

**IASPM Australia – New Zealand**  
**Annual General Meeting 2013**  
**Room 139, Queensland Conservatorium Griffith University**  
**24 November 2013**

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

**1. Attendance and Apologies**

*Present:* James Cox, Natalie Lewandowski, Sarah Attfield, Ian Rogers, Paul Oldham, Ian Collinson, Aleisha Ward, Peter Doyle, Jadey O'Regan, Amy Bauder, Catherine Hoad, Pat O'Grady, Rachel Gunn, Brent Keogh, Matt Hill, Jen Cattermole, John Fangjun Li, Shane Homan, John Whiteoak, Aline Scott-Maxwell, Tony Mitchell, Jodie Taylor, Rosemary Overell, Gavin Carfoot, Victor A. Vicente, Kath Nelligen, Eve Klein, John Encarnacao, Samantha Bennett, Laura Glitsos, Claire Coleman, John Scannell, Jared Mackley-Crump, Bruce Johnson, Donna Weston, Dan Bendrups, Kirsten Zemke, Penny Spirou (Treasurer), Liz Giuffre (Publications [Web] Officer), Catherine Strong (Chair), and Julie Rickwood (Secretary).

*Apologies:* Shelley Brunt, Katelyn Barney, Rosemary Richards, Tony Jones, Mark Evans, Stephen Loy, Oli Wilson, Rob Burns, David Cashman.

**2. Minutes of the 2012 AGM (University of Tasmania)**

The Chair asked for any feedback on the minutes. The minutes were moved by Jodie Taylor; seconded by Brent Keogh.

**3. Executive Reports**

*3.1 Chair's Report:*

The Chair sincerely thanked the 2012-2013 IASPM-ANZ Executive who had proved invaluable in showing her the ropes. It had been a smooth running year and she thanked the Treasurer, Penny Spirou, who was stepping down from her role. The Chair described Penny Spirou's contribution as brilliant and fantastic. Thanks were also extended to Kirsten Zemke, the New Zealand Rep, and Shelley Brunt, the IASPM-ANZ Representative on the ICTM-ANZ Regional Committee. The Chair thanked QCGU and especially the organising committee of the 2013 Conference: Dan Bendrups, Donna Weston and Jodie Taylor, as well as the program committee: Kate Barney, Andy Bennett, Narelle McCoy, Jadey O'Regan and Sarah Baker. The Chair had noted the healthy contingent of Australians and New Zealanders at the IASPM Conference in Gijon. This demonstrated the strength of the IASPM-ANZ Branch and she was confident that this would continue into the future. Overall, she declared that the year had been a very positive one for the organisation.

*3.2 Treasurer:*

The Treasurer spoke to her report which had been distributed prior to the meeting. She noted that the current balance was a little lower because of the necessity to make two sets of payments of IASPM international fees. The Treasurer noted that everything else was in order and that she had successfully migrated monies into one Westpac account to make financial matters easier. Members could still use PayPal to pay their fees. The Treasurer thanked the membership for their support. In response to a query the Treasurer informed the membership that monies in the account were used for certain costs, including conference proceedings printing and web hosting, and appropriate spending in the organisation, such as grants for postgraduates and flights/registration fees for Executive

members. Questions were asked about what else the money could be used for, and the Chair asked that this discussion be held over to Other Business.

The Chair asked for the floor to accept this report.

The report was passed.

### *3.3 Secretary's Report:*

The Secretary noted that her second year had reinforced her role as one of maintenance of essential communication with the membership: emailing the membership with calls-for-papers, notices, etc, as well as regular communication behind the scenes with the Executive and the convenors of the 2013 conference. She thanked the other members of the Executive for their assistance, support and strong contribution to the team. The Secretary reminded members to send conference reviews, photos, publications, and any other material for the next edition of the Soundings e-newsletter by the end of January.

