

IASPM-ANZ
Annual General Meeting 2006
JMC, Sydney

25 June 2006

The meeting opened at 4:30pm.

1. Attendance and Apologies

Present: Tony Mitchell, Adrian Renzo, Liz Giuffre, Sophie Pusz, Ian Collinson, Aline Scott-Maxwell, Guy Morrow, John Whiteoak, Megan Evans, Brandy Leonard, Michael Kovalik, Ramon Lobato, Gavin Carfoot, Chris Garigliano, Peter Doyle, Eve Klein, Geoff King, Shane Homan, Jennifer Cattermole, Mark Evans, Dan Bendrups, Andrew Pleffer, Alex Mesker, Alex Mesker, Heather Simmonds, Aaron Corn, Henry Johnson, Phillip McIntyre, Geoff Stahl, Denis Crowdy (Chair), John Scannell (Treasurer), Shelley Brunt (Secretary).

1.1 Apologies

There were no apologies.

1.2 Venue

The Chair thanked JMC for use of the venue and the two women at the front desk for their assistance throughout the conference. Vouchers were given to the women as gifts.

2. Previous Minutes

The minutes of the 2005 AGM were accepted.
Moved by Geoff Stahl; seconded by Liz Giuffre

3. Executive Reports

The Chair noted only 6 months had lapsed since the previous AGM and, as such, there was little to report from the Executive.

3.1 Chair's Report

The Chair observed that it had been a successful conference, and said that perhaps this was in spite of the relaxed approach to the organisation of the event. Mark Evans cheerfully noted that the conference had been 'Eno-esque' in that he was never quite sure what was going on, but it all worked out in the end.

3.2 Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer noted that the financial report was not complete (due to reasons stated above). He said that conference attendees who had not received receipts for registration should expect them via email in the coming weeks.

3.3 Secretary's Report

The Secretary reiterated the Chair's observations (noted in 3). She said that since the last AGM, another edition of Soundings newsletter had been produced and she thanked all of the contributors, especially those who wrote

book reviews. She said she hoped to produce another newsletter in the latter half of the year.

4. Election of the 2006/7 Executive.

The Secretary noted that she had not received any postal nominations. The Chair said that all members of the Executive intended to retain their positions and asked the floor if any discussion was needed. There were no responses.

The unanimously-elected members were as follows:

4.1 Chair: Denis Crowdy;

4.2 Treasurer: John Scannell;

4.3 Secretary: Shelley Brunt;

4.4 Publications (web) Officer: Eve Klein;

4.5 Perfect Beat Representative: Mark Evans;

4.6 New Zealand Representative: Dan Bendrups.

5. Publications

5.1 Proposal: IASPM-ANZ/ *Soundings* book review policy (blind review?)

The Chair acknowledged that there had been a complaint made that there was not a 'blind review' policy for books. The Chair stated that IASPM-ANZ has ever had a 'blind review' policy. This was due to the fact that postage needed to be negotiated between the 'holder' of the book and the person reviewing it. He stated that IASPM-ANZ did not have the funds to pay for postage. It was also acknowledged that IASPM-ANZ's current method for book distribution was in keeping with IASPM (international)'s policy. The Chair stated that the executive was dealing with the review process and that he would ensure that the process was fair.

5.2 Update on the Wellington proceedings

Ian Collinson thanked members who had already submitted their articles, and stated that the due date had been extended until 31 July 2007. He noted that 11 papers had been received to date. He said that once more had been received, he would proceed.

5.3 Proposal: Conference Publications policy

5.3.1 Organisers to put aside money to publish proceedings

The Chair suggested that future organisers put aside money (~\$500) to publish proceedings.

5.3.2 Only have a conference if proceedings will be produced

The Chair observed that it is very important that IASPM-ANZ produced proceedings that were refereed. He stated that IASPM-ANZ had a block of ISBN numbers, which meant that we are able to publish proceedings in the future.

5.3.3 *Publishing on a print-on-demand basis*

The Chair noted that we can publish on-demand using electronic PDF files. He noted that some libraries will require hard copies of the proceedings and it is conceivable that we print 20 copies for such purposes, and IASPM-ANZ members can receive PDFs instead. Phillip McIntyre asked what the cost of this would be. The Chair said that he estimated that it would be \$20 a copy, which seemed expensive.

Dan Bendrups observed that the Latin American branch of IASPM posted their conference proceedings online for members to access. He did not know, however, if these were refereed. He said that the Latin American branch had been doing this for the last few years. He suggested that IASPM-ANZ could do something similar, with a bit more finesse, and it wouldn't be unusual. He concluded by saying IASPM-ANZ members could look online at the Latin American branch's website so they could see it as an example.

