

Minutes Annual General Meeting

Venue: Australian Institute of Criminology, 74 Leichhardt Street, Griffith, ACT

Date/Time: Wednesday 12 September 2006, 4.00pm to 5.30pm

Present: Kathleen Daly (President), Russell Smith (Vice President and Public Officer), Matthew Willis (Treasurer), Damon Muller (Secretary), Paul Mazerolle (Journal Editor), Lyn Hinds, Megan Davies, Jennifer Wood, Peter Grabosky, Jenny Mouzos, Rodney Meeve, David Biles, Gregor Urbas, Raymond Choo, and Suzanne Lockhart.

1. Welcome

The President declared the meeting open and welcomed those present.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from David Fanning, Judge Andrew Wilson, Alan van Zyl, Eileen Baldry, Angela Gorta, and John Pratt.

3. Agenda

The President read the Agenda which had been previously circulated 21 days prior to the meeting and called for any additional items of which there was one, the reappointment of the auditor.

4. Agenda Item 1: Minutes of Previous Special General Meeting

The President referred to the Minutes of the Special General Meeting of 8 February 2006 which had been circulated and called for any amendments, of which there was none. It was unanimously resolved that the Minutes of the Special General Meeting be confirmed as a true record of the meeting of 8 February 2006.

5. Agenda Item 2: President's Report

The President submitted her Report (attached). It was unanimously resolved that the President's Report be received. A comment was offered that the Society should examine groups of professionals which were not currently being targeted for membership, in order to expand the membership base. It was also suggested that an online survey be conducted of current members, to more accurately discern the current makeup of the society.

6. Agenda Item 3: Secretary's Report

The Secretary read his Report (attached). It was unanimously resolved that the Secretary's Report be received. No questions were asked or clarifications sought.

7. Agenda Item 4: Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer read his Report (attached) 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 2006, and the Auditor's Report dated 21 August 2006 including the following:

- (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.

It was unanimously resolved that the Treasurer's Report, Financial Statements and Auditor's Report be received.

It was further unanimously resolved that Mr David Gorman, Chartered Accountant, having consented in writing to continue to act in the capacity as Auditor of the Society, be re-appointed as Auditor of the Society for the year ending 30th June, 2007.

There was general discussion following the report of strategies for increasing revenue and income for the Society, including the cost of postage for journals, and CAL licensing payments. A question was asked as to whether the society had considered holding public events, to which it was replied that the proposed Presidential Lecture was one such effort, but that the administrative overhead of holding a public lecture series was beyond the capacity of the volunteer members of the Society. It was also noted that state representatives who sit as ordinary members on the Committee of Management had previously had a role of organising Society events in their jurisdiction, which could again be considered in the future.

8. Agenda Item 5: Journal Editor's Report

The Editor, Professor Paul Mazerolle, submitted his Report (attached). It was unanimously resolved that the Editor's Report be received.

9. Agenda Item 6: Committee Reports

The President submitted the Minutes of the Committee of Management of 12 July 2005, 5 September 2005, 22 November 2005, 6 February 2006 and 14 August 2006. It was unanimously resolved that the Minutes of these meetings of the Committee be received.

10. Agenda Item 7: Sub-Committee Reports

The President submitted the Reports of the Long-Term Planning Sub-Committee, the Professional Affairs and Ethics Sub-Committee, the Communications Sub-Committee and the conference organisers. It was unanimously resolved that the Reports of these Sub-Committees be received.

11. Agenda Item 8: Alteration to the Rules of the Association

The President read the draft Special Resolutions contained in the Notice of Annual General Meeting concerning the proposed amendments to the Rules as follows:

1 Special Resolutions for alterations to Rule 4

It is proposed to consider at the Annual General Meeting and, if thought fit, to pass a special resolution to amend Rule 4 as follows:

4 (1)(c) - Substitute the following for the existing sub-paragraph:

"(c) A person referred to in sub-rule (1)(a) is exempt from paying the entrance fee as determined by the Committee from time to time, but must pay the subscription as determined by the Committee from time to time, in accordance with sub-rule (12) below when it becomes due and payable."