### *3.4 Publication (Web) Officer's Report:*

The Publications Officer had been working on the permanent repository of conference proceedings as well as the organisation of the proceedings itself. She acknowledged that as a way of documenting the activities of the organisation the proceedings need to be consolidated and archived. A problem had been discovered where two lots of proceedings were given the same ISBN but that would be fixed. She discussed the future of the publishing of conference papers given that some institutions are no longer accepting them as publications for ERA purposes. In addressing this there are various issues to be considered, including receiving monies, self-publishing, maintaining formality such as with an ISBN, accessibility and a title to capture the peer-reviewed and edited collection that does not include the word 'proceedings'. Suggestions from members should be made directly to her, and the Chair noted further discussion would be had under agenda item 6.3. The Publications Officer was working to ensure that hard copies are deposited in National and State libraries as required in Australia and New Zealand. The Publications Officer also spoke to her previously distributed paper on IASPM-ANZ Netiquette which had been created to address the evolving nature of membership and to maintain inclusion. She particularly noted that the tone of voice is important when the context of the contributors to the discussion is not always known. The Publications Officer reported that the Facebook and Twitter pages were registering increasing interest, including beyond ANZ and with links to industries. She saw this media as enabling circulation and promotion of people's work although the differences between Facebook and Twitter needed to be considered. She also suggested that academia.edu.au and other sites were also good avenues for promotion of work.

## **4. Election of 2013-2014 Executive and non-Executive**

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

### Executive:

- 4.1 Chair (Catherine Strong): nom: Shelley Brunt; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Shane Homan;
- 4.2 Treasurer (Natalie Lewandowski): nom: Penny Spirou; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mark Evans;
- 4.3 Secretary (Julie Rickwood): nom: Bruce Johnson; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Katelyn Barney;
- 4.4 Publications (Web) Officer (Liz Giuffre): nom: Ian Collinson; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Brent Keogh.

### Non-Executive:

- 4.5 New Zealand Representative (Kirsten Zemke).

## 5. IASPM-ANZ Representative on the ICTM-ANZ Regional Committee

In her absence, the Chair submitted the following report on behalf of the IASPM-ANZ representative:

"It would help to begin my report by reminding our members what the ICTM-ANZ regional committee is. It was founded in 2009 as part of ICTM (the International Council for Traditional Music) as an initiative to foster greater ties between ethnomusicologists in New Zealand and Australia, and promote ethnographic music research in the region. The Regional Committee incorporates representatives from the three main music research bodies in Australasia: (IASPM-ANZ), The New Zealand Musicological Society (NZMS), and the Musicological Society of Australia (MSA), alongside ICTM members.

My role, as the 2013 IASPM-ANZ nominee is to represent the interests of our organisation within this greater context. I am the first to say that my involvement in the committee has been a little lean this year, chiefly because the meetings have been taking place in Brisbane and I am in Melbourne. I can report, however, that the greater organisation, ICTM, held its biennial international conference this year and, to cut a long story short, issues arose concerning the future of the ICTM-ANZ regional committee. The Chair of this committee, Dan Bendrups, is stepping down, as is the Secretary. A meeting took place on Monday 18 November in Brisbane, and I can report some of the details about this:

1. There was discussion about forming an Indigenous/Post-colonial study group, and this proposal is now in front of ICTM Executive for consideration at their next meeting in Kazakhstan in July 2014. This may be of interest to IASPM-ANZ Members who are also involved with ICTM.
2. There are two newsletters produced each year, and IASPM-ANZ may wish to have news reported in this, if it relates to ICTM.
3. The executive members of the ICTM-ANZ regional committee serve a 2-yr term. The next term commences on 1 Jan 2014, so my appointment will run for 2 years from that date (meaning I will actually have served for 3 years).
4. Lastly, I would like to ask our members (IASPM-ANZ) if there's a way that I can better represent the interests of our organisation. I understand that there are only a few of us who are members of both IASPM and ICTM. As such, I would like to know if this regional group (ICTM-ANZ) has been of value to you."

The Chair noted that at least half a dozen IASPM members indicated their membership of the ICTM and invited comment on this report. In the absence of comment from the floor she suggested contacting the representative directly if ideas came to mind after the AGM.

