

ANZSOC AGM

Tuesday July 8, 1997
1.00-2.00 pm. Room NT 3
Griffith University.

AGENDA

1. President's Report
2. Secretary's Report
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Change of Publisher.
5. Change of Editor and Editorial staff.
6. Surplus funds. Suggestions for how to best manage these.
7. Membership Drive.
8. Election of Officebearers.
9. Any Other business

ANZSOC AGM

Wellington January, 1996

MINUTES

Previous Minutes

There were no previous minutes.

Business arising

There was no business arising

General Business

1. President's Report

Tabled and accepted

2. Treasurer's Report

The new Treasurer had only just accepted office and, consequently, gave no report. The outgoing Treasurer did not provide a report.

3. Secretary's Report

The new Secretary had only just accepted office and, consequently, gave no report. The outgoing Secretary did not provide a report.

4. Fees

Notice was given to the meeting that our publishers, Butterworths had recently increased the cost of publishing the Journal from \$70.00 to \$85.00 per member. Discussion centred around the appropriateness of a fee increase at this time, and the issue of whether or not the society could continue to subsidise student memberships at a reduced fee. It was decided to increase the membership fees to \$95.00 and to cease offering reduced fee student memberships.

Australia and New Zealand Society Of Criminology

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**Griffith University NT3. 12.00 Noon
July 8 1997**

MINUTES

Previous Minutes

Proposer Adrian Sandery
Seconder Belinda Carpenter

Carried

Business Arising

There was no business arising from the minutes

President's Report

The president reported that he thought that the society is in good shape. He also reported a certain amount of guilt at not having more time to devote to society business. It is his intention to stand down as president as soon as someone else will accept the nomination.

Proposer Gayre Christie
Seconder Belinda Carpenter
Carried

Secretary's Report.

The secretary tabled a written report.

Proposer Arie Freiberg
Seconder Adrian Sandery
Carried

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer tabled a written report

Proposer Gayre Christie
Secunder Arie Freiberg
Carried.

There was some discussion arising from the Secretary's and Treasurer's reports. Peter Grabosky suggested that we use Crim-Net to solicit new members. With a hint of guilt, he also suggested that we might profitably acquire a bankcard merchant number, so that members could pay their subscriptions by credit card. His suggestion was that by doing this we might avoid some of the membership fee delinquency which we had been experiencing. In connection with this, Mark Finnane suggested that we also enquire about providing a direct debit facility for members. Belinda to follow up on these suggestions.

General Business

1. Change of Publisher

It has already been agreed that the Secretary and Treasurer approach a range of publishers with a view to changing our publisher with the first edition of the journal in 1998. Belinda and Gayre have already approached AAP and will also approach Sage, UQPress and perhaps one other. A final decision will be made at the next Executive teleconference. Belinda and Gayre to also ensure that the Society reclaim its mailing list to institutional libraries from Butterworths. Gayre to deal with this.

2. Change of Journal Editor

David Dixon has indicated that he wishes to resign as journal editor. The meeting accepted David's resignation and expressed its warm appreciation of his efforts on behalf of the society over the years.

Dr John Pratt, Victoria University of Wellington has written to Gayre indicating his desire to take over the task of journal editor upon David's resignation.. He has also indicated that Reece Walters would be willing to undertake the task of book review editor. The AGM advised the Executive to accept John Pratt's expression of interest and to appoint him as ANZSOC Journal editor for a period of three years. It also recommended that the Executive appoint Reece Walters as book review editor, also for a period of three years.

3. Surplus Funds

Because of a fall in membership, it now appears that we have less surplus than before. Mark Finnane suggested that the society develop awards for quality research. These could take the form of awards for excellence in papers presented at the conference and through excellence awards for student work published through the journal. It was agreed to revisit these ideas after the financial position of the society is clearer. This should happen after the next reminder goes out to members with the credit card and/or direct debit option.

4. Membership Drive.

Agreed that we need to collectively come up with some ideas for increasing membership. A reduction in annual fees is one option as is the reintroduction of student membership fee reductions. Both of these may be considered in the light of the new costs associated with the new publisher in 1998. Agreed to do nothing about these issues in the meanwhile.

5. Election of Officebearers

Agreed that Professor Arie Friebourg would remain as president until a suitable replacement emerges. The Secretary, Dr. Gayre Christie and Treasurer, Dr. Belinda Carpenter were nominated and elected unopposed for another term. The following State Representatives were endorsed.