4(2)(b) - Substitute the word "Secretary" for the word "committee".

4(3) - Substitute the following for the existing sub-paragraph:

"(3) An application of a person for membership of the Association must-
(a) be made in writing in the form approved by the Committee; and
(b) may be made electronically or by paper application submitted to the Secretary."

4(4) - Substitute the following for the existing sub-paragraph:

"(4) As soon as practicable after the receipt of an application, the Secretary must determine whether or not the application for membership should be approved".

4(5) - Substitute the word "Secretary" for the word "committee" where twice appearing.

4(6) - Substitute the word "Secretary" for the word "committee".

4(6)(b) - Substitute the following for the existing sub-paragraph:

"(b) request payment within 28 days after receipt of the notification of the sum payable under these Rules as the entrance fee and the subscription as determined by the committee from time to time, as the first subscription payable, calculated on a pro-rata basis for the period of the person's first period of membership of the association (either as a proportion of one or two years' initial membership)."

4(9) - Substitute the word "Secretary" for the word "committee" where twice appearing.

4(11) - Substitute the following for the existing sub-paragraph:

"(11) The entrance fee is the relevant amount as determined by the Committee from time to time."

4(12) - Substitute the following for the existing sub-paragraph:

(12) A member must pay either the annual or biennial subscription, as determined by the Committee from time to time, which is payable in advance on or before 1 July in each year, or 1 July in every 2 years, respectively.

4(13) - Add the following new sub-paragraph immediately following sub-paragraph 4(12):

"(13) Only those members who have paid their current membership fees in full are entitled to receive

- (a) copies of the Australian and New Zealand Journal of Criminology, and
- (b) reduced registration fees to the Society's annual conference."

Appendix 4 - Delete, in full, Appendix 4.

2 Special Resolution for the alteration of Rules 4(10) and 6(3)
It is proposed to consider at the Annual General Meeting and, if thought fit, to pass a special resolution to amend Rules 4 and 6 as follows:

4(10) - add a new sub-paragraph immediately following (b) as follows:

"4(10)(c) terminates upon membership fees remaining unpaid for a period of 24 months."

6(3) - add a new sub-paragraph immediately following (2) as follows:

"(3) A member of the Association whose membership fees remain unpaid for a period of 24 months thereupon ceases to be a member of the Association and the Secretary must as soon as practicable remove that person's name from the Register."

3 Special Resolution for the alteration of Rules 19(2) and Appendices 1, 2 and 3
It is proposed to consider at the Annual General Meeting and, if thought fit, to pass a special resolution to amend Rule 19 as follows:

19(2) - Substitute the following for the existing sub-paragraph:

- "(2) The notice appointing the proxy must be-
- (a) for a meeting of the Association convened under rule 7(7), in the form set out in Appendix 1; or
 - (b) in any other case, in the form set out in Appendix 1.

Appendix 1 - delete this Appendix in full

Appendix 2 - re-number this Appendix as Appendix 1

Appendix 3 - re-number this Appendix as Appendix 2

4 Special Resolution for the alteration of Rule 20(3)
It is proposed to consider at the Annual General Meeting and, if thought fit, to pass a special resolution to amend Rule 20 as follows:

20(3) - Substitute the following for the existing sub-paragraph (b) of Rule 20(3):

"(b) thirteen ordinary members of the Association, as follows:

- (i) nine ordinary members being one ordinary member resident in each state and territory of Australia and one ordinary member resident in New Zealand;
- (ii) one ordinary member being the editor of the Australian and New Zealand Journal of Criminology;
- (iii) one ordinary member being the editor of the Newsletter of the Association;
- (iv) one ordinary member being the convenor of the annual conference of the Association; and
- (v) one ordinary member being a person who is able to represent the interests of student members of the Association."

