

Minutes, Special General Meeting 2006

Venue: Tasman Room A, Wrest Point Casino, Hobart.

Date and Time: 13.05 – 13.50, Wednesday 8 February, 2006.

Present: Kathleen Daly (President), Russell Smith (First Vice President), Damon Muller (Secretary), Matthew Willis (Treasurer), Paul Mazerolle (Journal Editor), Rick Sarre (SA), Christine Bond (Qld), John Dawes (SA), Peter Grabosky (ACT), Allan Van Zyl (NT), Julia Davis (Tas), Bronwyn Naylor (Vic), David Biles (ACT), David Indermaur (WA), Kate Warner (Tas), Jeanine Baker (SA), Janet Chan (NSW), Gregor Urbas (ACT), Penny Weller (Vic), Jackie Fitzgerald (NSW), Frank Morgan (WA), Arie Frieberg (Vic), Jan Jordan (NZ), Adrian Cherney (Qld).

1. Welcome

The president declared the meeting opened and welcomed those present.

2. Apologies

Officers and ordinary members who could not attend were John Pratt, Jennifer Wood, and Brendan Thomas.

3. Agenda

The agenda was read by the President. No additions were made.

4. Agenda Item 1: Minutes of Annual General Meeting 2005

The minutes of the 2005 Annual General Meeting were moved for approval by the President and seconded by Paul Mazerolle. The Minutes were confirmed without objection.

5. Agenda Item 2: Items for information

(a) Decisions taken at the AGM

A number of decisions taken at the 2005 AGM were recounted for the benefit of those attending the SGM. The specifics of these items can be found in the Minutes of the 2005 AGM and will not be reproduced in detail here.

The changes in the Committee of Management were noted by the President. Outgoing members Don Weatherburn, Phillip Stenning and Jenny Mouzos were thanked by the President. Incoming members were announced and introduced, and in addition to the changes from the 2005 AGM, Damon Muller was announced as Acting Secretary, replacing Tony Krone who had resigned his position as Secretary.

(b) Reports of the public officers

Kathleen Daly noted the outgoing President, Don Weatherburn's, President's Report. The report included the appointment of the new journal editor, Paul Mazerolle; the transfer of the archives of the Society to the University of Melbourne; the sponsorship of six research seminars; nominations for the Stockholm Prize; and noted that the convenors of the 2004 conference had returned (approx.) \$48,000 from the conference proceeds to the Society.

Russell Smith noted the Secretary's Report. Features of the report included a slight increase in membership of the Society (45 members); noted that there were 115 members who had not paid, 340 current (financial) members, including 25 from overseas (primarily the US, UK and Canada). There was an increase in membership from government departments and student members. In addition:

- The production of the latest edition of the ANZSOC Newsletter was noted, which was included in the conference satchels for the 2006 conference.
- It was noted that the ANZSOC web site is now hosted by the Australian Institute of Criminology.
- It was noted that the society would begin to receive some money from the Copyright Agency Limited (CAL) due to the copying of articles from the Journal.
- It was noted that Griffith University and the University of Melbourne had received \$500 in funding each for student seminars. It was further noted that six new lots of \$500 funding would be available for the 2006 calendar year.

The Treasurer's Report was noted by Matthew Willis, who summarised the financial status of the Society.

A report on the Journal was noted by the editor, Paul Mazerolle. The new editor commenced in October 2005, and does not plan any radical changes to the journal. It was noted that the journal needed more good manuscripts. Changes noted by the editor included:

- A change in the editorial board, with an aim to a more international composition;
- A new book review editor;
- A expedited electronic submission process;
- A total of 28 submissions since October, 2005, with the aim of 100 per year (43 submissions were received in 2005);
- Thematic editions of the Journal, with a pending issue on 'pathways to prevention'.
- The intention to solicit seminal review papers by scholars from Australia, New Zealand and overseas;
- Thanks to the University of Queensland for providing a managing editor; and
- Announcing the move of the editor (and Journal) to Griffith University.