SA Mark Israel
Vic Rob Whyte
ACT Russell Smith
WA David Indermauer
QLD Mark Finnane
NT Bill Tyler
NSW L Maher
Tas Kate Warner
NZ Reece Walters

6. Other Business

The AGM called for conference nominations for 1999 and 2000. None were forthcoming at the AGM

The Secretary to write to all state representatives confirming their endorsement.

Meeting closed 1.10 pm.

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Secretary's Report

I was elected secretary to the Society in October 1995. At that time, the Treasurer, Dr Belinda Carpenter was on accouchment leave and I also undertook the Treasurer's duties until Dr Carpenter's return in July 1996. This report covers the period from October 1995, until the 1997 AGM. When I assumed the secretaryship, a number of issues needed to be addressed as a matter of urgency, however these could not be effectively addressed until the society's books and other documentation were forwarded to me from the previous office bearers. This occurred about March, 1996.

A number of tasks were undertaken as a result of suggestions made and discussion undertaken at the last AGM (in Wellington). Most important of these, were the need to bring the society's membership up to date, ensure that all members who receive the journal are financial and to institute a teleconference scheme whereby all committee members and state representatives can be kept in touch.

Dr Carpenter and I have shared many of the responsibilities of the offices of Secretary and Treasurer since 1995, and this report should be read in conjunction with the Treasurer's report.

Much effort has been expended to make the membership list current, delete non-financial members and add new names to an old list. It should be noted that much of the responsibility for the poor accuracy of the membership list rested with our publishers, Butterworths. Prior to 1995, they had responsibility under notice from us to keep the membership list current and to ensure that all members received their journal etc. This was because, under our original agreement with them, they took responsibility for posting the journal to each member. As part of our overhaul of the system, this arrangement has now ceased, and since the beginning of 1996, the journal has been posted out by the Secretary. These measures have gone a long way toward ensuring that the membership list is always accurate, and that only financial members receive the journal. As of the next journal mail-out I intend to cease sending the journal to members who have not responded to reminders to renew their membership.

Since the AGM in Wellington, we have successfully organised three international teleconferences. There has been a good response to these and it seems to me, that these are the most effective way of keeping the committee and the state representatives in touch with each other.

Dr Carpenter and I have negotiated a new publishing contract with Australian Academic Press. This will be discussed at the 1997 AGM. Suffice it to say here, that the arrangement discussed with AAP is much more beneficial to the society than the arrangement with Butterworths which it could replace, and is cheaper.

The society is currently in quite a healthy state, both in terms of numbers and in terms of finances. However, I strongly recommend that the committee consider ways of actively seeking to expand our membership base over the coming year.

Dr. Gayre Christie
ANZSOC Honorary Secretary

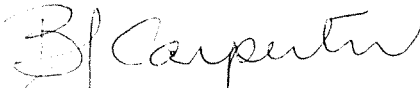
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**Tuesday July 6, 1997
1.00-2.00 pm, Room NT3.
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Treasurer's Report.

1. Our current account balance is \$19 395.53.
2. We owe Butterworths \$15 800.00. We have already paid them \$8000.00, this being the cost to us of the first edition for this year, a total of 280 journals. Despite repeated requests from us for the billing to be changed from an upfront one-off amount to the cost of a journal edition 3 times a year, Butterworths are unable or unwilling to meet this request. Thus the amount owing to them is 60 days overdue. I still only pay in 3 lots of \$8000.00.
3. Current membership is at 125. Members who have paid for 1996 but have not renewed for 1997, total 62. Those who have not renewed in 1996 or 1997 total 73. I do not have the current membership lists from New Zealand, but according to Reece Walters, there are 31 members at present. So, current membership is at 156. Those who have failed to renew for 2 years will not be getting the next journal. They have been notified about their non-renewal with every mailout of the journal. Their non-response is taken as an indication that they do not want to be members. We will be sending them a letter to that effect. Those that have not renewed for 1997 will get one more reminder and then be taken off the list.
4. I have the quote from AAP for 250 journals 3 times a year which comes in at \$16 410.00. This does not include postage, which currently costs us \$440.00 per edition. Negotiations with Sage have ground to a halt with no response from them since March. They have copies of the journals and membership numbers. However, they have just started their own criminology journal, so may not be too keen to take on another one. A suggestion to contact U of Q press has gone on the back burner, but I am willing to follow it up if this is deemed necessary.



Dr. Belinda Carpenter.
ANZSOC Honorary Treasurer.