

IASPM-ANZ

Annual General Meeting 2011

Room 306, 77 Fairley Terrace, Victoria University of Wellington

25 November 2011

The Chair declared the meeting open at 3:39pm.

1. Attendance and Apologies

Present: Jodie Taylor, Chris Driver, Raphael Nowak, Jadey O'Regan, Oli Wilson, Jared Mackley-Crump, Jon Stratton, Matthew Bannister, Ian Collinson, Sarah Attfield, Liz Giuffre, Brent Keogh, Ase Ottosson, Michelle Phillipov, Nabeel Zuberi, Shane Homan, Geoff Stahl, Lauren Anderson, Peter Doyle, John Whiteoak, Aline Scott-Maxwell, Mark Sutton, Paul Oldham, Rebekah Moore, Victor A. Vicente, Donna Weston, Narelle McCoy, Kirsten Zemke, Dan Bendrups, Andrea Gordon, Shelley Brunt (Chair), Penny Spirou (Treasurer).

Apologies: Katelyn Barney (Secretary), Ed Montano (Publications (Web) Officer), Julie Rickwood, Gavin Carfoot, Rosemary Richards, Eve Klein, Denis Crowdy, Henry Johnson, Mark Evans, Roy Shuker.

2. Minutes of the 2010 AGM (Monash University, Melbourne)

The Chair asked for any feedback on the minutes and as there were no corrections the Chair then asked if someone who attended the 2010 meeting could move the item.

Moved by Geoff Stahl; seconded by Liz Giuffre.

The minutes of the 2010 AGM were accepted.

3. Executive Reports

3.1 Chair's Report

The Chair thanked the IASPM-ANZ Executive for their hard work and collegiality over the year. She noted that IASPM-ANZ Secretary Kate Barney and Publications (Web) Officer Ed Montano were leaving the Executive and thanked them for their work. The Chair noted that a motion from the previous AGM was that past editors of IASPM-ANZ proceedings attempt to post copies to state libraries and the National Library. She said that there had not been much progress on this and that there had been discussions at the last conference about hard copies of proceedings being in boxes at the different universities. The Chair asked for comments from the floor. Shane Homan said that there had been 120 copies printed this year. He said to ensure every author gets a copy it was important to post this information to the IASPM-ANZ e-list and give free copies to 2011 conference delegates. He suggested putting out a call to the e-list for those who want to

take one for their own institution's library. The Chair noted that this needed to be organised as soon as possible and asked Ed Montano to further explore the relationship with INFORMIT. Dan Bendrups suggested that the proceedings could be digital. He noted that there was no budget for printing and that this had come out of the conference fees or universities own budgets previously. He said that making it available solely online could be easier for people to access elsewhere and that it could still be published with an ISBN. The Chair noted that each proceedings would still need an editor but that it would alleviate the cost of printing. She said that INFORMIT have a list of electronic versions of conference proceedings but it is currently on hold. The Chair said that this was an issue at each year's AGM. She suggested there be a motion that the Publications (Web) Officer looks after the distribution of the proceedings after publication. Liz Giuffre volunteered to get proceedings to libraries and post them all out to state libraries as was required. The Chair thanked her but noted that this was the job of one of members of the Executive and it should be made a more defined part of their role. Kirsten Zemke suggested that all copies of the proceedings could be sent to one place. Jodie Taylor noted that she had tried donating books to Griffith University library but that they won't accept them because they don't have space. She noted that students won't order them unless they're on e-book. Dan Bendrups said that he was against INFORMIT when it was proposed because he felt that it would have no benefit and said it restricting IASPM-ANZ's ability to disseminate publications. The Chair noted that the person setting up INFORMIT is based in Melbourne at RMIT. Liz Giuffre noted that academic libraries subscribe to INFORMIT.

Motion: For Publications (Web) Officer to take on the duty of distributing conference proceedings along with their usual duties and that IASPM-ANZ Executive members have the conference fee waived when appropriate.