Aline Scott-Maxwell asked Ian Collinson if there was interest from a commercial publisher. The Chair took the question and said that there was a commercial publisher which was sending out a general email, perhaps Cambridge Scholars Press. He said that this organisation indicated there was a lot of interest in conferences on music.

Gavin Carfoot said that MSA (Musicological Society of Australia) recently published proceedings from a few years ago. He said that it turned out to be very expensive, perhaps \$150 or so (per copy?) and that contributors did not receive a free copy. He noted, however, that the proceedings were worthwhile for the MSA. Liz Giuffre commented that it seemed unfair for contributors to miss out on a copy of the proceedings.

Motion for item 5 "Publications": We approach proceedings in the manner outlined in 5.3.1 and 5.3.3.

Item 5.3.2 was also accepted, providing the wording be changed from "Only have a conference if proceedings will be produced" to "It is strongly recommended that proceedings are produced from conferences".

6. 2007 IASPM-ANZ Conference Proposal for venue: The University of Otago (Dunedin, NZ)

Dan Bendrups lead the discussion of item 6. He noted that this idea was first coined at the 2005 IASPM-ANZ conference in Wellington. He stated that it would be a good idea if conferences were alternated between Australia and New Zealand each year. He observed that the organisation is receiving more memberships from New Zealand in recent years and this was good for the organisation. He stated

that he would continue to push for increased membership from New Zealand, in his role as New Zealand representative. He commented that IASPM-ANZ had never held a conference in the South Island of New Zealand and, as such, it was a timely venture. He stated that he had the support from Henry Johnson, the head of his department and that the University had appropriate facilities. He said that he could apply for a grant to assist with the conference, which would contribute a few thousand NZD, and that this would add to the prestige of the event.

The Chair said that the conference should incorporate music and trains. He said that discussion of locomotives should be encouraged. Dan Bendrups suggested the idea of the representation of trains in film and media. He proceeded by asking what a suitable time of year would be to hold this conference in Otago. He said that there were two options: summer and winter. He noted that winter meant members could go skiing.

Shane Homan observed that the IASPM international conference was due to be held in Mexico in 2007 and wondered which month this would be. Tony Mitchell asked when the Cultural Studies conference would be held in 2007. Dan Bendrups said that he was not sure. He suggested that the IASPM-ANZ conference be held at the end of 2007.

Motion by the Chair: the IASPM-ANZ conference be held at the end of 2007, hosted by the University of Otago. Moved by Aline Scott-Maxwell; seconded by Guy Morrow.

Guy Morrow asked if you could still go skiing during summer. Dan Bendrups confirmed that this was true.

The Chair thanked Dan Bendrups and the University of Otago.

6. Other Business

6.1 Venue for 2008 IASPM-ANZ Conference

Gavin Carfoot suggested that the 2008 IASPM-ANZ could be held in Brisbane or on the Gold Coast. He said that he can investigate a proposal.

The Chair asked the floor if there was any further business.

6.2 Sydney Conference Proceedings

Eve Klein asked if there were thoughts for proceedings for the Sydney conference. Tony Mitchell asked if there were any volunteers for the job. The Chair stated that he was unable to be involved and asked the floor for any volunteers. Megan Evans said she was happy to help, as did Liz Liz Giuffre and Guy Morrow. Tony Mitchell said that a subcommittee needed to be formed. The Chair said this could be organised on the IASPM-ANZ e-list.

The Chair asked the floor if there was any further business.

6.3 Themes for Dunedin Conference

Dan Bendrups asked if there were any ideas for themes for the 2007 conference (proposed: Dunedin). The Chair said this could be discussed on the IASPM-ANZ e-list and the Executive would consider the options.

The Chair asked the floor if there was any further business.

6.4 IASPM-ANZ Postgraduate Prize

Shane Homan asked what was happening with the 2006 Postgraduate Prize for the Sydney conference. The Chair apologised for not selecting a panel of judges. He said that it could be awarded retrospectively. The Chair asked Shane Homan to select judges. He said that the prize would be \$100 AUD.

The Chair asked the floor if there was any further business.

6.5 Publishing Proceedings

Chris Garigliano asked how what needed to be done in order for his paper to be published. The Chair said that a call would be put out for proceedings, and once a paper was submitted it would be reviewed and either accepted or rejected.

The Chair asked the floor if there was any further business.

6.6 IASPM-ANZ Membership

The Treasurer said that he would compile a list of members who needed to pay their dues. He said he would contact these members via email or the e-list.

The Chair asked the floor if there was any further business.

Tony Mitchell thanked the IASPM-ANZ executive for the Eno-esque organisation of the conference and the AGM. The Floor applauded the Chair.

The Chair declared the 2006 IASPM-ANZ AGM closed at 6pm.