

Minutes Annual General Meeting

Venue: Sheraton Hotel, Grand Ballroom, Brisbane

Date/Time: Wednesday 2 October 2002, 12.45pm to 2.00pm

Present: Professor Peter Grabosky (President & Chair), Dr Kathy Daly (First Vice President), Dr David Tait (Secretary), Ms Jenny Mouzos (Treasurer), Dr Russell Smith (Public Officer), Dr Don Weatherburn, Dr Inez Dusseyer, Dr Adam Sutton, Dr Richard Wortley, Mr Peter Homel, Dr Frank Morgan, Professor Kit Carson, Mr David Bilese, Professor Arie Freiberg, Professor Ross Homel, Dr Lorraine Mazzerole, Ms Marily Chilvers, Ms Karen Freeman, Ms Suzanne Briscoe, Ms Jackie Fitzgerald, Dr David Brown, Dr David Indermauer, Mr Stuart Ross, Ms Bronwyn Naylor, Ms Marlene Morrison, Professor Janet Chan,, Dr Jennifer Balint, Professor Andrew Goldsmith, Dr Mark Israel, Dr William Tyler, Dr Fiona Haines.

1. Welcome

The President declared the meeting open and welcomed those present.

2. Apologies

There were no apologies.

3. Agenda

The President read the Agenda which had been previously circulated and called for any additional items of which there were none.

4. Agenda Item 1: Minutes of Previous AGM

The President referred to the Minutes of the previous AGM of 22 February 2001 which had been circulated and called for any amendments, of which there were none. Kathy Daly moved, seconded Mark Israel that the Minutes of the previous meeting be confirmed as a true record of the Annual General Meeting of 22 February 2001. Carried unanimously.

5. Agenda Item 2: President's Report

The President announced that he would not be contesting the Presidency for a further term and thanked those who had helped him during his period of office. He then submitted his Report. Moved by Ross Homel, seconded by Don Weatherburn, that the President's Report be received. Carried unanimously.

The President then indicated that the Society had received an amount of money from the Copyright Agency Limited in respect of copyright fees in connection with

an article published in the Society's journal in 1992. The President noted that the Society's legal advisers had been approached to advise on whether the Society or the author of the article should be legally entitled to the payment and what obligations the Society had concerning the matter. The President proposed that should the legal advice be that the author in question was entitled to the money then this should be paid to the author forthwith together with any interest that the Society had received while the money had been held in the Society's account. Members discussed the wider policy issues raised by this matter. Moved by Frank Morgan, seconded by Andrew Goldsmith that the Committee develop policy options for consideration and resolution by the next Annual Meeting. Carried unanimously.

6. Agenda Item 3: Secretary's Report

The Secretary submitted the Minutes of the Committee of 22 February 2001 and 30 September 2002 and read his Report. The Secretary reported that membership had remained stable over the preceding two years at just under 300, but that the number of members in New Zealand had declined from approximately 28 to 18, and that there were no paid-up members of the Society in the Northern Territory. The Secretary reported his intention to investigate options for membership renewal periods of longer than one year. This was referred to the Executive for consideration and decision. Fiona Haines moved, Don Weatherburn seconded that the Secretary's Report and the Reports of the Committee be received. Carried unanimously.

7. Agenda Item 4: Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer read his Report and submitted a Statement to the members in accordance with section 30(3) *Associations Incorporation Act* 1981 (Vic.) of the accounts of the Society, namely the Financial Statements of the Society for the year ended 30 June 2002, and the Auditor's Report dated 27 September 2002. In addition, the Treasurer submitted the Financial Statements for the Unincorporated Society for the year ended 30 June 2001.

The Treasurer noted that the Society was in a healthy financial position with a current credit balance of \$46,668 in current and term deposit accounts. The convenor of the current conference, Professor Homel, indicated that he was cautiously optimistic that some money would be paid to the Society as a result of the profit from the conference, although he was unable to provide an accurate estimate at present.

Dr Smith, Public Officer, referred to certain matters that were raised in the Auditor's Report and made a number of suggestions for improving the Society's financial procedures in relation to signing and depositing cheques payable to the Society. He informed the Society that the Committee had accepted all the recommendations of the Auditor in this regard and that the changes would be implemented forthwith.

