

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
THE AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY OF CRIMINOLOGY
HELD AT ST. HILDA'S COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE
THURSDAY 1ST OCTOBER 1992**

Present: Approximately 30 members of the Society attended the meeting.

The meeting commenced at 6.30 pm.

The meeting was called to establish an Annual General Meeting of the Society, to be held between Biennial General Meetings which would continue to elect the new executive. The Constitution of the Society allows the holding of an Annual General Meeting.

President's Report

The President discussed the importance of holding state seminars in order to offer state members the opportunity to meet and discuss matters criminological. The availability of limited funds for this purpose was noted.

The President moved thanks to Kathy Laster for her organisation of the 1992 conference. The President also noted the retirement of Eileen Barwick from Butterworths, and reported that the Executive had agreed to provide a gift to Ms. Barwick in recognition of her services to the Journal.

The President reported that the conference would be held in Sydney in 1992, under the auspices of the University of Sydney Institute of Criminology. Chris Cunneen and Julie Stubbs are the conveners.

Secretary's Report

The Secretary reported that the membership of the Society stood at 215, with the likelihood of further applications as a result of the conference. He reported on on-going efforts to improve communication and billing arrangements with Butterworths, and reminded members that the separate invoice sent to members with regard to their subscriptions to the Journal are courtesy invoices, which do not need to be paid by the member.

The Secretary then announced his resignation, upon which the President moved thanks.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported the current financial status of the Society (see Treasurer's Report, Executive Meeting held 30th September 1992). The Treasurer noted that any major growth in the Society's funds relied upon the profit made from the annual conference. The President discussed the need for the conference to remain accessible to the criminological community at reasonable cost, while maintaining the capacity to make a profit to support the Society.

Editor's Report

The Editor of the Journal discussed several issues. First, he noted that the rate of submissions to the Journal can be considered quite low. Second, he adopted an eclectic approach to submissions, and encourages members to submit a broad range of material. Third, he encouraged a move towards the submission of articles on disk to speed up the editing process. Fourth, he aimed to achieve a turnaround time of about three months.

Vice-President's Report (Joy Wundersitz)

Joy Wundersitz announced the convening of a seminar on Family Group Conferencing, and endorsed the need for state representatives to convene and host state-based Society seminars.

Vice-President's Report (John Braithwaite)

John Braithwaite expressed a degree of optimism about the Society and its growth, especially in light of the likely expansion of membership as the discipline of criminology expands. The Vice-President also moved thanks to Christine Alder in her capacity as President of the Society.

Other Business - Open Forum

Chris Cunneen invited members to submit themes for the 1993 conference.

Brian Coe moved thanks to the Executive for its labours over the past twelve months. He also moved that the Society make arrangements to accommodate the unemployed in terms of membership fees. Rob White endorsed this motion, and argued for a 'hardship' discount. Discussion followed about how this might be done in terms of the Society's limited income. John Braithwaite suggested that such moves needed to be tackled in light of a thorough examination of existing fee scales. It was moved and agreed that the Executive consider the introduction of reduced membership for those who demonstrate low income, and that the Executive be empowered to review the existing fee structure prior to the next AGM. Further, it was moved and agreed that the introduction and timing of the new fee scales be reported to the next AGM.

Brian Coe moved that the Society take a strong stand in relation to the Federal Opposition's planned abolition of the Australian Institute of Criminology announced in the 'Fightback' package. This motion was followed by extensive discussion. Paul Walton argued for a concerted public campaign in favour of the AIC, drawing upon British examples. **It was moved and agreed unanimously that this AGM reflect a conference consensus on the need to support the AIC and the Criminology Research Council through a staged campaign, which might include, inter alia, a presidential statement in support of the AIC/CRC, letters to the editors of major newspapers and other actions considered useful by the Executive.**

The meeting closed at 7.45 pm.