

IASPM-ANZ  
Annual General Meeting 2005  
Victoria University Wellington

6 December 2005

The meeting opened at 3:45pm.

1. Attendance and Apologies

Present: Karen Neill, Geoff Stahl, Megan Evans, Catherine Strong, Kate Galloway, Sophie Pusz, Liz Giuffre, Ian Collinson, Tony Mitchell, Shane Homan, Dan Bendrups, Mark Evans, John Whiteoak, Graeme Smith, Geoff King, Matthew Bannister, Jon Stratton, Aline Scott-Maxwell, Denis Crowdy (Chair), John Scannell (Treasurer), Shelley Brunt (Secretary).

Apologies: Eve Klein.

2. Previous Minutes

The minutes of the 2004 AGM were accepted.  
Moved by Liz Giuffre; seconded by Mark Evans

3. Executive Reports

The Chair proposed moving through the reports quickly and that reports from the Executive are accepted in a final motion at the end of the item.

3.1 Chair's Report

The Chair reported an excellent number of local members from IASPM-ANZ attending and presenting at the IASPM international conference in Rome earlier this year. He noted that this represented a growing acceptance of Australian and New Zealand researches in the international arena.

The Chair acknowledged that the '.org.au' extension of the domain name for the IASPM-ANZ website was perhaps not inclusive of New Zealand members. He apologised for this and explained that this was what was available at the time. The domain name can be changed in the future if necessary.

The Chair formally thanked the organisers of the Wellington conference, Geoff Stahl and Roy Shuker, for a smooth-running and enjoyable conference.

3.1 Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer called attention to the attached budget and report. It was noted that IASPM-ANZ had inherited a balance of \$1084.05 from the previous year. The Treasurer thanked the former Treasurer (Alison Huber) and former Chair (Shane Homan) for

ensuring a healthy changeover and budget. Shane Homan apologised for the balance remaining from 2004.

The Treasurer noted that the \$1200 fee that was paid to IASPM international in 2005 left IASPM-ANZ in a financially poor position. It was stressed that he had asked IASPM for leniency but this had not occurred. In any case, the generous income of \$5740 gained from the 2004 SIMS conference redressed the balance. The Chair thanked Graeme Smith for his assistance in obtaining the SIMS money.

The Treasurer suggested dedicating future funds toward assisting postgraduates with conference travel.

The Treasurer stated that IASPM-ANZ had 55 members who had paid their fees. He thanked the Secretary for handing out application forms at the Wellington conference in an effort to get lapsed members to pay their fees.

The Treasurer noted that IASPM-ANZ had reimbursed the keynote speaker of the Wellington Conference, Andy Bennett, for \$1000 of his expenses toward travel and other items. He noted that the conference organisers, Geoff Stahl and Roy Shuker, had not asked for money at this stage from IASPM-ANZ. Roy Shuker explained that they had budgeted for the conference and their department had absorbed other costs which meant that they had 'broken even'.

### 3.1 Secretary's Report

The Secretary stated that her intention for 2005 was to be active on the e-list and to encourage members' participation.

She noted that since the introduction of the new website, she wanted the e-publication Soundings to serve a new purpose rather than just disseminating information (which was largely done through the website). The Secretary said that Soundings was now dedicated to longer text articles (such as book and conference reviews) and would be published less frequently. She said that these changes were made in consultation with the website officer, Eve Klein, and the Secretary commended Eve on her website efforts. This praise was reiterated by Dan Bendrups.

All of the items under 3 were moved by Geoff King; seconded by Tony Mitchell.

## 4. Election of the 2006 Executive.

The Secretary noted that she had not received any postal nominations.

The Chair asked that all items be accepted at the end.

### 4.1 Chair; 4.2 Treasurer; 4.3 Secretary.

The Chair stated that the current executive was happy to continue in 2006: Denis Crowdy (Chair), John Scannell (Treasurer) and Shelley Brunt (Secretary).