5 Special Resolution for the alteration of Rule 21(4)

It is proposed to consider at the Annual General Meeting and, if thought fit, to pass a special resolution to amend Rule 21 as follows:

21(4) - Substitute the following for the existing sub-paragraph (4) of Rule 21:

"(4) In the event of a casual vacancy in any office referred to in sub-rule (1), the committee may appoint one of the members of the Association to the vacant office and the member appointed may continue in office up to and including the conclusion of the annual general meeting next following the date of the appointment."

6 Special Resolutions for alterations to Rule 32(3)

It is proposed to consider at the Annual General Meeting and, if thought fit, to pass a special resolution to amend Rule 32(3) as follows:

32(3) - Substitute the following for the existing sub-paragraph:

"(3) The funds of the Association shall be derived from entrance fees and annual subscriptions as determined by the committee from time to time, and donations and such other sources as the committee determines."

It was unanimously resolved that each of the above Special Resolutions (1-6) be approved by the Annual General Meeting.

12. Agenda Item 9: Election of Officers

Following the resignation of Tony Krone as Secretary, one nomination for the position of Secretary was received from Damon Muller, not less than seven days before the date fixed for the holding of the Annual General Meeting, and following the resignation of Bronwyn Naylor as Ordinary Member of the Committee of Management, one nomination for the position of Ordinary Member (for Victoria) was received from Dean Wilson, not less than seven days before the date fixed for the holding of the Annual General Meeting.

As only one nomination had been received for each position, it was unanimously resolved that Damon Muller be elected Secretary of the Association and Dean Wilson be elected as Ordinary Member of the Committee of Management for Victoria.

13. Agenda Item 10: Other Business

A number of items of other business were raised by attendees at the meeting.

It was noted that, when details of the conference become finalised, it should be advertised widely, including on the CrimNet mailing list.

There was a suggestion that the collection of back-issues of the Journal, currently held by Peter Grabosky and John Myrtle be scanned and digitised, or order to make them more readily available. It was also suggested that sets of the journal be collected and donated to institutions or libraries that may not have the capacity to obtain them by subscription.

It was noted that the archives of the Society are available on the web site of the Society, but that the way they are presented makes accessing them more difficult than possibly necessary. The secretary stated that he would bring the issue up with the web site administrators.

14. Agenda Item 11: Next Meeting

The next Annual General Meeting will be held at a time and place to be determined in conjunction with the Conference of the Society in Adelaide in September, 2007.

The meeting then closed at 5.25pm

ANNEXURE AGENDA ITEM 2

President's Report to the Annual General Meeting, Canberra, 13 September 2006

I took office at the AGM in Sydney on 22 November 2005.

ANZSOC Prizes

My first and most immediate task was to identify people who would be willing to serve on the ANZSOC Prize Committees at very short notice. Their work and deliberations had to be finalised well before the conference in Hobart, in early February 2006.

My thanks and appreciation to the chairs and members of the Awards Committees for 2006, and my congratulations to those awarded the prizes:

- The Allen Austin Bartholomew Award for the best article in the *Australian and New Zealand Society of Criminology* published in 2005 or 2006.

The Members of the Committee were Frank Morgan (Chair), John Braithwaite, and Janet Chan. The Prize was awarded to Kate Warner (University of Tasmania) for her article, "Gang Rape in Sydney: Crime, the Media, Politics, Race and Sentencing," Vol. 37(3).

- The Student Paper Prize 2006 for the best paper in criminology, under 8,000 words, written by a student, submitted for examination between 1 November 2004 and 31 October 2005, as part of an undergraduate, honours, or masters coursework program (honours and masters research theses are no longer eligible).

The Members of the Committee were Julie Stubbs (Chair), John Pratt, and Jennifer Wood. The Prize was awarded to Amber McLean (Victoria University of Wellington) for her paper, "The Legality of Humanitarian Intervention in Cases of Genocide: The Right or Wrong Side of the Thin Red Line?," under the supervision of Elizabeth Stanley.