Moved by Dan Bendrups; seconded by Jodie Taylor.

The Chair noted that a motion from last year's AGM was for the Executive to further discuss the publication prize. She noted that it had been established to recognise research on Australia and New Zealand topics and that at the last AGM there had been discussion from the floor about the limited scope of this but that the Executive had decided to offer the prize in the same way again. She said she would delay discussion about the prize until this was mentioned at item 6. Finally, the Chair concluded by again thanking the Executive for their hard work, and thanked Geoff Stahl and Victoria University of Wellington for the great conference.

3. 2 Treasurer's Report

Refer to Appendix A for the full report.

The Treasurer noted that membership numbers had remained relatively stable (from 112 last year to 109 this year), as had the expenses and deposits. The bank interest (Raboplus)

had doubled from last year (\$328.80 in 2010 to \$603.68 in 2011). Overall, 2011 had seen increased financial growth for IASPM-ANZ, with an uplift of \$2590.37 from last year's balance.

The Chair asked for the floor to accept this report.

The report was passed.

3.3 Secretary's Report

In her absence, the Secretary's report was read by the Chair. The Secretary noted in her report that it had been a year of ongoing activity for her fielding e-mails from interested members, posting notices and calls-for-papers on the e-list. She said that behind the scenes there had been many on-line discussions over the year between the committee members and there had also been many discussions between the IASPM-ANZ committee and Wellington conference convenor Geoff Stahl. She said that she was currently preparing an edition of *Soundings* e-newsletter. She noted that she would be putting out a call for items soon. She thanked members who had submitted material for inclusion and encouraged members, particularly postgraduate students, to submit conference reviews. She noted that she was stepping down from the role of Secretary after four years on the Executive. Finally she concluded by thanking the Chair and also the Treasurer and the Publications (Web) Officer for their support and assistance throughout the year and wished the incoming Secretary all the best in the role. The Chair formally thanked the Secretary for her work.

3.4 The Publications (Web) Officer

In his absence, the Publications (Web) Officer report was read by the Chair. In his report he stated the he had shifted the website over to the Wordpress Content Management System. He noted that this is one of the more user-friendly content management systems, and therefore meant it would be easier for anyone with little or no web administration experience to take over the Publications (Web) Officer role in the future. He stated that the theme could also be upgraded easily at a later date if required and that web-hosting and the domain name have been renewed this year. He noted that issues accessing the International IASPM list were being resolved by the International Executive and that control of the list had been passed to the International membership secretary. He said in his report that he had sent emails to Rob Strachan at Liverpool University, who currently looks after the list, with names of new IASPM-ANZ members who need adding to the list but was unsure if people had been added. He noted that once the International Executive took over, this will be easier to resolve. He stated in the report that if anyone was still not receiving International list emails to please contact him. He noted that the Treasurer Penny Spirou would be taking control of the local list and to contact her if anyone needed to be added to the list. He said in his report that he was leaving the position of

Publications (Web) Officer after three years and would now be the Web Officer on the International Executive. He thanked the present and past members of the IASPM-ANZ Executive for their help and support. He said that if any of the members wanted anything posted to the International IASPM website or if they had an issue they wanted to bring before the International Executive to please contact him. He noted that the call for papers for the 2013 international conference in Spain would be released in the coming weeks. The Chair formally thanked the Publications (Web) Officer for his work.

4. Election of the 2011/12 Executive and Non-Executive

The Chair noted that the Secretary had received only one nominee for each position. The Chair said that nominations were not needed for the non-Executive position.

The unanimously-elected members were as follows:

Executive:

- 4.1 Chair: Shelley Brunt (continuing) (nom: Ian Chapman; 2nd: Henry Johnson)
- 4.2 Treasurer: Penny Spirou (continuing) (nom: Natalie Lewandowski; 2nd: James Cox)
- 4.3 Secretary: Julie Rickwood (incoming) (nom: Bruce Johnson; 2nd: Katelyn Barney)
- 4.4 Publications (Web) Officer: Eve Klein (incoming) (Ed Montano; 2nd: Katelyn Barney)

Non-Executive:

- 4.5 New Zealand Representative: Kirsten Zemke (incoming)

The Chair observed that two members of the Executive were continuing and welcomed the incoming Secretary Julie Rickwood, the incoming Publications (Web) Officer Eve Klein and the incoming New Zealand Representative Kirsten Zemke.