#### 4.5 New Zealand Representative.

The current representative for New Zealand, Roy Shuker, suggested that another person take over this position because he will be on leave for a substantial amount of time in 2006. Roy noted that Dan Bendrups was prepared to do this. The Chair acknowledged that this changeover was somewhat unorthodox because the time for nomination has passed. He said that if there were no objections from the Executive or the floor, then the changeover would occur when Roy takes leave.

#### 4.6 Website Officer

The Web officer, Eve Klein, was reinstated.

It was also noted that Mark Evans should continue his role as Perfect Beat representative.

All of the items under 4 were moved by Tony Mitchell; seconded by Shane Homan.

### 5. Publications

#### 5.1 Chair's Report on the SIMS Proceedings

The Chair said that the proceedings would be available soon as a pdf; possibly ready by the end of the year and would have a 2005 date.

#### 5.2 Online Possibilities

The Chair said that in the future he hoped the proceedings would be available to the general public online. He asked the floor if there were any objections to this. Dan Bendrups noted that the Latin American IASPM branch already presents proceedings in this manner. He said that presenter's names were listed alphabetically and that individual papers were available for download. The Chair said he would consider adopting this method for IASPM-ANZ.

#### 5.3 ISBN Numbers

The Chair said that he had purchased a block of 10 ISBNs for IASPM-ANZ because they were cheaper to buy in bulk and he anticipated the organisation's need for more numbers in the future.

The Chair put to the floor the idea of publishing proceedings for the Wellington Conference. Geoff Stahl asked if the Chair was considering publishing using multimedia. Roy Shuker said that he had preliminary thoughts on this subject and commented that 'multimedia proceedings' (such as the one Geoff was currently compiling for the IASPM Rome conference) was a large task to undertake alone. The Chair asked the floor how many people would be interested in proceedings (show of approximately 12 hands). Liz Giuffre observed that it would be beneficial for early career researchers.

The Chair said he thought proceedings for Wellington would be useful but he could not volunteer to be an editor because of his upcoming research work. Dan Bendrups

volunteered to co-edit with Mark Evans. The Chair said he was happy to help out in other ways as did Megan Evans.

Moved by the Secretary; seconded by Roy Shuker.

## 6. 2006 IASPM-ANZ Conference

### 6.1 Proposal for Sydney Venue

The Chair reported an offer from the JMC Academy (41 Holt St, Surry Hills NSW) to host the 2006 conference in June. Phil Hayward's contacts with the organisation meant that IASPM-ANZ could have use of the Academy's facilities, venue and catering without cost.

The Chair asked the floor if anyone had other ideas (no responses). Aline Scott-Maxwell asked if the conference could be held at JMC Academy but at another time of year and the Chair said that JMC had indicated that dates were not negotiable. Shane Homan asked if there was a 'catch'. The Chair replied that JMC had an interest in being associated with scholarly organisations such as IASPM-ANZ to develop its profile and he could not see a 'catch'. Shane Homan agreed that this was a reasonable offer.

Motion: IASPM-ANZ members accept that the 2006 conference be held in June providing the Executive has complete control over the schedule for the academic papers.

The motion was accepted.

Tony Mitchell observed that holding the local conference in June would put it in line with the international IASPM conference in 2007 which would also be held at this time of year. The Chair commented that he would try to organise the local conference to be held as late as possible in June 2006. He also stressed that the conditions of IASPM-ANZ using the JMC venue were that all of the logistics would be left to JMC and that he would ask Phil Hayward to assist.

The Secretary asked that all attendees (both JMC staff/students and IASPM presenters) have paid their IASPM-ANZ fees as a condition of entry to the 2006 conference.

## 7. Inter-Society Liaising

The Secretary called for the need for more communication between IASPM-ANZ and other local music organisations in the region, such as the Musicological Association of Australia (MSA), noting her position as Membership Secretary on the MSA executive. She suggested there was merit in establishing better relations because of MSA's status, its large membership base and the fact that there was a growing number of early career researchers in MSA who were interested in popular music. She also noted that other music organisations were frequently called upon by the media for comment and this rarely happened for IASPM-ANZ. She suggested the IASPM-ANZ lift its profile in relation to other music organisations and society in general. Dan Bendrups agreed and

also suggested liaising with the International Council for Traditional Music (ICTM) because of the society's focus on popular music. The Secretary said this was a good idea but noted that ICTM did not have a local branch in the region.