- The New Scholar Prize 2006 for the best publication in criminology, written by a person within five years of their appointment to their first full-time academic or other research related position.

The Members of the Committee were the same as those for the Student Paper Prize. There was no New Scholar Prize awarded in 2006, the major reason being that too few people were nominated. I would like to see a more pro-active stance in encouraging nominations for both the New Scholar and Student Paper Prizes for 2007.

I prepared the wording for the plaques, and worked with then-Secretary, Tony Krone, to have the plaques made at well-known provider in Canberra. With the delivery of the plaques by the Treasurer, Matthew Willis, to Hobart, I gave the prizes at an Awards session at the Annual Conference, and I sent individual letters to the recipients.

The Newsletter

A second immediate task was to work with Editor Bronwyn Naylor in preparing copy for the resurrected ANZSOC Newsletter. The Newsletter will be published twice a year. It will be available on ANZSOC's website (www.anzsoc.org), and it will be published in hardcopy when appearing around the time of the Annual Conference. The first issue was available in hardcopy at the conference in Hobart in February 2006. I am very pleased with Bronwyn's hard work (along with members of the Communications Subcommittee) in producing such a fine first issue.

As the first issue was in production, Bronwyn was planning copy for the second issue, which, among other things, will feature activities at the Annual Conference. We identified an official Conference photographer, Natasha Bouhours, who attended the major sessions and took the pictures.

The Stockholm Prize

Before I was elected, in October 2005, then President Don Weatherburn, working with Heather Strang, put forward ANZSOC's nomination of John Braithwaite, Australian National University, for the Stockholm Prize in Criminology. At the time, three other people, Suzanne Karstedt, Frank Cullen, and David Bayley,

had already submitted a nomination for John. Because the Stockholm Prize Committee wanted just one nominating statement, Heather then incorporated the two. From the Society's perspective, we owe Heather and Don a great debt of thanks for putting the nomination materials together. Late in March 2006, it was announced that John was awarded the Stockholm Prize, along with Friedrich Losel, University of Cambridge. This is a significant achievement for John and criminology in our region. The award ceremony was held in Stockholm in mid-June.

Secretary Lost and Found -- and Lost and Found Again

As we prepared agendas for the Special General Meeting and the Committee of Management in Hobart in February 2006, it became clear that the Society's rudder, its former Secretary, Russell Smith, was going to be difficult to replace. At the Sydney AGM, the new Secretary, Tony Krone, was elected, and Russell began to pass the baton along, including the considerable institutional memory of ANZSOC's operations, to Tony. However, late in January 2006, Tony emailed me with the news that he had taken up a post in the Solomon Islands, and he had to step down as Secretary. An Acting Secretary, Damon Muller, was appointed in Hobart. At the AGM in September, Damon will officially run for Secretary. It has been a pleasure working with Damon, who brings a fresh perspective to how we conduct business at ANZSOC. Among other things, he has proposed a more streamlined way for people to become members of the organisation, and he has identified areas where we need to monitor membership benefits. These have been incorporated in some of the changes to the Rules (see below).

New Faces

At the Sydney AGM in November 2005, a slate of new faces was elected to the Committee of Management. With the exception of Russell, me, and former journal editor, John Pratt, all the other officers and ordinary members are new to the Society. When chairing the Committee of Management meeting in February 2006, I realised that my task was not only to move the organisation forward, but also to inform new members about the Society's procedures, recent history, and decisions.

At that meeting and the Special General Meeting in Hobart, I called upon all the Committee members take an active role in the Society's work and to work with me in increasing the Society's size, revenues, stature and impact, and professionalisation. In the past several months and after talking with several Committee members, including those on the Long-Term Planning Committee (Russell Smith, Paul Mazerolle, and Allan van Zyl), I have identified several major initiatives.

New Agenda

The following proposals and allocations from ANZSOC funds were discussed at a Committee of Management meeting on 14 August 2006:

- the Office of Secretary to be supported by a one-day per week administrative officer;
- a one-day workshop for students and early career researchers to be held in conjunction with the conference, to begin in Adelaide 2007 (this would be in addition to the graduate seminars, but these may be reduced from six to two per year); and
 - a Society Speaker, to begin at the Adelaide conference in 2007.