Moved by Fiona Haines, seconded by Stuart Ross that the Treasurer's Report, Financial Statements and Auditor's Report be received. Carried unanimously.

8. Agenda Item 5: Journal Editor's Report

The Editor, Dr John Pratt, submitted his Report in which he noted a busy period with approximately 30-50 manuscripts having been received annually over the past few years, 20 of which had been accepted for publication. He noted that the normal waiting period for publication was now 12 months. He foreshadowed the appointment of two Associate Editors with some executive responsibilities, and welcomed the new Book Editor, Dr Sharon Pickering. He moved a special vote of thanks to the President and to Dr Frank Morgan for their assistance with the journal.

Moved by Arie Freiberg, seconded by Frank Morgan that the Editor's Report be received. Carried unanimously.

9. Agenda Item 6: Website Progress

The President thanked Dr David Indermaur for his work in maintaining the Website. The Secretary foreshadowed that consideration would be given to arranging for membership renewals to be carried out on-line, given that conference registrations were now being carried out electronically.

10. Agenda Item 7.1: Certificates of Membership

The President announced that members who required a Certificate of membership of the Society could receive one, but that these would not be routinely issued. Any requests for Membership certificates should be made to the Secretary.

11. Agenda Item 7.2: Incorporation of the Society

The President thanked Dr Russell Smith for his work in arranging the incorporation of the Society and for acting as Public Officer since incorporation.

12. Agenda Item 7.3 Crime Indicator

Dr David Indermaur proposed three motions, namely:

(1) that the Society sponsor a Panel Session on crime measurement at the next conference (which proposal was accepted by the convenor of the 2003 conference Dr Weatherburn without formal resolution;

(2) that there be a Special Issue of the Journal on the same topic – moved by David Indermaur, seconded by Frank Morgan that this matter be referred to the Committee for further consideration. Carried unanimously; and

(3) that a Discussion Paper on Crime Measurement be prepared to reflect the Society's position on this topic – proposed by Don Weatherburn, seconded by Frank Morgan that this matter be also referred to the Committee for further consideration. Carried unanimously

13. Agenda Item 7.4: Journal Book Review Joinders

The President reported that this was a matter for editorial discretion, and that the Editor had indicated that rejoinders would be unusual.

14. Agenda Item 7.5: Membership List of the Society

The President reported that the Committee had decided that these would not be sold, although they might be shared with associated organisations without charge.

15. Agenda Item 7.6: Revenue

The President reported that no decision had been made by the Committee concerning the spending of the Society's revenue. Some members raised the possibility of a part-time secretariat being engaged to assist in the planning of future conferences, but no resolution was forthcoming.

16. Agenda Item 7.7: 100th Anniversary of the Birth of Sir John Barry

Members were informed that a half-day Seminar would be held in 2003 to celebrate this event.

17. Election of Officers and Committee

The President having vacated the chair, the First Vice-President called for nominations for Officers and Ordinary Committee Members. The following were elected, or re-elected unanimously:

Officers:

President: Dr Don Weatherburn

First Vice-President: Dr Kathy Daly

Second Vice-President: vacant, pending the receipt of a nomination from a New Zealand member

Secretary: Dr David Tait

Treasurer: Ms Jenny Mouzos

Ordinary Members:

Dr Russell Smith (ACT)

Professor Janet Chan (NSW)

Dr Lorraine Mazzerole (Qld)

Dr Jennifer Balint (Vic)

Dr Mark Israel (SA)

Dr William Tyler (NT)

Dr Anita Gibbs (NZ)

Professor Kate Warner (Tas)

Dr David Indermauer (WA).

Journal Editor

Dr John Pratt (reappointed for 3 years)

Conference Convenors
Dr Don Weatherburn
Professor Janet Chan
Dr Chris Cuneen

18. Other Business:

(1) John Myrtle, Librarian at the Australian Institute of Criminology, was thanked by acclamation for his work on 'CrimNet' throughout the year and the outgoing President undertook to provide him with a formal letter of thanks from the Society.

(2) Members were informed that the next Annual Meeting of the Society would be held in conjunction with the annual conference of the Society in Sydney in October 2003.

(3) Members of the Society thanked the outgoing President by acclamation for his work on behalf of the Society.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 2.00 p.m.