

AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY OF CRIMINOLOGY

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting

A meeting of the Executive of the Australian and New Zealand Society of Criminology took place on 5th December, 1988 at the Australian Institute of Judicial Administration, 103-105 Barry St, Carlton South.

Present: Prof. Peter Sallmann (Chair: with proxies from Mr. D. Biles and Prof. R. Harding); Mr. S. Johnston (Vice-Pres); Ms. J. Wundersitz (Hon Secretary); Dr. J. Sutton (N.S.W.) and Dr. C. Alder (Vic).

Apologies: Dr. G. Wardlaw (Vice-Pres), Dr. N. Naffine (Hon Treasurer), Prof. R. Harding (W.A.), Mr. D. Biles (A.C.T.), Mr. D. Owston (NT).

1. Minutes: Minutes of the meeting of 23rd August, 1988 were confirmed.

2. Matters Arising

2.1 Clause 4 of the Constitution: Members expressed general agreement with the draft rewording of Clause 4 circulated prior to the meeting, although there was some concern over the ambiguity of the term "responsible" which appeared in Clause 4(b). Dr Alder moved that the amendments to Clause 4 be accepted as is, subject to further comment from the Executive regarding the term "responsible". If no further concerns are raised, the amendment will be placed before the BGM for ratification.

2.2 Editorial requirement for ANZJ of Crim: after further discussion on the need to include an Editorial in each issue of the Journal it was agreed that this should be left to the Editor's discretion. The incoming Editor expressed support for the development of a "Letters to the Editor" section, to which members of the Executive could contribute.

2.3 1989 Conference: (a) Dr. Don Weatherburn, Director of the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics, has agreed to convene the 5th Annual Criminology Conference at a date still to be decided. The President agreed to write to

Dr. Weatherburn expressing the Society's thanks. An invitation will be extended for him to attend the next Executive meeting so that he may present an outline of the proposed Conference content and structure.

(b) Conference funds: The President moved that the Conference Convenor be responsible for the Conference Funds and that the Convenor be requested to provide the next meeting with a tentative budget outline. Seconded Dr. Christine Alder.

Also request that the sum of \$2000 from the Conference Fund be transferred to the Treasurer for investment.

2.4 Annual Newsletter: Members supported the concept of an Annual Newsletter providing it could be done at no cost to the Society. The Secretary to take responsibility for its preparation.

3. Secretary's Report

Two applications for membership were approved as follows;

Ms. Christine Rau: B.A.; Reporter with the Melbourne Herald. Dip.Crim(Melb).

Mr. Michael Hogan: B.A.(Hons), LLB: Research Officer.

4. Treasurer's Report:

In the absence of the Treasurer, her financial statement of income and expenditure was tabled (see Attachment 1). It was noted that the Term Deposit of \$6009 was due to mature on 7 December 1989, and the Secretary was instructed to change the term of that investment to obtain a higher rate of interest.

5 Editor's Report;

5.1 A Report tabled by the Editor (see Appendix 2) was accepted and the President, on behalf of the Executive and the Society, moved a vote of thanks to Dr Sutton for the job he has done over the past twelve months. Seconded, Dr. Christine Alder.

In relation to the transition of Editorship, Dr Sutton reported that he would act as Editor for the February 1989 issue, preparation of which had almost been completed.

Dr. Alder, as incoming Editor, reported that only one paper had been forthcoming from the August Conference. The need to establish a closer link between the Conference papers and publication for the Journal was discussed, including the possibility that the letter of acceptance issued to Conference presenters should also contain a stipulation that, with the author's permission, conference papers would be reviewed for publication in the Journal.

5.2 Butterworths proposal to increase the cost of the Journal to non-Society members was discussed. The President reported that he had already responded, indicating that any such increase was entirely a matter for the publishers. However, any subscription changes for Society members would need Executive discussion. At this stage, no such increases were proposed.

6. Other Business

6.1 Tentative dates for 1989 Executive Meetings were set as follows: 1st Meeting: April 21st.

2nd Meeting: during Sydney Conference

3rd Meeting: December 8th.

6.2 The President moved that the travel expenses incurred by the Secretary to attend this Executive meeting be payed by the Society. Seconded Dr. C. Alder.

With no further business arising the meeting then closed.

I certify that these minutes are a true record of the above meeting

Signed:

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Peter Sallmann

 Prof. Peter Sallmann
 President

Date.....

18 September 1989

TREASURER'S REPORTAustralian and New Zealand Society of CriminologyStatement of Assets and Liabilities as at 28 November 1988Current Assets

C.P.S. Credit Union	2,694.35
Conference Account (Held in Sydney)*

Plus Investments

C.P.S. Fixed Term Series Account	6,009.12
(maturing 7 December 1988)	

Less Current Liabilities

No accrued expenses: final payment made to Butterworths

Members' Funds as at 28 November 1988 \$8,703.47

(This figure does not include the Conference Account)*

Statement of Income and Expenditure: 21 August 1988 - 28 November 1988Income

Members' Subscriptions	195.00
Interest	185.03

Less Expenditure

Journal	1,563.00
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<u>Debit for Period</u>	\$1,182.97
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Editor's Report (5 Dec 88)

Papers published this year 16
Papers rejected this year 6

Current position:

Papers ready for February issue 3 (Journal pages = 56)
Papers being processed 5

General Comments

The papers received in 1988 have been of a fairly high standard. Some of those rejected were in a form that was inappropriate for the journal rather than being of poor quality in themselves. Two or three would be suitable for the newsletter type of publication issued by some professional societies.

The flow of articles is barely sufficient to maintain the journal at its current standard. Many of the published contributors write regularly for the journal and produce work of a consistently high standard. The Society is fortunate to have their support. Perhaps if the new Editors could widen this net a little, the publication schedule could be maintained a more securely than at present.

It is essential that the Editor have office and, preferably, secretarial facilities at his or her disposal. I found it difficult to manage the paperwork after leaving the Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research in July. This was quite unforeseen in December last year when I took over the Editorship for the year.

I believe the journal is a reputable and important symbol of the condition of Australian and New Zealand criminology. Much of this credit must go to the former editors who built up this standard. The improving state of the discipline is also reflected in the quality of the articles. I have enjoyed the year as Editor and wish the new Editors a good term of office.