Further discussion will occur and final decisions will be taken on these proposals in September and October 2006, but Committee members agreed in principle with their spirit and direction.

Increasing our professionalisation and stature will require an increase in revenues. The sources of revenue generation are membership fees, journal royalties, and conference profits. I have identified these tasks to move the Society forward:

(1) Appointing a Membership Strategy Sub-Committee to canvass our options in taking a more pro-active approach to membership, in identifying a membership structure with variable costs and benefits, and in increasing the size of our membership. In addition, the Society needs to have a more streamlined approach for people to become members and to renew their membership (see below, under proposed changes in the Rules).

(2) Appointing a Student and Early Career Researchers Sub-Committee to consider activities to further the development and networking of our students and early career researchers. In addition to the proposed one-day workshop and graduate seminars, this Sub-Committee will consider methods of implementing a

proposed new position on the Committee of Management, a person to represent student interests (see below, under proposed changes in the Rules).

(3) Reviewing our website to facilitate on-line membership (new and renewing) and to offer more benefits to our members (such as a directory of members).

(4) Identifying an institutional sponsor (or sponsors) to support a Society Speaker, a person who would give a plenary address at the Annual Conference and at several cities (or other places) in Australia and New Zealand. The Society can improve its presence and visibility in public affairs in a variety of ways, and this is one way to do it. As an interim strategy, I have proposed a Society Speaker at the Adelaide conference in September 2007.

Proposed Changes to the Rules

A number of proposed changes to the Rules were discussed and approved at the Committee of Management meeting in August 2006. We proposed them for the following reasons: (1) to increase the representation on the Committee of Management; (2) to give the Committee greater flexibility in establishing fees; (3) to streamline the process of becoming a member and to use language that anticipates electronic mechanisms for new and renewing members; (4) to offer pro-rata fees for new members, to limit benefits only to paid members, and to strike those from membership who have not paid fees for 24 months; and (5) to respond effectively to vacancies amongst the Office Holders.

The proposed changes (which will be voted on in the 13 September 2006 AGM in Canberra and are then subject to approval by the regulator) are as follows:

(1) *Increased representation.* To have two new Committee of Management members: the Newsletter editor, and one to represent the interests of students.

(2) *Flexibility in setting fees.* To enable the Committee of Management to set fees rather than these being specified in the Rules. This permits the Committee to change fees without having to change the Rules.

(3) *Streamlined process for new members.* To permit the Secretary to approve new members who satisfy the membership criteria, rather than needing to seek approval from the Committee; to ensure that the process of membership and completing membership forms can encompass electronic mechanisms; and to remove the membership form from the Rules. This permits changes to be made to the membership form without having to change the Rules.

(4) *Clarity on costs of membership for new members, benefits of membership for paid members, and consequences for unpaid members.* To set the membership fee for new members on a pro-rata basis such that benefits received (the journal and reduced conference fees) are aligned with when a person joins the Society and continues only until renewal on 30 June of a given year (except for those who elect to pay biennially). For members who have not paid an annual (or bi-ennial) membership fee, all benefits will cease until the membership is paid. Those who have not paid membership fees for 24 months (termed “non financial members”) will be removed as members, although they may make a new application for membership.

(5) *Filling vacancies of Office Holders.* To permit the Committee to appoint a member of the Society, not just a member of the Committee, to fill a vacancy of an Office Holder.

All the members of the Committee will join me in thanking Russell Smith for the time and care he spent in pulling all of the necessary material together, and in a short period of time, in preparing for the vote of members at the AGM on 13 September. This involved translating general ideas for change into a Rules-based genre, along with providing explanations for the changes and a track-edited revision of the Rules. The relevant documents will be circulated with the AGM agenda three weeks before the AGM, when a Special Resolution to amend the Rules will be voted upon.

