

**IRISH STUDIES ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND
(ISAANZ)**

Second Annual General Meeting (2007)
Sunday 23 September at 4pm

John Scott Meeting House, La Trobe University, Bundoora, Vic.

Present: Jamie O'Neill, Marcia Roche, Dymphna Lonergan, Patrick McNamara, Di Hall, Larry Geary, Jennifer Gerrand, Bob Reece, Jennifer Harrison, Peter MacFie, Brad Patterson, Philip Bull, Chris Mooney, Jennifer Ridgen, Pamela O'Neill, Frances Devlin-Glass, Lyndon Fraser, Sarah Dwyer.

Apologies: Apologies for AGM: Jeff Kildea, Liz Rushen, Peter Kuch, Malcolm Campbell, Peter Moore, Annmaree Wilson. Perry McIntyre, Elizabeth Malcolm.

Brad Patterson, Chair, moved that the Apologies be sustained. Accepted.

1. Confirmation of the minutes of the previous annual General Meeting .
Passed without amendment.

2. Reports (all are attached)

President's Report, moved to be accepted by Brad Patterson, and passed.

Treasurer's Report, moved to be accepted by Larry Geary, and passed.

Secretary's Report, moved to be accepted by Philip Bull, and passed.

3. The Treasurer presented a financial statement (see Treasurer's report) of the association (to 30 June 07) in accordance with section 30(3) of the Act. Moved to be accepted by Jennifer Gerrand.

4. Election of officers of the Association and the ordinary members of the Committee;

President: Elizabeth Malcolm, nominated by Di Hall, seconded by Larry Geary, elected unopposed.

Vice-President: Brad Patterson, nominated by Lyndon Fraser, seconded by Sean Brosnahan, elected unopposed.

Treasurer: Philip Bull, nominated by Frances Devlin-Glass, seconded by Brad Patterson, elected unopposed.

Secretary: Frances Devlin-Glass, nominated by Philip Bull, seconded by Brad Patterson, elected unopposed.

2 Committee Members: i. Lyndon Fraser, nominated by Brad Patterson, seconded by Di Hall, elected unopposed.

ii. Larry Geary, nominated by Philip Bull and seconded by Jennifer Ridden, elected unopposed.

Di Hall will continue to serve ex officio as Journal Editor, and the committee will co-opt to its membership the next conference organiser and other members as it sees fit.

5. Any Other Business

No items of Other Business have been submitted to the secretary by 30 August.

The Official business of the meeting gave place to a wide-ranging general discussion;

1. Nominating for office. The meeting agreed to seek legal advice about what constitutes a legal signature and thought it worthwhile to examine options for streamlining the process of nomination for office.
2. Bob Reece raised the matter of what the mechanism for fixing the next conference might be. Brad Patterson reminded the meeting of an understanding that the next conference would be in Wellington. Larry Geary noted an expression of interest by University of Limerick.
3. Lyndon Fraser noted that the journal was called the Australasian Journal of Irish Studies, and that the conference was anachronistically still being billed as an Irish-Australian conference. The trans-Tasman sensitivity on the matter was noted.
4. Philip Bull appealed to members to persuade their libraries to subscribe to AJIS.

5. Bob Reece noted that in the past AJIS was marketed as a monograph rather than a journal, and planned to find out what the particular advantages might have been. Jennifer Ridden pointed out that the British quality assurance process favoured journals over monographs.
6. Dymphna Lonergan asked if there was an intention to publish the conference proceedings, whereupon journal editors urged submission of articles for the forthcoming edition of AJIS. Larry Geary noted the imminent publication of the Cork conference proceedings by Irish Academic Press.
7. Bob Reece congratulated the current committee on progress to date with AJIS, ISAANZ and the conference.

Meeting closed at 4.45pm.

Appendices

Appendix A: President's Report

Appendix B: Treasurer's Report/Statement

Appendix C: Secretary's Report

Appendix A

**2ND AGM ISAANZ
La Trobe University, Melbourne
23 September 2007**

President's Report, 2006-7

Apologies and Thanks

Firstly, I would like to apologise to members that I am not able to attend this year's AGM. This is due to the demands of my job as I am currently in Ireland working.

Secondly, I would like to thank the Vice President, Dr Brad Patterson, for chairing this AGM. In addition, thanks go to other members of the current committee, in particular the Secretary and Treasurer, for all their hard work and generous support over the past year.

It has indeed been a very busy 10 months since the 1st AGM in November 2006. In this report I want to sketch for members some of what has been undertaken and, most importantly, achieved.

ISAANZ Membership, 2006-7

The committee has been actively and successfully recruiting members. Thus a membership of around 15 at the time of the last AGM now stands at 71. As a result of this growing membership, we are in a fairly healthy position financially, as the Treasurer will report shortly.

