

Australian and New Zealand Society of Criminology, Inc.

Annual General Meeting, 24 November 2009

Report of the Treasurer

I am pleased to be able to make this report to ANZSOC members on the financial circumstances of the Society for the year 2008-09.

I hereby submit to members a statement in accordance with section 30(3) of the *Associations Incorporation Act 1981* (Vic) of the accounts of the Society, namely the Financial Statements of the Society for the year ended 30 June 2009, and the Auditor's Report dated 21 November 2009, including:

- a) Income and expenditure during the last financial year;
- b) Assets and liabilities at the end of the last financial year;
- c) Any mortgages, charges and securities affecting the Association's property;
- d) In respect of each trust of which the Association was trustee during a period, being the whole or any part of the last financial year of the Association, the income and expenditure of the trust during that period, the assets and liabilities of the trust during that period, and the mortgages, charges and securities of the trust at the end of that period; and
- e) Any trust held on behalf of the Association by a person or body other than the Association, in which funds or assets of the Association are placed.

The 2008-2009 Financial Statements are attached. These show that the Society made a net profit of \$13,948 for the financial year. This compares with a net profit of \$4,723 in 2007-08 and \$1,470 in 2006-07.

The Society's revenue increased to \$74,476 in 2008-2009 from \$56,480 in the previous year. The increases in revenue came from:

- Journal sponsorship and advertising (up \$7,575; this is mainly comprised of the \$8,000 editorial stipend paid by Australian Academic Press)
- Membership subscriptions (up \$7,037)
- Royalties (up \$4,419)
- Interest (up \$1,092).

Income was supported by decreased expenditure, including in:

- Printing of the journal (down \$12,385)
- Conference support and expenses (down \$2,352)
- Postage and stationery (down \$332).

At the same time, there were some major areas of increased expenditure:

- Website service and development (\$9,680, from zero in the previous year)
- Secretary fees (\$7,260, from zero)
- Editors fee (\$6,600 from \$600)

- Administration costs (\$800, from zero)
- Bank charges (up \$604, from \$921 to \$1,525).

As this list shows, the increased expenditure resulted from decisions taken to engage a part-time paid secretary and to redevelop the ANZSOC website with electronic payment facilities. While the engagement of a paid secretary has increased costs, it has also created potential efficiencies for the Society, such as through enhanced management of membership data, which has contributed to greater revenue from renewal of memberships. This expenditure does not include a full year of expenditure of costs for the Secretary. These are paid by way of reimbursement to Griffith University for salary, travel and other costs and directly to the Secretary in some cases for reimbursement of costs. These costs total approximately \$20,000 per annum.

The website redevelopment was a largely one-off expenditure in 2008-2009, with the only ongoing fees being for website database and hosting (\$300 per year). The electronic payment facility attracts some increased banking fees, through the fee payable on each credit card transaction through the system, but has made renewal easier for members, who are therefore more likely to renew.

The editors fee is more than offset by the editorial stipend paid to ANZSOC. After payment of GST on the amount paid by ANZSOC for the editor, the stipend yields a \$1,400 profit for the Society.

As at 30 June 2009 the Society had total equity of \$96,191, including cash totalling \$75,118 in a business account and term deposit. The funds held in term deposit generated interest income of \$3,592 this financial year. This equity takes into receivables from debtors totalling \$27,787 and liabilities to creditors totalling \$15,028.

The Society is in a sound and stable financial position and is well placed to remain so into the future. A draft budget developed for the Society by its accountant indicates the Society can expect to increase its profit margin again in 2009-2010, despite increased expenditure in some areas (particularly in relation to the Secretary's role, the first full-year effect of which will be experienced in the current financial year). The key to this increased profit will be the Society registering for Goods and Services Tax (GST). There is virtually no GST payable on most of the Society's income, but the Society pays out \$5,000 to \$6,000 in GST each year, which can be claimed back. Registering for GST is a simple and straightforward process. It will involve regular reporting through Business Activity Statements, but this will not involve a substantial workload increase for the Treasurer and can largely be handled by the Society's account for a small increase in annual fees charged by him.

Matthew Willis
Treasurer