

IASPM-ANZ
Annual General Meeting 2008
Griffith University, Brisbane
28 November 2008

The Chair declared the meeting open at 6:15pm.

1. Attendance and Apologies

Present: Catherine Strong, Alison Huber, Michael Walsh, Sarah Baker, Geoff King, Aline Scott-Maxwell, Shane Homan, Graeme Smith, Nabeel Zuberi, Denis Crowdy, Andy Bennett, Jon Stratton, Michael Brown, Jon Fitzgerald, Peter Doyle, Gavin Carfoot, James Cox, Kirsten Zemke, Adrian Renzo, Phillip McIntyre, Shelley Brunt (Chair), Jennifer Cattermole (Treasurer), Katelyn Barney (Secretary).

Apologies: Dan Bendrups, Henry Johnson, Sue Monk, Karl Neuenfeldt.

2. Minutes of the 2008 AGM (University of Otago, Dunedin)

The Chair asked for any feedback on the minutes and as there were no corrections the Chair then asked if someone who attended the 2007 meeting could move the item.

Moved by Philip McIntyre; seconded by Denis Crowdy.

The minutes of the 2007 AGM were accepted.

3. Executive Reports

3.1 Chair's Report

The Chair noted that it has been quiet year for IASPM-ANZ but that there had been a new executive with Jen Cattermole taking on Treasurer, Katelyn Barney as Secretary and her shifting from Secretary to Chair. The IASPM-ANZ committee also changed with Denis Crowdy becoming Publications (Web) Officer, Mark Evans had continued as Perfect Beat representative and Dan Bendrups had continued as NZ representative. The Chair noted that she had put in place a formal process for the postgraduate prize. This year a small panel of judges was put together (the Chair, Nabeel Zuberi, Jon Stratton and Aline Scott Maxwell). The Chair also developed a judging sheet which is being trialed for 2008. On another note, the Chair observed that local membership had been removed so that all members had international membership. She pointed out that some members still did not have access to the international email list and asked members to contact herself or Katelyn Barney if this was the case. Finally, the Chair thanked the conference convenors at Griffith University for their tireless efforts on the IASPM-ANZ 2008 conference in Brisbane and also the Executive for their work over the year.

3.2 Treasurer's Report

Refer to Appendix A for the full report.

The Treasurer noted that she was organising membership renewal a little differently from in the past as she sends out an e-mail to remind members to renew their membership. If membership is not renewed then that person is then eventually removed from the IASPM-ANZ e-list. The Chair noted that membership may change after the conference as people join in order to present.

The Chair asked for the floor to accept this report.

The report was passed.

3.3 Secretary's Report

The Secretary noted 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, and trying to maintaining a regular presence online. She said that behind the scenes there had been many on-line discussions over the year between the committee members in relation to a number of issues including the editorial board for IASPM's new international journal, marketing ideas, and putting IASPM-ANZ conference proceedings on INFORMIT database. She noted that there had also been many discussions between the IASPM committee and conference committee in relation to Brisbane conference. She said that she was currently preparing an edition of *Soundings* e-newsletter for 2008. She noted the Executive had decided the next edition should be published after the conference so that a review of the conference could be included, and also possibly photos from the conference. Also, she noted that it would be useful to include reviews of other conferences around the same time which IASPM-ANZ members are attending, such as the MSA national conference. She thanked members who had submitted material for inclusion and encouraged members, particularly postgraduate students, to submit conference reviews. She thanked the Brisbane conference convenors for organising an enjoyable event. Finally she concluded by thanking the Chair for her untiring advice on secretarial matters and also the Treasurer for her support and assistance.

4. **Election of the 2008/09 Executive and Non-Executive**

The Secretary stated that she had received only one nominee for each position. She said that nominations were not needed for non-executive positions.

