.4 Publications (Web) Officer's Report:

The Publications (Web) Officer reported that during the last year she had successfully continued developing and supporting IASPM publications online and in print. This continues with updates to the website, www.iaspm.org.au, including the addition of the "Find an expert" page (which members were welcome to contribute to by emailing her). She hoped the page continued to be something that could circulate and build and asked the members to please promote their work and expertise. She noted that during recent discussions with Triple J, as part of a research project, she had been able to direct them to the site as a place to find further 'expert opinion' in the field. Triple J was quite unaware (but pleased) that IASPM-ANZ exists, let alone that the Association would be watching them!

The Publications (Web) Officer also noted that there had been additions to the publications page including titles, details and links to previous proceedings and thanked the Chair for her assistance with this. This updating had also been a good time to recheck Informit holdings, noting that the 2006 proceedings had not been sent but was now in process.

A security update and audit had also been undertaken for the website, with Alex Mesker providing paid assistance to install additional security measures, backup and support for stability, updating of the theme, as well as the 'find an expert' feature. Mesker had, as of 5/11/14, been able to report that over 500 'potential threats' to the site have been prevented because of these measures. This assistance had been billed at \$100, and included help with the new design of the site. She added that social media for the organisation had remained active, and was being nicely complemented by the Twitter and Facebook feeds for the Otago conference. The Publications (Web) Officer thanked Rosemary Overall and the crew for doing so. She advised that all Executive members had admin rights on the ANZ IASPM Facebook page and invited members to post to the page any upcoming events, industry interest points, publications, etc.

The Publications (Web) Officer said that the 2013 proceedings would be discussed by Toby Wren and Jadey O'Regan later in the AGM, but she indicated that existing suggestions for publication processes, text for peer review notices, and the provision of ISBN to previous proceedings had been undertaken. Finally, as the Chair had indicated in a post to the list in October, the Publications (Web) Officer announced that the work done to scope out possible alternative publication avenues for the membership, comparing various local publishers and their scope, expectations and costs had been done and would be discussed in more depth under Agenda Item 4.3.

4 Election of 2013-2014 Executive and Non-Executive

The Chair noted that the Secretary had received only one nomination for each position and therefore they were unanimously elected. She also confirmed the continuation of the NZ representative:

Executive:

- 4.1 Chair (Catherine Strong - ongoing): nom: Shane Homan; 2nd: Julie Rickwood
- 4.2 Treasurer (Natalie Lewandowski - ongoing): nom: Dan Bendrups; 2nd: Penny Spirou
- 4.3 Secretary (Kath Nelligan - incoming): nom: Catherine Strong; 2nd: Julie Rickwood
- 4.4 Publications (Web) Officer (Liz Giuffre - ongoing): nom: Adrian Renzo; 2nd: Peter Doyle

Non-Executive:

- 4.5 New Zealand Representative (Kirsten Zemke - ongoing)

5 New Zealand Representative Report

The NZ Representative said that a question had been raised about the possible discriminatory representation of a NZ rep. She said that many diverse opinions had been floated and so wondered if a discussion needed to be had. A brief discussion about the roles of the NZ Representative and its relationship with the Executive then ensued. It was noted that the Executive had tended to be dominated by Australians but that it had ensured that the NZ Representative had been consulted when necessary on broader issues in regard to different government policies etc. A question about how changes to the NZ Representative might affect constitutional issues was raised. Henry Johnson suggested that the Executive should discuss the matter and then present options on a Survey monkey which would be set up by the Publications (Web) Officer. This suggestion was adopted.

6 IASPM -ANZ Representative on the ICTM-ANZ Regional Committee

Shelley Brunt introduced herself as the IASPM-ANZ representative on the ICTM-ANZ RC and said she had nothing to report. She introduced Dan Bendrups (prior Chair) and Henry Johnson (current Chair) who explained that the formation of the RC was to act as a conduit for bringing different people with different interests in the region together and to act on behalf of the region. A business meeting of the ICTM-ANZ would immediately follow the AGM and all interested members were invited.

