

**MINUTES OF THE 29TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
THE AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION OF
PSYCHIATRY, PSYCHOLOGY AND LAW Inc.
Esplanade Hotel, Fremantle, Western Australia
4.00pm, Saturday 28 November 2009**

Meeting opened: 4.05pm

1. In attendance were:

Alfred Allan
Ellen Berah
Chris Branson
Patricia Brown
Suzanne Czech
Greg Dear
Inez Dussuyer
Anna Fagence
Sofia Fisher
Ian Freckelton
June Henry
Penny Hyde
Annegret Kaempf
Anne Le'aupepe
David List
Mary-Anne Martin
Amy McAlpine
Dianne McKillop
Bernadette McSherry
Ness McVie
Rob Moyle
David Mutton
John Nolan
Ken O'Brien
Asger Stûrup
Jeanna Sutton
Emily Tilbrook
George Tomossy
Fran Vertue
John Watson
Natalia Yee

No proxies were received.

2. Welcome and apologies.

In the absence of ANZAPPL Inc. President, James Ogloff, Immediate Past-President, Alfred Allan chaired the meeting, welcomed attendees and complimented the ANZAPPL WA organisers on an excellent conference.

Apologies were received from Jim Ogloff, Nigel Fairley, Janette McCahon and Danielle Andrewartha.

Motion to accept proposed by: Asger Stûrup.
Seconded by: Ian Freckelton.
Result: carried.

3. Confirmation of minutes for the 28th Annual General Meeting held in Manly, NSW.

The Minutes were accepted as an accurate record of the meeting.

Motion to accept proposed by: Asger Stûrup.
Seconded by: Ian Freckelton.
Result: carried.

4. President's Report

On behalf of the President, Alfred Allan praised the WA Branch, particularly Mary-Anne Martin and the conference committee, for organising a very pleasant conference. He advised that the 30th Annual Congress will be hosted by ANZAPPL Queensland and held in Surfers Paradise. The 2011 Congress will take place in New Zealand.

Alfred thanked Matt Frize for his work on the website and Ian Freckelton for the continued success of the journal. He expressed appreciation to all committee members for their efforts and to the attendees at meetings and conferences for their support of ANZAPPL.

Motion to receive the report proposed by: Mary-Anne Martin.
Seconded by: Asger Stûrup.
Result: carried.

5. Treasurer's Report

The report is attached separately.

Ellen Berah reported that membership rose by 24 during the year. Membership in most States is steady and Queensland and New Zealand memberships are increasing. The focus on students at the 2008 conference did not result in a large increase in student member numbers (40 student members in 2008, 41 in 2009). Overall, the numbers are not as good as in 2004/5 when the total membership was 700+ but we are heading in that direction.

The fee that has been introduced for late renewals of membership has resulted in subscriptions being received in a more timely manner.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report moved by: David List.
Seconded by: Asger Stûrup.
Result: carried.

6. Journal Editor's Report

Ian Freckelton reported that the arrangements with the new publisher, Taylor and Francis have been bedded down and the partnership is working well. Citation rates and exposure are up, as is the quality of manuscripts.

- The source of the distinctive covers of the journal issues is a gallery in Victoria that provides images from artworks produced by people who have had a mental illness.
- Contributions to the journal are being received from diverse parts of the world. Ian encouraged members to submit manuscripts of their work.
- Producing the journal costs ANZAPPL about \$10 per copy. However, there is a significant backlog of submissions and the recommendation of Taylor and Francis to publish four issues a year should be considered.
- In response to a question from Ellen Berah, Ian advised that the details of royalties are being worked out.

Motion to congratulate Ian on the high standard of the journal and the improvements made to it over the years proposed by: Alfred Allan.

Seconded by: Greg Dear.

Result: carried with applause.

Motion to accept the Journal Editor's Report was made by: David List.

Seconded: Asger Stûrup.

Result: carried.

7. Branch Reports

Committee members from Regional Associations reported on activity during the year.

New South Wales David Mutton

- A variety of seminars has been held. Topics have included torture and human rights.
- The committee is hard-working and active in continuing education.

Western Australia Mary-Anne Martin

- Thanked the committee for their hard work during the year.
- Seminars have been well-attended, including Greg Dear on expert witnesses and Tamala Caple on sex offenders who access child pornography.
- Next week Janette McCahon will be the guest speaker at the annual Christmas function.