The unanimously-elected members were as follows:

Executive:

4.1 Chair: Shelley Brunt (continuing) (nom: Henry Johnson; 2nd: Dan Bendrups)

4.2 Treasurer: Jennifer Cattermole (continuing) (nom: Denis Crowdy; 2nd: Guy Morrow)

4.3 Secretary: Katelyn Barney (continuing) (nom: Gavin Carfoot; 2nd: Jodie Taylor)

4.4 Publications (web) Officer: Ed Montano (nom: Denis Crowdy; 2nd: Mark Evans)

Non-Executive:

4.5 Perfect Beat Representative: Mark Evans (continuing)

4.6 New Zealand Representative: Dan Bendrups (continuing)

The Chair observed that all members of the executive and non-executive were continuing except for the Publications (web) Officer. She welcomed the new Publications (web) Officer Ed Montano and thanked the outgoing new Publications (web) Officer Denis Crowdy for his many years of service in IASPM-ANZ.

5. Conference Funding

5.1 Funding for Indigenous participants

The Chair said that Karl Neuenfeldt had asked the Executive whether IASPM-ANZ can provide funding for Indigenous Australians to participate in IASPM-ANZ conferences. The Chair noted that at present IASPM-ANZ did not provide funding for Indigenous participants and also pointed out that Dan Bendrups had raised the question of whether this funding would be open to other Indigenous peoples. The Chair asked the floor for comments regarding the item.

The Treasurer noted IASPM-ANZ had the funding available for this. Jon Stratton asked how much funding would be allocated for this. Denis Crowdy suggested IASPM-ANZ could choose a figure such as \$4000 and suggested it be called 'special funding' rather than 'Indigenous funding' to include other categories. Jon Stratton noted that special funding would be different from funding an Indigenous person. Denis Crowdy said that the funding could be a way of enabling someone to attend who wouldn't otherwise be able to come. The Chair questioned whether this would be financial support for a presenter or someone to accompany a presenter. Phillip McIntyre said it was difficult to discuss this without Karl Neuenfeldt's input. Denis Crowdy suggested calling it a 'special assistance fund' and asked the Treasurer how much IASPM-ANZ gives to postgraduate students. The Treasurer said \$100. Kirsten Zemke noted that it was important to encourage Indigenous researchers to present and that funding Indigenous performers might only satisfy a few people. The Chair said she wanted the floor to decide. Shane Homan noted that the growth in membership occurs from postgraduate students attending so it is important to continue to be able to support them. Philip McIntyre suggested perhaps only charging 15% might be an option. Alison Huber suggested the possibility of waiving the conference fee and this could be built into the membership application. The Chair noted that there were a few issues arising from the discussion including percentages of fees and who exactly the funds would be for. Jon Stratton said financial percentage was a good idea and also to make a specific amount to be put aside. The Chair

said this is what IASPM-ANZ does for postgraduates and each student receives a set amount of funding. She noted that \$1, 500 seems like a lot and very few Indigenous presenters come to IASPM-ANZ conferences, none had approached the Chair. The Treasurer noted that none had asked her for funding either. The Secretary noted that MSA assesses funding Indigenous presenters on a case by case basis. The Treasurer agreed with this. The Chair also agreed that keeping it flexible was a good idea with an undisclosed amount and ask for applications from prospective presenters. Denis Crowdy said a distinction should be made of presenters. Alison Huber said it could be noted that it is a competitive fund which gives the option of funding two presenters in one year. Catherine Strong asked what criteria would be used and whether it would be based on need or their application. The Chair noted it would be based on need and the applicants would need to make a case for funding. Kirsten Zemke said it needs to encourage Indigenous presenters. The Chair asked the floor whether it should privilege someone who is presenting rather than someone helping another presenter. Jon Fitzgerald said the Executive should decide.

Motion: to provide funding for Indigenous presenters and helpers in need to attend IASPM-ANZ conferences which the Executive will decide on a case by case basis.

Moved by Jon Fitzgerald; seconded by Denis Crowdy.

Motion passed.