Why change?

At the Hobart Special General Meeting in February, Jackie Fitzgerald of BOCSAR asked an important question, why would the Society want to increase its revenues and get larger?

My response is that the Society cannot continue to operate, nor contemplate expanding, by relying on the voluntary labour of already overworked professionals. We must take a professionalized approach in our activities, and we can have a larger impact than we do now. Ultimately, my longer term goal (10 or 15 years) is that the Society has an Executive Director, whose task is to manage all the Society's administrative and membership work, including the running of the Annual Conference. My proposals (presented above) are one step in a 3- to 5-year plan of change.

The Society's 2005 financial statements showed a balance of over \$87,000. The major reason for our healthy bottom line is that former President Don Weatherburn (2003-2005), who was ANZSOC Conference Convenor in 2003, contributed over \$46,000 in conference profits to the Society. He did this by raising funds from sponsors to support the conference. We cannot expect all local program organisers to take such a pro-active fundraising approach to their role. However, we can look to Don's example as one way to increase the Society's revenues.

In the past few years, the Society has operated on a conservative model of spending only the interest on our term of deposit. Now it is time to invest in a plan for growth, with a vision and set of goals for the Society's future direction. We need to move with care and fiscal prudence, taking incremental steps toward change. I would like to see the Society, the Annual Conference, and the Journal have a stronger and more visible presence in criminology and in public affairs, and take a leadership role in bringing along the next generation of researchers, lecturers, and policymakers in our field.

Professor Kathleen Daly
School of Criminology and Criminal Justice
Griffith University

President, ANZSOC
21 August 2006

ANNEXURE AGENDA ITEM 3

Acting Secretary's Report to the Annual General Meeting, Canberra, 13 September, 2006

1. Membership

As of 19 August 2006, there were 208 current financial members on the Register. Due to the small amount of time between the call for renewals (due at the end of June) and the AGM (and hence this Secretary's report), it is likely that a number of belated renewals will be received. If we consider those who were financial members in the 2005/2006 financial year (assuming that those who have not resigned will chose to renew), along with the new members for the 2005/2006 financial year, the Society has 269 members on the Register.

This number appears to be a significant decrease compared to the number of 357 reported in the 2005 AGM Secretary's report, however this is due to some variation in counting practice. The number reported in the previous report assumes that all members continue being members until they resign, regardless of whether or not they have paid their membership dues. As the Rules of the Society are expected to be varied at the 2006 AGM to delete members from the register after two years of non-payment, and restrict copies of the Journal to financial members only (Special Resolution C), it was considered that excluding non-financial members from the report would give a truer picture of the membership of the society.

In the current year, eight members of the society have resigned, mainly due to changes in occupation or retirement. In the same time period, 28 new members applied to the society, were accepted, and paid their membership fees. Of these new members, three are student members.

Some details of the current state of membership of the Society is presented in the tables below. Note that these tables reflect the 269 members who are either current financial members, or were financial members in the previous year.

Table 1: Region of members

Region	Total
NSW	64
QLD	54
VIC	43
ACT	28
WA	20
NZ	19
SA	14
OS	14
NT	6
TAS	5
USA	2
Grand Total	269

Table 2: Country of residence of members

Country	Total
Australia	234
Canada	2
Chile	1
England	7
Germany	1
New Zealand	20
Papua New Guinea	1
USA	3
Grand Total	269

Table 3: Category of members

Category	Total
Normal	215
Organisation	1
Overseas	16
Retired	1
Student	36
Grand Total	269

Table 4: Institution type of members

Institution	Total
Unknown	5
Government	83
Organisation	2
Other	74
University	105
Grand Total	269

2. Committee Membership

At the 2005 Annual General Meeting the Committee of Management and Office Bearer terms expired. The following individuals were nominated and accepted into the respective positions.