South Australia Ken O'Brien

- Dinner functions with guest speakers continue to attract 40-50 members. Major attractions have been the Barossa Weekend conference, Richard Balfour and Judge Peggy Hora.
- The AGM was held last week. Ken was re-elected as President, Chris Branson is having a break from committee work, and the committee has some new members.

Victoria Asger Sturûp

- The AGM was held in early November. Asger took over the Presidency from Ian Freckelton.
- Attendances at seminars have been small and the Branch is looking at new kinds of functions in new sorts of settings.

- The main task for the year will be to revitalise the Branch and attract new committee members.

Queensland Ness McVie

- ANZAPPL Qld is now an incorporated Branch.
- A committee meeting is being organised to arrange the opening of a bank account and organise Branch activities.
- The main activity for the year has been organisation of the 2010 Annual Congress.
- Call for submission of abstracts due January 2010.

New Zealand Anne Le'aupepe

- The New Zealand Branch serves the areas of Auckland, Christchurch, Dunedin, Wellington and Hamilton. The committee met four times during the year including an AGM.
- Committee members have worked hard at organising evenings for members in all five centres and in attracting new members.
- As of October, 2009 there are 53 members.
- Presentations have been well attended. Speakers have included Prof Ronnie Mackay, Kris Gledhill (Auckland Law Faculty) and Dr David Collins (Solicitor General for New Zealand).
- The committee also organised Mental Health Law Conferences in the five main centres in association with Buddle Findlay law firm and with the support of the Ministry of Health. More than 400 people have attended the conferences and feedback indicates that they should be an annual event.
- ANZAPPL has become well known through the Mental Health Law Conferences.
- The New Zealand committee thanked Ellen Berah and the rest of the executive for their support.

Alfred Allan congratulated the Branches on their work, particularly Queensland and New Zealand which are currently the powerhouses of the Association.

8. Election of Officers

Treasurer, Ellen Berah, was re-elected unopposed.

Assistant Treasurer, Mary-Anne Martin, was re-elected unopposed.

Jane Delahunty was nominated for the position of President-Elect and elected unopposed.

The current elected Executive officers of the Association are:

James Ogloff (President)
 Jane Delahunty (President-Elect)
 Ellen Berah (Treasurer and Membership Officer)
 Mary-Anne Martin (Assistant Treasurer)
 Dianne McKillop (Secretary)
 [vacant] (Assistant Secretary)

Journal Editor, Ian Freckelton, and Webmaster, Matt Frize, are also members of the Executive.

9. Website

Ian Freckelton commented that the content on the website needs to be more dynamic and lively in order to move ANZAPPL ahead. Matt Frize does an excellent job of maintaining the site. It is up to Branches and members to contribute content.

Others present agreed.

10. Other business

Ian Freckelton suggested that an increase in member subscriptions was required in order service increased costs of producing the journal. After some discussion it was agreed that a \$15 increase in annual subscriptions would be manageable for members (i.e., it should not cause member attrition) and would prevent the need for further increases for the next few years.

Ellen Berah noted that the Association would be obliged to pay GST if annual income exceeds \$100,000 but an increase of \$15pa will not take us over that figure.

Motion to increase annual subscriptions across the board by \$15pa was made by: Ian Freckelton.

Seconded: Ken O'Brien.

Result: carried.

Motion that the transnational committee will investigate methods of structuring income to circumvent problems with GST: David List.

Seconded: Sofia Fisher.

Result: carried.

Motion that student membership will be encouraged was made by: Ian Freckelton.

Seconded: Alfred Allan.

Result: carried.

Motion to thank Ellen Berah for her work for ANZAPPL was made by: Alfred Allan.

Seconded: Ian Freckelton.

Result: carried with applause.

In response to a question about why conference registration could not be paid online, Ellen advised that set-up and ongoing fees for managing transactions online are expensive. It would add \$25 to the conference registration fee.

There was some discussion about whether payment should be made for maintenance of the website.

Motion that a budget for the website will be investigated by the transnational committee was made by: David List.

Seconded: Rob Moyle.

Result: carried.

There was discussion of clashing dates of important conferences including possibilities of co-badging conferences and the coming three-way conference between ANZAPPL, APL-S and EAPL.

There was no other business.

Meeting closed: 5.00pm