5.2 Funding for postgraduate students

The Treasurer asked the floor whether it would be a good idea to have a box to tick on the conference registration form to be eligible for funding. The Chair agreed and asked the floor whether receipts should be provided by postgraduate students who request funding. Geoff King said this was good for accounting purposes.

Motion: that a clear financial strategy should be established for awarding postgraduate funding.

Moved by Jon Stratton; seconded by Alison Huber.

Motion passed.

6. Perfect Beat and IASPM-ANZ: future plans

Denis Crowdy said he would like IASPM-ANZ members to be given discounts on Perfect Beat. Catherine Strong queried the cost of Perfect Beat subscription. Denis Crowdy said \$40 but it will be more now that Perfect Beat will be published by Equinox in the UK. Aline Scott-Maxwell asked how much the journal would then cost. Denis Crowdy said it would be more and would find out. Peter Doyle queried what kinds of discount would be available for IASPM-ANZ members and noted he would like to subscribe but the price would need to be lower. Jon Stratton questioned whether Perfect

Beat has a formal relationship with IASPM-ANZ and the possibility of a publication by IASPM-ANZ in Perfect Beat, deduction of cost of subscriptions for members and further discounts for students. The Chair noted that the relationship had always been informal but Perfect Beat does not say it is the journal of IASPM-ANZ. She questioned whether now that it will be published offshore should a formal relationship be established.

Motion: to formalise the relationship between IASPM-ANZ and Perfect Beat and establish a discount to members and also the possibility of publishing a Special Issue of Perfect Beat to increase subscriptions.

Moved by Jon Stratton; seconded by Jon Fitzgerald.

7. Publications

7.1 Report on publication of Dunedin and Sydney conference proceedings

The Chair noted that the conference proceedings from Sydney and Dunedin were both available at registration. She thanked Dan Bendrups and Ian Collinson for their work editing the publications. Aline Scott-Maxwell asked whether, since the Dunedin conference proceedings is online, the other proceedings would be available on the IASPM-ANZ website. Denis Crowdy noted that IASPM-ANZ had signed an agreement with INFORMIT and said most institutions have access to this. Part of the contract is that IASPM-ANZ do not put any free publications online. He noted that the benefit of INFORMIT is that it has a large readership. Kirsten Zemke said members should encourage their institution to get INFORMIT. Sarah Baker asked whether that means there will no longer be further online publications. The Chair noted that free online publications would no longer exist.

7.2 Proceedings and/or other publications from IASPM-ANZ 2008 conference

Andy Bennett said that he had the idea that it might be better to focus on publishing an edited collection from the conference. He said he and Sarah Baker had been listening to the papers and he could see two strands of papers which would appeal to Ashgate and also a Special Issue of a journal could be possible. He noted that he hoped other senior colleagues might also edit Special Issues as they were especially good for postgraduate students to publish in journals rather than proceedings. He said the conference committee was happy to organise this. However, he said he realised it is a tradition in IASPM-ANZ to have a proceedings and so could still do this.

The Chair asked for clarification whether IASPM-ANZ need a proceedings from the conference as an outcome from the conference for members to show an output to their institutions. She said it was a viable way for members to show an outcome and why they should attend. She also said she thought Andy Bennett's ideas were good as well. She