5. Conference Registration Waiver for Executive Members

The Chair noted that IASPM-ANZ currently had a healthy budget and suggested a conference subsidy for conference registration and airfares for Executive members. She noted that this was done for the International IASPM Executive. She asked the floor for comments.

Geoff Stahl noted that for the International IASPM Executive international airfares were covered which allowed the International Executive to meet to discuss abstracts and have face-to-face meetings. He noted that since the budget was healthy it could be done but there could be issues. He said that accommodation could be covered but that this should only support people who do not have institutional support. Shane Homan noted that it may also be an issue of geography, depending on where the Executive members were situated. Geoff Stahl suggested that conference fees could be waived for the Executive. Liz Giuffre said that this initiative was encouraging and that funding for her was dependant on her employment which currently was as a casual lecturer. Jon Stratton said he agreed completely with the initiative but questioned whether it could be afforded and

how much it would cost. He stated that waiving conference fees was a great idea but questioned whether IASPM-ANZ could afford to pay for airfares.

The Chair noted that this would differ each year and noted that waiving conference registrations for Executive members was a good starting point. The Chair asked for a show of hands of those in favour and all agreed. Dan Bendrups said a budget would be needed for this and it could be factored in the conference fee for delegates. Geoff Stahl said this would depend on the institution hosting the event. Jon Stratton said that regarding the airfares issue, the Executive could examine the cost of airfares for last few years to see what the cost would be like to find and see if this would be affordable. The Chair noted that IASPM-ANZ could afford to do this and would examine the last five years and find the average cost of air travel. She said she would report on more information at the next AGM.

Motion: In future years IASPM-ANZ Executive members have the conference fee waived when appropriate.

Moved by John Whiteoak; seconded by Jon Stratton.

6. Announcement of the IASPM-ANZ Publication Prize

The Chair noted that the prize had been judged by three senior IASPM-ANZ members from Australia and New Zealand who had chosen to remain anonymous. The judges had evaluated the submissions for the prize and had decided on the winner of the prize for 2011. She stated that the purpose of the prize was to recognise IASPM-ANZ members researching the Australia and New Zealand region. She noted that the first time the prize was offered in 2010 the Executive only received three submissions. She said the Executive had decided to run the prize again in 2011 to see if this prize had a future. The Chair stated that this time there had been nine submissions. The submissions had to be peer-reviewed academic texts with a 2011 publication date and focused on popular music in Australia or New Zealand. She said the prize was \$AUD500. The Chair thanked the judges for their assistance.

The Chair read out the judging panel report and announced that the winner of the prize was Ase Ottosson. The Treasurer awarded the cheque to Ase Ottosson.

The Chair noted that at the previous AGM there had been discussion about whether the prize excluded some members. The Chair asked the floor to accept the judge's report

The report was passed.

The Chair asked the floor for comments on the prize.

John Whiteoak noted that it seemed like a clear win by Ase Ottosson. Liz Giuffre asked if there were any honourable mentions of submissions to the prize but the Chair said there were not. Shane Honan questioned whether the results of the survey about the prize had been made available. The Chair said the Executive had not circulated the results but noted that respondents had been frank. She said that she wanted to gauge the thoughts of members who were not at the meeting previous meeting. The Chair noted that she was not comfortable sharing the information in the survey at this time because the respondents had given responses in confidence and did not expect they would be publicly aired. She added that the results were not brought to the AGM. Shane Homan suggested that the survey results should be made public. Liz Giuffre said perhaps the membership could be asked whether they would be happy with revealing this information. The Chair said she would ask the outgoing Secretary Kate Barney to review the results and if there was a numerical way of measuring then that will be made known to the membership. She said that comments could also possibly be made available. Jon Stratton said that only numerical results were needed and it was not necessary to include comments. The Chair noted that not everyone in the membership had responded to the survey.