Tony Mitchell said he agreed with the Secretary and Dan Bendrups in principle but reminded the floor how IASPM-ANZ was seemingly marginalised and alienated by these organisations at the SIMS conference. He suggested some kind of liaising that did not involve holding joint-conferences. Geoff Stahl said the local branch in Canada had encountered a similar situation with regard to joint conferences. Megan Evans said that her experiences with MSA were good and she would like to see more liaising in the future.

The Chair reiterated that the Executive was not proposing a merger for IASPM-ANZ and any of these organisations but was simply exploring some options.

He proposed the following five points of action:

1. The Executive contact MSA and find out when their conferences are held.
2. That IASPM-ANZ do not (regularly) hold joint conferences with other music organisations because this does not seem to benefit the organisation or its members.
3. That IASPM-ANZ members and the Executive work on creating a database of members' interests and specialities so that the media can easily find a contact person within the organisation.
4. That IASPM-ANZ advertise its presence through members directly and through members' workplaces. The Chair suggested creating posters for display at universities.
5. That MSA and IASPM-ANZ both grant 10% discounts for reciprocal memberships (and possibly the Cultural Studies Association of Australasia (CSAA)).

Jon Stratton asked that IASPM-ANZ nominate a person to be the first point of reference for publicity. The Chair replied by saying that this idea should be best taken up at the 2006 AGM. Graeme Smith commented that MSA was known for its bureaucracy and he thought it unlikely that these ideas would come to fruition in a timely manner. The Secretary said that she has monthly meetings with the MSA executive and she would propose these ideas at one of these meetings in early 2006.

The motion to move the five points of action (raised by the Chair) was moved by Dan Bendrups and seconded by Mark Evans.

## 8. Other Business

### 8.1 2005 Keynote

The Chair observed that perhaps it was not suitable to have a keynote speaker at future IASPM-ANZ conferences due to the cost. Tony Mitchell commented that the international IASPM conferences replaced keynotes with plenary speakers (since the

Turku, Finland conference). Geoff Stahl agreed that a small branch such as IASPM-ANZ did not need a keynote speaker for a local conference and Geoff King also agreed.

Tony Mitchell noted that the Wellington conference was successful in presenting a single session each day (i.e. no parallel sessions) and that this should continue in the future. The Chair agreed.

Motion: IASPM-ANZ members accept that, in general, future local conferences will not have a keynote speaker. If numbers permit, the 2006 conference will instead have plenary speakers and it is preferred that the single session system be adopted.

Moved by Tony Mitchell; seconded by Geoff Stahl.

#### 8.2 2005 Conference Postgraduate Prize

Shane Homan asked the Chair why the postgraduate prize was not advertised or awarded at the 2005 conference. The Chair apologised for this and said it was simply an oversight on his behalf. Roy Shuker suggested that a prize and several 'honorary mentions' could be awarded in retrospect. The Executive agreed that this could be done providing a judging committee be appointed. The Chair said that this responsibility would lie with the Executive who would discuss this after the AGM and put a plan into action. The Secretary said that a list of postgraduates could be obtained from the conference registration forms held by Geoff Stahl and/or Roy Shuker.

#### 8.3 Book Reviews

Geoff Stahl said that there were several books by IASPM-ANZ members which were available for review. The reviews would be published in Soundings and linked to the IASPM international website. He asked for interested parties to contact him and the Secretary after the AGM.

#### 8.4 A Final Thankyou

Roy Shuker thanked all conference presenters and attendees and wished everyone a safe return journey. He was pleased to see so many people travelling from Australia to New Zealand and noted that the last time a local conference was held in New Zealand was in 1996.

There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 5:00pm

Shelley Brunt (Secretary)  
16 December 2006