Office Bearers:

President – Kathleen Daly
 First Vice-President – Russell Smith
 Second Vice-President – John Pratt
 Secretary – Tony Krone
 Treasurer – Matthew Willis

Committee Members:

Australian Capital Territory – Jennifer Wood
 New South Wales – Brendan Thomas
 New Zealand – Jan Jordan
 Northern Territory – Allan Van Zyl
 Queensland – Christine Bond
 South Australia – Mark Israel
 Tasmania – Julia Davis
 Victoria – Dean Wilson
 Western Australia – Frank Morgan
 Journal Editor – Paul Mazerolle
 Conference Convenor – Rob White

In addition, Tony Krone gave notification of his resignation from the post of Secretary on 31 January 2006, and Damon Muller was appointed acting secretary at the Committee of Management meeting on 6 February 2006.

3. Committee Meetings 2005-06

During the 2005-06 financial year the Committee of Management met on five occasions, via email on 12 July 2005, via telephone conference on 5 September 2005, in Sydney on 22 November 2005, in Hobart 6 February, 2006, via telephone conference on 14 August 2006. Minutes are (or will shortly) be available on the Society's web site.

4. Sub-committees

The Society currently has three ongoing sub-committees: the Long-Term Planning Sub-Committee (chaired by Kathleen Daly), the Communications Sub-Committee (chaired by Bronwyn Naylor), and the Professional Affairs and Ethics Sub-Committee (chaired by Russell Smith). Reports from each of these sub-committees will be tabled at the AGM and posted on the Society's web site.

5. AGM and Conference

The Act under which the Society is incorporated requires that the AGM of the Society be held within five months of the end of the financial year (ie., before 1 December), and as the conference was held in February 2006 in Hobart, the AGM was once again unable to be held in concert with the conference. A decision was made by the Committee of Management to hold the AGM along side the International Centre for the Prevention of Crime Sixth Annual Colloquium, to be held in Canberra on 14-15 September, 2006. The next conference of the Society will be held in Adelaide from 23 to 26 September, 2007, and is being hosted by the University of South Australia and Flinders University.

6. Newsletter

It was recommended by the Communications Sub-Committee that a newsletter be established for the Society, for which Bronwyn Naylor was appointed editor. The first edition of the newsletter was distributed at the February 2006 conference in Hobart, with additional copies being distributed to new members of the Society. The second edition is being completed at the time of writing, with a view to electronic distribution, and will be hosted on the Society web site.

ANNEXURE AGENDA ITEM 5

**Editors Report to the Australian and New Zealand Society of
Criminology Executive Meeting**

Canberra, ACT

September 2006

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It is with pleasure that I submit to you a report describing relevant activities for the *Australian and New Zealand Journal of Criminology* for the period of my editorship beginning in 1, October 2005. This has been a very busy time for the Journal and there have been several new developments. First, I am happy to report that the submission rate to the Journal has gradually increased, by approximately 15%. This is based on submissions received over the past 11 months. While this is an important development, it has placed more pressure on the review process. Thankfully, many ANZSOC members and overseas scholars have been agreeing to support the Journal by acting as reviewers. Secondly, as at July 3, the Journal has moved to Griffith University. I have recently taken up a new position at the Key Centre for Ethics, Law, Justice and Governance, and the Centre with assistance from the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice has agreed to provide support for hosting the Journal. Sincere appreciation and thanks are due to both Griffith University and my former employer, The University of Queensland, for their support for the Journal. In general, the transition between institutions has been a smooth one.

One of the changes implemented since taking over the Journal included the move to electronic submission as the primary mode of receiving papers and communicating with reviewers. This move has gone well, and authors and reviewers appear to be generally satisfied with communicating in this format. Formal editorial decisions are still communicated in a hard-copy letter, and anonymous copies are forwarded to reviewers to provide them with feedback about final editorial decisions.

