

Australian and New Zealand Society of Criminology

Biennial General Meeting - 1987

Minutes

Present: R.Harding, D.Biles, B.DeJonk, J.Wundersitz, C.Alder  
D.Chappell, B.Coe, K.Polk, J.Sutton, K.Warner.

Apologies: G.Wardlaw, S.Johnston.

Minutes

The minutes of the Biennial General Meeting of 2  
December, 1985 were received and adopted.

President's Report

The President welcomed members. He indicated that the membership continued to fluctuate between 250 - 300 while the journal sells around 700 copies.

The President thanked Dr C.Alder and Dr K.Polk for their work in organizing the first three Society conferences which continued to be successful. He announced that the fourth annual conference would be held in August, 1988 in Sydney. Dr. Jeff Sutton (N.S.W. Bureau of Crime Statistics) would convene the conference. He also announced that the profits from the conferences would be held in an separate account to be used in the development of future conferences.

The President reported the results of the calling for tenders for publication of the journal. Oxford University Press were keen tenders, but Butterworths were the successful tenders. The contract with Butterworths ensured that the price for the journal would be fixed for the following two years and increases in future years would be consistent with cost of living increases.

Mr John Willis was thanked by the President for his excellent work as Editor of the Society's journal. The President announced that the new Editors were still to be determined by the Executive.

He noted the increase in branch activities in Sydney which had been organized by Ms Jenny David. He recommended that such activities be encouraged by the Society.

Attention was drawn by the President to the newsletter which had been sent to members by the Secretary. He noted that

this was a useful exercise which may be continued in the future.

The President announced that , as circulated, the nominations for Executive positions did not exceed the number of positions and therefore the incoming Executive was:

President	Peter Sallman ( Uni. of Melb.)
Vice Presidents	Stanley Johnston (Uni. of Melb.)
	Grant Wardlaw (AIC)
Hon Secretary	Joy Wundersitz (Uni of Adel.)
Hon Treasurer	Ngairé Naffine (Uni of Adel.)

Members from:

Victoria	Christine Alder (Uni of Melb)
ACT	Davis Biles (AIC)
Tasmania	Kate Warner (Uni of Tas.)
Queensland	Simon Petrie (Brisbane CAE)
South Australia	Bill Lucas (Forensic Services)
Western Australia	Richard Harding (Uni of W.A.)
New South Wales	Jeff Sutton (Bureau of Crime Statistics)
New Zealand	Neil Cameron (Victoria University)

#### Secretary's Report

The Secretary reported on the process of calling for tenders for publication of the journal. After both written and verbal submissions to the Executive, it was decided that the contract should be renewed with Butterworths. As a result of the process it was hoped that there would be an increase in the information flow from Butterworths to the Executive. Regular reports were requested of the numbers of subscribers and Butterworths advertising of the journal. The Executive had also expressed their concern to Butterworths about the small number of subscribers in the U.S.A., and the distribution of the journal in the U.S.A..

The Secretary announced that in the future, membership renewals would be sent to members at the end of the academic year in September/October. Members who had not renewed by March would be removed from the membership list.

Membership numbers had fluctuated between 270 and 305 over the previous two year period. There had been no real increase in membership despite the conference which it had been hoped would stimulate more membership.

The Secretary reported on the planning of a Society Tour of China. She noted that this was in response to interest expressed by members. Negotiations were proceeding with

travel companies with respect to costs and access to places and people of interest to Society members.

The Secretary's report was followed by a brief discussion regarding ways to increase membership. The President concluded the discussion by warning that the Society must be wary not to "artificially " increase membership, by inducing people to join who would very quickly drop out.

The issue of the level of New Zealand membership and their participation in the Society was raised . Ways of encouraging further participation were canvassed.

#### Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer provided an audited financial statement which was received and adopted. He noted that the subscription fee only barely covers the cost of the journal.

#### Editor's Report

The report indicated that the Editor, Mr John Willis, had found it very difficult to find sufficient articles for each issue of the journal. This was in part because of the continuation of a journal policy to implement rigorous academic criteria in the acceptance of articles. He estimated that approximately one in three of the articles which were submitted to the journal were accepted .

#### Conference Report

Dr Alder reported that both the number of people attending the conference and the number of papers submitted for presentation had increased each year. In 1987 , 120 people had pre-registered to attend the conference. The number of papers which had been submitted for presentation had meant that a selection process had to be implemented and some papers had to be rejected.

#### Constitutional Amendments

The proposed constitutional amendment with respect to the increase in the number of Ordinary Members on the Executive from 8 to 9, with the inclusion of a member for the Northern Territory , was passed by the meeting. The Executive expressed its gratitude to Mr Stanley Johnston for preparing the proposed amendment.

The President recommended that the incoming Executive review the constitution in order to determine if any changes were

necessary to formalize the understanding that the incoming Executive became operative at the end of the Conference at which the Biennial General Meeting was held.

#### Other Business

Mr David Biles announced that the John Barry Memorial Committee was seeking more funds. It was agreed that the Society should continue to support the John Barry Memorial Committee, but at the moment the Society had no money to contribute.

Mr Brian Coe proposed a motion that the Society establish an annual prize for a "worthy" media presentation of an issue of interest to criminologists. He presented a letter outlining his proposal and spoke to the motion. After discussion, it was agreed that there was some merit to the proposal and that it be referred to the incoming Executive for decision.