Nevertheless, recruitment of new members is still a priority.

ISAANZ Website (www.ISAANZ.org.au)

Last month a Website for ISAANZ went on line. This should help publicise the Association and attract further members. As well as containing details of the Journal and Conferences, a membership form and a copy of the ISAANZ rules, the Website is also intended to provide information about upcoming lectures, seminars conferences, festivals,

etc. If members would like to post information about events on the site, I'd urge them to contact the ISAANZ Secretary.

ISAANZ Newsletter No.1, 2007

In conjunction with the Website, we've also recently inaugurated a Newsletter to be sent to members twice yearly. This will contain news about Irish-Australian and Irish-New Zealand events, as well as Irish events, plus notices of books, details of courses, etc. Again, members are very welcome to offer contributions to the Newsletter editor in the form of letters, notices or short articles.

AJIS, Volume 6, 2006/7

Since the last AGM a great deal of work has gone into the production Volume 6 of the Journal, which has just appeared, and also into gathering articles and reviews for Volume 7, which it is planned will appear early in 2008, followed by Volume 8 at the end of the year.

I want to thank the editors, authors, reviewers and referees for their sterling efforts. I hope that members will enjoy reading the Journal, and if anyone would like to offer an article for publication they should contact the editors.

15th Conference, 2007

And last, but far from least, there has been the 15th Conference. Organising the Conference this year has posed particular problems, but these have been successfully overcome. I'd like to congratulate Dr Jennifer Ridden on a very enticing programme. Looking at it has made me very regretful that I'm not able to be there.

As in the past, it is planned that a number of the Conference papers will be published, in book form and/or in the Journal.

Conclusion

As members can see from this outline, the committee has had an extremely active year. The Association has definitely been put on a more substantial and secure footing since November 2006. It now has its own Website and Newsletter, as well continuing to manage and promote the existing Journal and Conference series, while membership is growing steadily.

Thus, at this 2nd AGM, I think we are all entitled to feel a degree of satisfaction at the progress that has been achieved since our first meeting late last year.

Elizabeth Malcolm
President ISAANZ 2006-7
Belfast, Sept. 2007

Appendix B

**IRISH STUDIES ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA AND NEW
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INCOME, EXPENDITURE and FINANCIAL POSITION
as at 30 June 2007

Funds on hand at 1 July 2006			\$553
<u>Add</u> Income for the year			
Membership subscriptions	3,116		
Institutional subscriptions to <i>AJIS</i>	<u>60</u>		
Total subscriptions		3,176	
<u>Less</u> Expenditure for the year			
Consumer Affairs Victoria	38		
ISAANZ stamp	32		
Bank fees	<u>9</u>		
Total expenditure		<u>79</u>	
Net income for year			<u>3,097</u>
Funds on hand at 30 June 2007			<u>\$3,650</u>

Note

For the information of members, since 30 June there has been an additional expenditure of \$2,529 principally for the production of issue 6 of the Journal, and additional income of \$245 from further membership fees, together with three foreign currency cheques still to be banked. Further details will be available in response to questions at the AGM.

Philip Bull
Hon. Treasurer
23 September 2007

Appendix C

ISAANZ: Secretary's Report for AGM of 23 September 07

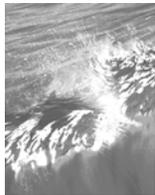
My task as secretary is to be a hub for the organisation's communications, and I seem to have inherited the website, an important plank in the network, as well. There are a few issues worth drawing to your attention:

Email as the default method of communication:

It is indeed a blessing that only 5 of our members have not supplied an email address, as it makes the issue of communicating with members so much more efficient, time-saving and, very importantly, cost-saving. If any of those are able to supply emails, I would be grateful. If emails are returned, I have operated a system of using the snail-mail and asking folk to keep me informed. Email is also proving useful to alert members to the journal mailout, as that way we keep up with changes in address, and temporary changes in address.

The website:

Because we lost a part-time worker, the website was a lot slower getting going than we'd hoped, but finally in August, it went online with its own domain name. If members would like us to link to particular Irish-Studies activities, we would be pleased to do so. The website is a simple affair, mainly because my Dreamweaver skills are rudimentary. We'd love a logo and banner for it, so if any members have the skills and are prepared to donate them, we'd be interested. We have a provisional logo (which some of us are uncertain about), which is reproduced below.



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Newsletters:

The committee seeks volunteers, preferably not based in Victoria, for Newsletter editor. The job could be done entirely by remote control, and perhaps by two people.

Issues arising in correspondence:

- The need to find conference dates that do not coincide with terms dates, especially in New Zealand.
- The desirability of holding the AGM at the end rather than the beginning of a conference

Frances Devlin-Glass