7 Publication of Conference Proceedings

7.1 Report on Publication of 2013 Brisbane conference proceeding:

The Publications (Web) Officer read a statement from Jadey O'Regan and Toby Wren, the editors of the 2013 Proceedings:

Hello to the IASPM community,

We apologise for not being at the Dunedin conference to personally deliver both this message and the proceedings to you all today, we know we are missing out on a fantastic few days and are more than a bit jealous of you all!

The proceedings from the 2013 conference have turned out to be an a very interesting and cohesive set of papers that both cover the 2013 conference themes of 'communities, places, and ecologies', but also reflect the broad array of research of the IASPM-ANZ community. We were also pleased to be able to include so many post-graduate students in the proceedings this year too.

The task was sometimes challenging, with both of us living in two different places, juggling several teaching and research jobs while also finishing our PhDs this year: Jadey finished her PhD in May and Toby submitted his PhD only two weeks ago. Despite some of the tasks taking a little bit longer than expected, and some authors only having a short turnaround time for their articles, the IASPM community of reviewers and authors have been immensely understanding and we are very grateful for this.

A highlight of our work on the proceedings was that we were able to learn so much from reading the papers that were submitted, and also to get to know so many of you over our emails. We have learned a lot from the process of collating and editing the proceedings and we are both very thankful for the opportunity that was given to us.

Again, we wish we could be there to thank the authors, reviewers, Dan Bendrups, Liz Guiffre, the IASPM committee and Jodie Taylor in person for all of their hard work in making the proceedings possible. We couldn't have done it without them. Please have a ___ for Toby and a big glass of lemonade for Jadey at the conference dinner!

Best wishes and safe travels from your 2013 editors,
Jadey O'Regan and Toby Wren.

Dan Bendrups outlined the circumstances for the editors in their final doctoral years and congratulated them on their efforts. He informed the membership that he had digital copies that could be collected from him immediately. He added that the print copy would be sent early in the New Year to each contributor and to the Executive by mail and asked that members please ensure correct current postal address. The purchase process would be available on the list, as well as a content page and Informit link uploaded by the Publications (Web) Officer and live in about six months. In absentia the AGM gave Jadey and Toby a round of applause.

7.2 Proceedings 2014 Dunedin:

Henry Johnson informed the meeting that the papers from the 2014 Conference would not be published as a proceedings but an edited volume which would be published online through Informit. He hoped that the CFP would be sent out before Christmas.

7.3 Future of proceedings:

The Chair informed the meeting that the Executive had been investigating the future of the proceedings in order to try to come up with a simple alternative to the present situation. She said that much of this work has been done by the Publications (Web) Officer who should be thanked. The Chair said that the Executive had come to the conclusion that there was no simple thing that could be substituted for the proceedings on an ongoing basis. She noted that in getting rid of the proceedings that whatever publication came out of the conference would be done on an ad-hoc basis. This was not necessarily a problem, she suggested, as it simply meant commitment from the membership – particularly the senior members of the organisation – to get something out from each conference. The Chair noted that the ANU had already taken the lead as they were looking to produce an edited volume through ANU Press based on the papers presented at the 2015 Conference. She suggested that other institutions might have similar presses that convenors could work with in future years.

The Chair then outlined various positives and negatives and opened the discussion up to the floor. The Publications (Web) Officer added that she and Bruce Johnson had been

investigating the publication of conference papers that demonstrated a sound peer review process, were accessible, and had the impact necessary to meet institutional requirements for inclusion in publication counts. One way of ensuring there is an avenue for this would be through a new book series on popular music through an Australian publisher, which they had been investigating. She indicated that a prominent local publisher was very interested and said that the membership would be kept up to date on the progress of those negotiations. She further added that she saw the editorial position for these books as ideally being a collaboration between senior and emerging academics, a collaborative project that ensured sharing, mentoring and including the whole editorial team to contribute and establish a relationship with the publisher. The Publications (Web) Officer was alert to the issue of financial concerns but was hopeful that various institutions would be providing publishing funds.

After further discussion the Chair said that the publication of conference papers was not limited to one proposal and the item had been included in the AGM to engender wide discussion about future publications that came out of conferences in a timely manner and that met institutional requirements. Various issues were raised about publishing a “greatest hits” from previous proceedings, the disjunction between the HERDC system and institutions in recognising proceedings, and the nurturing role the proceedings meant for post-graduate contributions. The Chair commented that many good points had been raised and said that it was important to see the publications as a balance between institutional requirements and our own values that have vested energy and good outcomes.