asked for comments from the floor. Aline Scott-Maxwell said that conference proceedings provided a good platform to develop research before developing it for a higher status publication. She noted that if a different publication occurred for the Brisbane conference it would be important not to be seen as raising the expectation too high for the next conference. Andy Bennett noted that he believed in relation to the future of Australian publications that proceedings would become less important than a Special Issue of a journal. He said if a Special Issue was chosen contributors would have to produce something different from what they had put in the conference proceedings. Jon Fitzgerald said a person was needed to look after the proceedings. The Chair said it seemed the floor was suggesting IASPM-ANZ still wanted a conference proceedings published. Catherine Strong said she would like to edit the conference proceedings and hoped Dan Bendrups and Ian Collinson could give her some advice. Andy Bennett said he could give advice as well. Jon Stratton asked whether there was funding available for the conference proceedings and whether it would be available online or in hardcopy. The Chair said Otago University had applied for grant for \$1000 to print hard copies and that if it was online then there was no cost. Denis Crowdy said the conference hosts could supply funding if possible but if not then IASPM-ANZ should pay. The Chair noted that IASPM-ANZ is financially sound and that \$1000 would be possible. The Chair asked for another volunteer to help Catherine Strong from the floor. Sarah Baker suggested a group of postgraduates could edit it. Catherine Strong said she would organise a team to assist her. Andy Bennett said the Brisbane conference team would look at a possible edited collection and Special Issue of a journal. The Chair asked Andy Bennett whether it would be an open call for papers or whether contributors would be specifically asked. Andy Bennett said initially they would ask specific people to contribute.

8. 2009 IASPM-ANZ Conference

The Chair noted that the University of Auckland had been approached to host the 2009 conference to continue the tradition of hosting it in Australia and then New Zealand in alternate years. Kirsten Zemke said that the University of Auckland was happy to host it and asked the floor for suggestions of when was to have the conference. Aline Scott-Maxwell suggested early November. The Chair noted that Nabeel Zuberi also worked at University of Auckland but in a different department to Kirsten Zemke. She suggested that the Ethnomusicology part of the School of Music could host it. The Chair asked Nabeel if he would like to co-host the conference. She also noted that Shane Homan at Monash University had registered interest in hosting the conference in 2011.

9. Other Business

Shane Homan noted that the IASPM International Journal would be working within the next 6 months. The Chair said that the Executive had been asked to suggest an

Australia/New Zealand person for the review committee and would like to nominate Nabeel Zuberi.

Motion: that Nabeel Zuberi be nominated for the IASPM International Journal review committee

Moved by Sarah Baker; seconded by Shane Homan.

Shane Homan registered thanks to the Brisbane conference convenors for an excellent conference.

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

The Chair declared the 2008 IASPM-ANZ AGM closed at 7:15pm.

Appendix A: Treasurer's Report IASPM-ANZ 2008

1. BALANCE

2008 AGM (as of 26 November 2008) = \$10,217.85

Figures for comparison:

2006 AGM (25 June 2006) = \$4768.40

2007 AGM (28 November 2007) = \$7335.64

2. DEPOSITS (1 December 2007 – 26 November 2008)

Bank Interest = \$4.23

Membership payments = \$3409.78

Total = \$3414.01

3. EXPENSES (1 December 2007-November 2008) – as of 26 November 2008

Bank fees and fees for online transactions = \$38.80

Postgraduate prizes for IASPM-ANZ conferences, 2006-2008 = \$300

Postgraduate travel subsidies for 2007 IASPM-ANZ conference = \$200

Total expenses = \$538.80

4. MEMBERSHIP BREAKDOWN

Full International Members = 49

Full Local Members = 7

Student/Unwaged International Members = 18

Institutional International Members = 3

Total number of members = 77

5. GENERAL COMMENTS

My sincere thanks to everyone who has recently joined IASPM-ANZ or chosen to renew their membership. I also wish to thank former treasurer John Scannell for his untiring patience in answering my questions, as well as fellow exec. members Shelley Brunt and Katelyn Barney for their advice and support.

I wanted to take this opportunity to inform you about the process for renewing your membership, as I believe that what I do is a little different from what has been done in the past. At the beginning of the month when your membership is due to expire, I will send you an email asking you if you would like to renew your membership and providing you with information about how to do so. If I have not heard back from you by the end of the month, then I will remove your details from the membership database and bump you off the IASPM-ANZ emailing list. If you have suddenly found yourself not receiving emails from IASPM-ANZ, please contact me (jennifer.cattermole@gmail.com) to ask about your membership status and if necessary update your contact details.

Many thanks,

Jennifer Cattermole.