## 6. Proceedings

### *6.1 Report of Publication of 2012 Hobart conference proceedings:*

The Publications (Web) Officer said that the editors, Oli Wilson and Sarah Attfield, had done an outstanding job. Their effort had resulted in a fine document. Sarah Attfield commented that it had been great to work with a New Zealand based co-editor, and the distance had not been an issue. She informed the floor that twenty three papers had been received and the Publications (Web) Officer reminded editors that it was important to keep documentation about accepted and rejected papers because of the value of this for ERA purposes.

## *6.2 Proceedings 2013 Brisbane:*

Jadey O'Regan and Toby Wren will edit the 2013 proceedings. Dan Bendrups noted that they are very capable ECRs who will be well supported in producing the publication. The call for papers was included in the conference pack. He commented that the publication would adopt the standard procedure of including papers as given at the conference to provide an accurate record of what took place. The Publications (Web) Officer clarified that the total run of hard copies for the 2012 proceedings was forty, which allowed for one per contributor with some to sell. More could be printed on demand. Dan Bendrups confirmed that QCGU will fund the publication.

## *6.3 Future of proceedings:*

The decreasing value of proceedings for academic content was discussed (as raised initially in item 4.4), and possible new strategies for publishing from conferences were raised. There was some discussion about how calling the proceedings something different might increase their value. As the proceedings have always been blind peer reviewed the procedures around them would not have to change greatly. Shane Homan noted that the shift away from proceedings is driven by the ERA. Jodie Taylor noted that proceedings are still valuable as a way of training postgraduates in writing and editing. Suggestions were made that the organisation could look at publishing an annual special edition of a journal, or make a deal with a book publisher to produce an edited collection, and Jodie Taylor also suggested looking into e-books as they have a much shorter turn around. Discussion ensued about the possibility of setting up an editorial committee to assist with further publications, including the possible use of some of the monies in our account to fund RA work to assist. The Chair noted that the issue did not need immediate resolution, and the discussion would be continued on the mailing list in the next twelve months. She asked for people to consider the options and to contact the Executive if other ideas came to mind.

## **7. Conferences**

### *7.1 Conference travel subsidy for Executive Members:*

The Treasurer commented that this was the first year for paying reimbursement for return flights in addition to registration for the Executive Members. The cost amounted to \$891.38. The practice would continue and be evaluated within light of funds available.

### *7.2 Conference travel subsidy for Postgraduate delegates:*

The Treasurer also spoke about the changed subsidy process for Postgraduate Delegates, that of having a pool of \$1500. Applications required assessment by members of the Executive. This year three postgraduates had received \$500 each. The Chair noted that the subsidy had made a difference for the students in being able to attend the conference and therefore reinforced that \$500 to fewer students was more beneficial than \$100 to more. The process was therefore to continue.

### *7.3 Procedures for submitting proposals for local conferences:*

The Chair announced that a formal procedure would be put in place for submitting proposals for local conferences. In April/May expressions of interest were to be submitted to the Executive. The one page outline would need institutional support. This procedure was being taken in order to be aware of any possibility of conflicting proposals.

### *7.4 Multiple authored conference papers:*

The Chair noted that a question had been raised about the number of papers to be presented by one author at the one conference given the increase in co-authored presentations. Noting that this trend was as a result of pressure for collaboration she

opened the issue for discussion. It was decided that this should be left to the integrity of the Executive.

#### *7.5 2014 IASPM-ANZ Conference:*

Henry Johnson presented the proposal from Otago and spoke to the previously distributed paper. He confirmed that the dates for the conference were 5-7 December and the registration fee would be maintained at \$NZ 180. He commented that more direct flights to Dunedin would be available at that time of year and notified the floor that the call-for-papers would be made in March, with a due date of 31 May. The submissions would be refereed by the committee and an edited collection/yearbook would be produced. The floor accepted the proposal and thanked the Otago team.