Geoff Stahl noted that some resolution was needed on the issue. He said he was offering constructive criticism and he would feel uncomfortable if this issue was not resolved at the AGM. He questioned whether the prize was about rewarding regional work or members from Australia/New Zealand doing international work. The Chair said that the decision had been made to hold the prize again and felt it was worthwhile which had been confirmed by the judges. She added that she felt the prize should exist but that the issue was that members who did not research Australia and New Zealand could not be considered for the prize. She noted that this could be discussed under item 11 other business and could be raised as a proposal for additional prizes. Dan Bendrups suggested that the prize could be split between a prize for Australia/New Zealand research and an open prize. Jon Stratton agreed that two categories could be a compromise.

John Whiteoak noted that it was an equity issue which was wider than IASPM. He noted that Currency Press focused on music in Australasia and it was important to encourage work in the Australia/New Zealand field. He noted that if IASPM-ANZ had the funds for two prizes then that was good but there needed to be encouragement for publications in the Australia/New Zealand region. The Chair agreed and said this was the reason for the prize. The Chair asked for other thoughts on a second prize. Kirsten Zemke questioned the use of the term 'regional' research. Jon Stratton suggested that a minimum number of entries was needed for each prize. The Chair agreed that a minimum number of three submissions was needed and also noted that they had awarded the prize to the same person two years in a row and it needed to be clearly stated that it was possible to be eligible to win two years in a row. Dan Bendrups noted that it was difficult for reviewers

to compare books, book chapters, and articles and questioned whether it could be limited to book chapters and articles. The Chair said that for the type of prize it worked fine to include all publication types. Dan Bendrups suggested that a motion be put forward for the Executive to think about splitting the prize into the two categories.

The Chair said it would be problematic to have an open prize as there is 109 members and there was potential for all of them to submit publications to an open prize. Kirsten Zemke noted the importance of supporting research in the Australia/New Zealand area but questioned the function of having an open prize. Dan Bendrups stated there were two reasons for an open prize, one was for inclusion and the other was to enable recognition to flow to other members. Brent Keogh agreed with Jon Stratton's view that people working in other areas can be supported elsewhere. Geoff Stahl said that nothing would be lost by adding another prize. Ase Ottosson asked whether the second prize could be to specifically award a postgraduate student. Dan Bendrups noted that there was already a prize for postgraduates. Liz Giuffre asked the Chair to confirm the problems associated with an open prize. The Chair said that it would mean the possibility of receiving a large number of submissions and added pressure on the judges. She noted that there was also already an International IASPM book prize that members could submit to.

Peter Doyle suggested it should be kept simple and that IASPM-ANZ could have two prizes, one that recognises Australia/New Zealand research and another on 'other' research. Jody Taylor agreed with the idea of having two prizes. Ian Collinson also agreed with having two prizes. Paul Oldham also agreed with having two prizes. Michelle Phillopov also agreed with having two prizes. Nabeel Zuberi also agreed with having two prizes.

The Chair called for vote at the AGM and noted that the first prize had been voted for at the 2009 AGM. The Chair asked whether the floor was in agreement to create an IASPM-ANZ Publications Prize with the condition of there being a second category of 'other' with a minimum of three entries and with a judging panel being invited by the IASPM-ANZ Executive. She noted that the eligibility could be solely determined by the membership and the financial value would to be determined by the Executive.

The Chair asked for a show of hands in agreement: 30 agreed and two disagreed. The Chair noted this and said they would move to the next item.

7. IASPM-ANZ Representative on the ICTM-ANZ Regional Committee

The Chair noted that Kate Barney (outgoing Secretary) was nominated as the 2011-2012 IASPM-ANZ representative on the ICTM (International Council for Traditional Music) Regional Committee. This role is reviewed annually at each IASPM-ANZ AGM, and

candidates were chosen by the IASPM-ANZ Executive. Dan Bendrups explained that the committee provided a unifying society for ethnomusicology in the region.