(c) The Stockholm Prize

It was noted that the \$US 150,000 Stockholm Prize is to be announced on the 16th of June, 2006. The web site of the prize is <http://www.criminologyprize.com> and John Braithwaite has been nominated for the prize.

Peter Grabosky noted that a symposium will be held from the 15–17 June, and presenters are still being sought. Problems with registering should be directed to Peter Grabosky.

Rick Sarre enquired as to when the award would be announced, to which Peter Grabosky replied that it would be announced 'within a matter of weeks'.

A number of people at the meeting indicated that they would be attending the Stockholm symposium.

(d) The work of sub-committees

The President reported that a new subcommittee had been formed, focusing on Student Affairs and Early Career Researchers, bring the number of subcommittees to four.

Long-Term Issues Subcommittee

The President reported on the Long-Term Issues subcommittee. The overall aims of the subcommittee are to increase the size, stature, revenue and professionalism of the Society. The tasks the subcommittee are undertaking include:

1. Reviewing the office of secretary, and looking at employing an officer to assist in the process of membership applications.
2. Analysing patterns in membership numbers, and how this affects revenue.
3. Looking at innovative ways to increase revenues, specifically targeting:
 - The conference (an important income source)
 - Membership (has shown little growth in recent decades)
 - Royalties (may contribute \$12,000-\$14,000 a year, but may be able to do better)
 - Interest (currently being spent on seminars)
 - May be worthwhile to compare notes with other organisations.

Jackie Fitzgerald posted a question as to why we needed to source additional revenue, to which Kathleen Daly responded that it could be put toward a secretariat position. Such a person could assist in continuity as committee membership changed, help prepare the conference. In addition, Daly suggested that the Society might hold a lecture series or symposia to increase the stature of the Society. Paul Mazerolle added that a fourth edition of the journal was being considered, which would cost approximately \$10,000 per year. Alan Van Zyl suggested that the Society might investigate corporate sponsorship, with the possibility of sponsoring awards, activities, or a major lecture series.

Communications Subcommittee

The work of the communications subcommittee was noted by member Bronwyn Naylor. The subcommittee was formed at the Wellington meeting in February 2005. It met via teleconference in August 2005, and proposed to the Mgt Committee that a Society newsletter be(re)created. Bronwyn Naylor agreed to be the editor for a 2-year period. It was noted that two editions of the newsletter a year were intended, and the newsletter would primarily be published electronically (with a hard copy for the conference). A possibility of setting up an email mailing list for distributing the newsletter was also discussed.

General applause was offered by the attendees for the work of the subcommittee on the newsletter.

Professional Affairs Subcommittee

The Professional Affairs Subcommittee has had one initial meeting, focusing on the review of the NHMRC Statement on Ethics. Russell Smith noted that there were five main areas of relevance to Society members, and that the subcommittee intended to make a submission on behalf of the Society. Smith stated he would send details to the CrimNet mailing list, with a deadline for comments by the end of February. It was also noted that the British Society of Criminology was reviewing its Code of Ethics, something that ANZSOC could become involved with.

6. Agenda Item 3: Awards

It was noted that the committee of management had resolved to change the Allen Austin Bartholomew Award so that it would now be awarded annually.

7. Agenda Item 4: 2007 Conference

Rick Sarre announced that the 2007 conference would be held in Adelaide. At the point of the meeting, the committee had met once. The provisional date for the conference was set as the week of the 23rd of September, 2007.

It was noted that the 2007 conference would be the Society's 20th, and that a focus on the history of the Society and/or Criminology in Australia may be appropriate.

8. Agenda Item 5: Other Business

No other business was raised for discussion.

9. Agenda Item 6: Next Meeting

The next AGM of the Society is required to be held between the 1st of July and the 30th of November, 2006. Dates will be finalised closer to the time.

10. Meeting Closed

The meeting closed at 1.50 p.m.