#### *7.6 2015 IASPM-ANZ Conference:*

Penny Spirou and Natalie Lewandowski spoke to their PowerPoint presentation on the proposal for a cruise conference. They commented that it had institutional support from two universities because of the unusual nature of the venture. Discussion followed and various issues were raised around timing, funding, equity, health, participation, cost and sponsorship. The team were congratulated on their unique and interesting proposal. A vote was taken on whether to consider it as a future possibility and the majority supported that notion. The team would therefore continue to work on the proposal for a future year yet to be confirmed with the understanding that more information was needed before the cruise conference would definitely proceed.

#### *7.7 2019 IASPM International Conference:*

Samantha Bennett spoke to her proposal, the summary of which had been distributed earlier. She commented on her long membership of IASPM and indicated that the conference had been planned long before she had arrived at the ANU School of Music (SoM) this year, noting that discussions had commenced in 2007-2008. She outlined the SoM's engagement with popular music and technology, presented letters of support, and spoke about the attributes of national capital as a venue. She opened it to the floor for discussion. Tony Mitchell spoke against the proposal noting that the ANU had never hosted an IASPM-ANZ conference and the last time IASPM-ANZ hosted an international conference was in 1999 in Sydney. He suggested both Australian and New Zealand alternatives. The Chair noted that no other proposals had been made. Samantha Bennett responded by reaffirming the strength of the ANU, its recent investment in the popular music academy, and the strong support of locally based national institutions which meant that a complete research experience could be offered to delegates. Other members thanked Samantha Bennett for her comprehensive proposal and acknowledged the amount of work that had been done but outlined weaknesses within the proposal. Samantha Bennett pointed out that vital information such as the dates, organising committee, themes, keynote address, discussions with any embassies to potentially support delegates for participation, etc had not been included because they required collaboration within IASPM-ANZ. The Publications Officer reminded the floor that after a proposal had been suggested at Gijon, proper process had been adopted by the SoM and that a call for other proposals had been made and that none had been received. Comments continued to be made about the ANU's historical lack of activity with IASPM-ANZ and suggestions were made about addressing that in order to build a better relationship with the membership. Samantha Bennett acknowledged that history and again reiterated the changed circumstances at the SoM and added its interest in hosting a local conference prior to 2019. After further discussion a vote was taken to determine whether the membership would allow Samantha Bennett to continue with the proposal. A majority of the floor were in support: 27/6.

## **8. Announcement of the IASPM-ANZ Publication Prizes**

The Chair announced that as a result of a proposal made at last year's AGM, the IASPM-ANZ Regional Prize was being re-named in honour of Rebecca Coyle. Natalie Lewandowski commented that Rebecca Coyle had been an active member and an outstanding film scholar. On behalf of Philip Hayward and Rosa and Amelia Coyle-Hayward she thanked IASPM-ANZ for considering the name change which had been appreciated by the family. The Chair therefore announced that the Rebecca Coyle Prize for 2013 had been awarded to Jodie Taylor for her book "Playing it Queer: Popular music, identity and queer world-making". She noted that four interesting and promising submissions had been considered by the judging panel but the panel had been unanimous in their decision. The Chair thanked the judges for their time and effort. The Chair then informed the floor that no submissions had been received for the Open (outside ANZ) Publication Prize. If this trend continued the viability of the prize would need to be re-considered.

## **9. Other Business**

The issue of how to spend unallocated monies in the account would be distributed on the list for discussion.

The Chair declared the 2013 IASPM-ANZ AGM closed at 6:05 pm.

## **10. Addendum: 2014 Postgraduate Prize**

As a result of the AGM being held on the first day, the announcement of the Postgraduate Prize for a paper presented at the conference was announced during the last session. The Postgraduate Prize was awarded to Amy Bauder for "'Am I not bogan enough?': Australian country music's bogan image". A commendation was awarded to Rachael Gunn for "Breaking down conceptualisations of space: An exploration of the relationship between the 143 Liverpool Street Familia and The Downing Centre Courts". Both students are from Macquarie University.