The question of whether the proceedings issue could be eliminated by simply not calling publications arising from conferences ‘proceedings’ was raised. This had been done for the 2012 proceedings. The executive undertook to contact all authors from these proceedings to determine whether their institutions had accepted these publications for ERA and/or HERDC purposes without any issue.

In conclusion, the Chair noted that the proposed survey on 2012 proceedings publication outcomes would be informative to the monitoring of this issue, as would the outcomes of this year’s publication. She asked that the members inform the Publications (Web) Officer if proceedings were used in teaching etc. She would also consult with other branches of IASPM to investigate other options and encouraged everyone to think about publishing.

8 Conferences

8.1 2015 IASPM-ANZ Conference:

Sam Bennett introduced herself, Stephen Loy and Julie Rickwood as the Co-Convenors of the 2015 IASPM-ANZ Conference to be held at the School of Music, Australian National University. She said that a fun weekend of intellectual and musical engagement had been planned. She then presented an overview highlighting the National Library research session that had been organised prior to the conference, transport matters, conference dinner details, and the special rates at University House for accommodation. Stephen added that the ANU press had shown great interest in a collected edition arising from the conference. The Chair said that the offer should be followed up and added that the work already invested by the convenors predicted that a great event would result.

8.2 Cruise Conference follow up:

David Cashman spoke to the statement that had been circulated previously and added that a survey will shortly be sent out about the cruise proposal. Unless the response is positive, he said, the offer would be withdrawn.

9 Announcement of the IASPM-ANZ Publication Prizes

The Chair declared that a very strong, and unusually large, field of contenders for the Rebecca Coyle Prize had been received this year. Once again, though, not enough submissions for the Open Prize had been received. The judges for the Rebecca Coyle Prize had felt, however, that two publications were worthy of the award. Since the judges had difficulty separating them the Executive had decided to award two prizes, rather than have the Open Prize money go unused again. The Chair clarified that that this was a one-off decision. She suggested that if the Open Prize received insufficient submissions in 2015 it would be dropped and the money redeployed.

The Chair therefore announced that the Rebecca Coyle Prize for 2014 was awarded to Sarah Baker and Alison Huber for their article 'Locating the canon in Tamworth: Historical narratives, cultural memory and Australia's "Country Music Capital"'. The judges said the following about this paper:

Baker & Huber present an excellent ethnography, with great local content, good theorisation of canon and memory. This paper is an important contribution to discourse around white Australian identities.

[B&H's piece] relates [in particular] to Rebecca Coyle's constant project of locally-focussed analysis and is well written and effective.

In addition, a second IASPM-ANZ publication prize was awarded to Linda Kouvaras for her book *Loading the Silence*. The judges said that: "Kouvaras's *Loading the Silence* is a highly accomplished piece of scholarship - extensive, rich, complex, well written, and thorough".

The Chair congratulated all three authors, and thanked the judges, noting the difficult task given this year's fierce field.

10 Other Business

10.1 Yahoo list

Geoff Stahl suggested that consideration be given to migrating the listserv off yahoo. He said that he and others had difficulties accessing emails. The Publications (Web) Officer proposed to undertake research and come back with a proposal. She added that once changes were made there may be a teething process with the translation to a new server.

10.2 IASPM-ANZ monies and funding projects.

The Chair said that further investigation had been undertaken since she emailed the membership about proposals for funding options from IASPM-ANZ monies. She said that there were no monies to commit to ongoing spending but that publications was an issue that would be considered should funds become available. She noted that spending money to help people publish should be a priority.

The Chair declared the IASPM-ANZ AGM closed at 5:04.

11 Addendum: 2014 Postgraduate Prize

As a result of the AGM being held on the previous day, the announcement of the Postgraduate Prize for a paper presented at the conference was announced during the closing session. The Postgraduate Prize was awarded to Catherine Hoad for 'The Whitening Pot: Translocal white narratives in heavy metal scenes in Norway, South Africa and Australia'. Commendations were awarded to Rachael Gunn for 'Remixing Masculinity through the B-Girl' and Tim Booth for 'Miles Davis's Poetics of Technology: Jazz Fusion and Live Performance'.