

Report of the Communications Sub-Committee to the Annual General Meeting 13 September 2006

Membership

The Communications Sub-Committee membership comprises Dr Bronwyn Naylor (Chair, Monash University), Dr Christine Bond (University of Queensland), Dr David Indermaur (University of Western Australia), Mr Peter Levan (Australian Institute of Criminology), Dr Tara McGee (Queensland University of Technology), Mr Damon Muller (Australian Institute of Criminology), and Dr Dean Wilson (Monash University).

Meetings

The Sub-Committee met by teleconference on 8 May 2006. It had previously communicated regularly by email in the lead-up to the publication of the first of the current Newsletter series, in February 2006.

The main task of the Sub-Committee is to support and oversee the publication of the Society's Newsletter. All members participated in the teleconference, at which the February issue of the Newsletter was reviewed, and content of the September issue was discussed. It was agreed that the subject of the next People Profile should be John Braithwaite, and that the Stockholm Conference and Award should also be reported on. Greater encouragement for new criminologist and student participation, in the Newsletter and in the Society, was endorsed

Other matters discussed included improving the Society's communications with members, and the content of the Society webpage.

It was agreed that an effective and up to date email membership list will be crucial to improved communications. This was to be examined further by Damon Muller as Society Secretary, in consultation with Tara McGee, to draw on her experience with TASA.

The meeting also discussed the importance of updating and maintaining the conference materials made available on the Society's web page. Where possible papers should be made available from the site too.

A review of fee structures was discussed, to provide staggered rates for different groups. This was to be referred to the Society Executive for consideration.

September Newsletter

The next Newsletter will be published, in electronic form only, in late September or early October to allow reporting of the AGM.

Sub-committee members have maintained email contact to provide material for the Newsletter and to suggest sources of further material. All Society members are encouraged to pass on relevant material to the Editor, Bronwyn Naylor, including conference and seminar information, departmental profiles, awards and grants, and reports on ongoing research, including student research.

Bronwyn Naylor, Chair, Communications Sub-Committee

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