It was anticipated that the move to electronic communication would assist with review turnaround times. While baseline comparison data from the ANZJC is not available, the review duration or turnaround times for the past eleven months reviewing for the Journal has been calculated. The average review duration, based upon the time period between when papers are received until an editorial decision is posted is **73 days**. This calculation was based on papers received for a first round of reviews. It does not include papers under review on a revise and resubmit, papers rejected in house, or papers included in a special, guest edited edition of the Journal. From the distribution of papers (n=27), the minimum time period was 18 days while the maximum was 131. Very few papers take 3 months or more to review, and in these instances, the inability of a reviewer to return a timely review was the reason for the delay. In general, authors submitting their papers to the Journal should expect an editorial decision in approximately 8-12 weeks, which I believe exceeds many journals in the field of Criminology.

While the submission rate to the Journal appears to be gradually increasing, the comparatively low number of submissions still detracts from our ability to offer a fourth annual edition. For the period from 1, October 2005 until August 21, 2006, the number of papers received and their relevant editorial status is:

Total papers received =	50
Papers rejected in-house=	5
Papers sent out for review=	45
Papers accepted after review=	11
Papers conditionally accepted after review=	1
Papers rejected after review=	16
Papers under revise & resubmit=	9
Papers under first review=	8

The challenges and future ambitions or priorities for the ANZJC remain much as they were last year. In brief, they include increasing the submission rate to the Journal, moving to a fourth annual edition, and raising the Journal impact factor. All of these issues will take some time to materialise. In moving toward these priorities, I plan to further pursue the marketing of the Journal in domestic and international markets, to solicit high profile papers from academics working in Criminology and related areas, to look for innovative ways to raise the visibility of the Journal, and to consider publishing thematic editions of the

Journal that represent worthy contributions to the field. Importantly, the book review section of the Journal continues to thrive, and thanks are due to Dr Hennessey Hayes, the Book Review Editor for his continued efforts over the period.

There are some impressive papers soon to be published in the Journal. Papers forthcoming in the next edition of the Journal (39.2) include recently accepted papers as well as some earlier papers accepted by former Editor Professor John Pratt. Forthcoming papers include:

Geoffrey Fisher and Stuart Ross, *Beggarman or thief: Methodological issues in offender specialisation research*

Erol Digiusto and colleagues, *Effects of Pharmacotherapies for Opioid Dependence on Participants' Criminal Behaviour and Expenditure on Illicit Drugs: an Australian National Evaluation (NEPOD)*

Holly Johnson, *Concurrent drug and alcohol dependency and mental health problems among incarcerated women*

Samantha Lundrigan and Sarah Czarnomski, *Spatial characteristics of serial sexual assault in New Zealand*

Barbara Hudson, *Punishing monsters, judging aliens: justice at the borders of community*

Eduardo Paes-Machado and Carlos Linhares de Albuquerque, *The Family Curriculum: Socialization Process, Family Network and the Negotiation of Police Identities*

In December of this year, a special thematic edition entitled, *Pathways and Prevention* will be released. This edition of the Journal has been guest edited by Professor Alan France of Loughborough University and Professor Ross Homel of Griffith University and brings together a diverse set of interesting papers on varying aspects of pathways research. These papers will be highly sought after by scholars working in this area. Papers appearing in this special edition of the Journal include:

Alan France and Ross Homel, *Societal access routes and developmental pathways: Putting social structure and young people's voice into the analysis of pathways into and out crime*

Jeanette Lawrence, *Taking the developmental pathways approach to understanding and preventing antisocial behaviour*

Jacqueline J Goodnow, *Adding social context to developmental analysis of crime prevention*

Kaye Haw, *Risk factors and pathways into and out of crime, misleading, misinterpreted or mythic?: From generative metaphor to professional myth*

Hazel Kemshall, Louise Marsland, Thilo Boeck, Leigh Dunkerton, *Young people, pathways and crime: Beyond risk factors*

Robert MacDonald, *Social exclusion, youth transitions and criminal careers: five critical reflections on 'risk'*

Don Weatherburn and Bronwyn Lind, *What mediates the macro-level effects of economic and social stress on crime?*

Linda Caldwell and Edward Smith, *Leisure as a context for youth development and delinquency prevention*

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