

Australian and New Zealand Society of Criminology
Executive Meeting, February 26

Present: Joy Wundersitz, Christine Alder, Ken Polk, Marg D'Arcy

Apologies: John Pratt, Ngaire Naffine, John Braithwaite, Stuart Ross.

Ngaire Naffine had nominated Joy Wundersitz as her proxy and John Pratt nominated Christine Alder.

The minutes of the last meeting were passed as a correct record.

John Pratt had notified the secretary that he was resigning as New Zealand representative because of his move to Perth. Joy Wundersitz nominated Gabriel Maxwell as the replacement representative for New Zealand. Seconded by Ken Polk and accepted by the meeting.

Matters arising from the minutes:

. Gift for Ms Barwick has been purchased.

. The issue of incorporation will be placed on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting.

. Executive decision making - the difficulty of ensuring participation of members of the executive from states other than Victoria, was discussed. Several suggestions were made - that at least one airfare for Joy Wundersitz as deputy president be funded. This option is not realistic for other members of the executive as the society does not have sufficient funds. The cost and feasibility of telephone hook ups will be investigated.

It was agreed that at each executive meeting one state representative will be contacted on a conference call to discuss issues and decisions. The representatives will be rotated at each meeting.

State representatives will be asked to provide reports for executive meetings.

Presidents Report

. An approach has been made by Aslan Books for the Society to include a flyer advertising their publications with the ANZSOC Journal. Members would receive a 10 - 15% discount. Initial approaches to Butterworths did not receive a positive response.

It was suggested that if the newsletter was operating the flyer could be included.

ACTION: Joy to follow up with Aslan Books.

. The 8th International Symposium on Victimology is seeking sponsorship.

There is some concern that the dates would clash with the ANZSOC 1994 conference. Suggestion made that the ANZSOC conference could be in the same week but prior to Symposium or following.

It was agreed to include any information regarding the symposium in

the our mail outs and a notice in the Journal.

ACTION: Christine will write to the Symposium organisers nominating Joy as the liaison person for the Society.

- . Constitution, Christine will identify amendments for the next executive meeting for incorporation.

Treasurer's report

- . Report filed and accepted. The treasure has noted that term deposits are not offering attractive enough interest rates to make the option worthwhile. It was agreed to ask the treasure to nominate the amount of funds that could be tied up for 12 to 24 months and to investigate alternatives.

- . A letter to non renewed members warning them that they will not continue to receive the journal.

ACTION: Secretary to draft letter to non renewed members.

- . List of non renewed members from 1991 will be sent to state representatives for personal follow up.

- . 1992 conference accounts. Moved Joy Wundersitz, seconded Ken Polk that the president write to Kathy Laster with a formal request that a financial report be provided on the 1992 conference.

ACTION: Christine to write to Kathy Laster

Secretary's report

- . 93 renewals have been received which is almost half of the 92 membership.

- . There have been a number of queries re joining the society.

- . Suggested that a flyer regarding the benefits of membership of the Society be developed.

ACTION: Marg to speak to Stuart about drafting a flyer

- . A member had asked if we had credit card facilities. It was decided that the membership numbers did not warrant the cost involved in applying for credit card facilities.

- . List of '92 non renewed members to also be sent to state representatives, with flyers and a reminder that the Society will contribute up to \$200.00 for local seminars if a budget is forwarded and approved in advance.

ACTION: Marg and Stuart to send list of '92 members who have not renewed to state representatives.

Conference Report

- . The financial report from the 1992 conference is not yet available (see Treasurer's Report)

The program for the 1993 conference has been received.

ACTION: Christine to pass on the executive's congratulations to the organisers regarding securing the participation of David Garland.

There are concerns regarding the cost of \$2,500.00 for the keynote speaker. This should have the prior approval of the executive.

The budget as submitted does not indicate that there will be any profit. As agreed at the last meeting the conference budget should allow for a profit of at least \$2-3,000. This is the only income raising activity for the society. Budgets should allow for the contingency of a loss and allow a 10% profit margin.

ACTION: Christine to write to conference organisers asking for consideration of the option of sharing the cost of the keynote speaker and for a revised budget to be submitted to the next executive meeting.

Editor's Report:

Discussions continuing regarding the Australian - German exchange of criminology articles but the cost of translation appears to be prohibitive.

ACTION: Christine to discuss options with Editor, of finding a sponsor for translation or asking the authors to arrange the translation.

New members approved: C.E. Thompson, Professor Rod Underwood, John Tomaino, Stephen Baxter, Angela Lee, Anna Ferrante.

Other Business:

Joy is to draft a letter to go out to state representatives regarding material for a newsletter to be distributed twice yearly.

Workshop on Family Group Conferencing to be held on June 10th and 11th the first day will be an open session and the second will take the form of a meeting of the Juvenile Justice Working group.

TREASURER'S REPORT : FEBRUARY 1993

1. Society Accounts

The MUCC account currently holds a total of \$21,634. As noted at the Society's general meeting in October 1992, these funds can be divided more or less equally between the Society's membership funds and the Conference funds.

A new passbook account has been established with the Commonwealth Bank to hold funds from the 1993 memberships. The Treasurer and the Secretary are co-signatories to this account. At present (25 February) it holds a total of \$5720 representing income from 79 renewed members (2 cheques undated still outstanding).

At its last meeting the Executive indicated that part of the Society's Conference funds should be placed in a term deposit in order to earn a higher rate of interest. Short and medium-term deposit rates currently being offered by banks are around 5%, compared with around 3% for the existing passbook accounts. Placing \$3,000 on a six month term deposit would thus earn an additional \$30 in interest. Does the Executive still wish to proceed on this matter?

2. 1993 Memberships

As of 25 February, 82 memberships have been received. This represents about 40% of members to whom notices of renewal were sent. Six new members have joined the Society (see below) and a further application has been received. In addition, four 1992 members have resigned from the Society. Six membership notices have been returned with incorrect addresses. I have tracked down two and suggest that state reps be asked to attempt to locate the remaining persons (see list below). A new data-base for 1993 members has been started that will include members' dates of renewal. Members records on this data-base will only be validated when their cheques are banked. In this way, I hope to avoid some of the difficulties encountered in 1992.

Obviously, we need to plan to send out follow-up letters to non-renewed 1992 members by mid-March at the latest. We should also probably send letters to non-renewed 1991 members as well.

I have also received a renewal from Peter Sallman with a note to the effect that he has not received any copies of the Journal during 1991 and 1992. Obviously there has been a mix-up with Butterworths as he has an invoice from them for 1992. Can we arrange for copies of these issues to be sent to him.

4. Auditing

I plan to have the Society's books audited for the financial years 1991/92 and 1992/93 in July or August. This will require that the conference accounts for both 1991 and 1992 be finalised over the next few months.

5. Incorporation

Although members were surveyed in 1992 on their support for incorporation, there has been no further progress on this issue. It is somewhat debateable whether the approval of last year's members continues to furnish grounds for incorporation in 1993. Moreover, it seems unlikely that members of the Executive will have the time or resources to carry this project through - the Treasurer definitely does not. I suggest that the Executive consider appointing a member with the specific task of incorporating the Society. Perhaps one or two years of free membership could be offered as an incentive.

NEW MEMBERS

Mr. C.E. Thompson

Professor Rod Underwood

Mr. John Tomaino

Mr. Stephen Baxter

Ms. Angela Lee

Ms. Anna Ferrante

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