8. Announcement of the Postgraduate Presentation Prize

The Chair noted that the judges had managed to move between sessions to attend student papers. She noted that there had been an excellent array of topics and many very good PhD student presentations. Yet she noted there was one winner. The Prize was \$AUD250 and the winner was Oli Wilson for his paper titled 'Signifiers of Place in Papua New Guinea'. She stated that an honourable mention went to Rebekah Moore for her paper on Indonesian music. The Chair thanked the judges for their assistance.

9. Proceedings

9.1 Report on Publication of Melbourne conference proceedings

Shane Homan noted the proceedings from the 2010 Melbourne Auckland conference had been published. The state libraries and universities held copies and the authors had been contacted. He thanked all the contributors and also the reviewers for their assistance. The Chair noted the timely turnaround for publication.

9.2 Proceedings 2011

Liz Giuffre and Penny Spirou stated that the call for papers would be released soon.

10. 2012 IASPM-ANZ Conference

Michelle Phillopov reported that the 2012 conference would be held in Hobart, Tasmania. She will call for volunteers to edit the 2012 proceedings.

11. Other Business

The Chair asked the floor if there was any further business. Dan Bendrups questioned what percentage of membership is needed for a quorum. Victor Vicente asked whether there were by-laws. The Chair said there were not. Shane Homan noted that the tradition in IASPM-ANZ had been that whoever attended the AGM were the ones that made decisions and that a quorum was not needed. Jon Stratton and the Chair agreed with Shane Homan's statement. Dan Bendrups asked whether this involved a motion or a show of hands and noted that both methods were different to drawing towards a consensus. He noted that having the process clear gave finality when an issue had continued from a previous AGM.

Ase Ottosson asked how many people had attended the Wellington conference and Geoff Stahl said 57 had attended. Rebekah Moore stated that a call for papers had been released for an ICTM study group in Manilla and submissions were due on 1 December, 2011. She noted that more representation of popular music scholars was needed at this event.

Geoff Stahl thanked Lauren Anderson and the volunteers for their assistance with the conference.

The Chair declared the 2011 IASPM-ANZ AGM closed at 5:08pm.

Appendix A: Treasurer's Report IASPM-ANZ 2011

1. BALANCE

20 November 2011 = \$16,483.54

Figures for comparison:

17 November 2010 = \$13,893.17

24 November 2009 = \$11,006.24

26 November 2008 = \$10,217.85

2. DEPOSITS (17 November 2010 – 20 November 2011)

Bank interest = \$603.68

Conference proceedings = \$235.00

Membership payments = \$4,535.00

Total = \$5,373.68

3. EXPENSES (17 November 2010 – 20 November 2011)

Bank fees (account fees, and telegraphic transfers) = \$44.35

Paypal fees = \$34.01

Postgraduate prize for IASPM-ANZ 2010 conference = \$250.00

Publication prize for IASPM-ANZ 2010 conference = \$500.00

Postgraduate travel subsidies for IASPM-ANZ 2010 conference = \$100.00

IASPM international fees = \$1403.22

Website hosting = \$296.15

Renewal of website domain = \$22.50

Total expenses = \$2,650.23

4. MEMBERSHIP BREAKDOWN

Waged Members = 68

Student/Unwaged Members = 33

Institutional Members = 8

Total number of members = 109

5. GENERAL COMMENTS

Membership numbers have remained relatively stable (from 112 last year to 109 this year), as have our expenses and deposits. The bank interest (Raboplus) has doubled from last year (\$328.80 in 2010 to \$603.68 in 2011) as we continue to hold a high rate. Overall, 2011 has seen increased financial growth for IASPM-ANZ, with an uplift of \$2590.37 from last year's balance. I have really enjoyed my first year as treasurer and look forward to many more years in this position.

Penny Spirou