

IRISH STUDIES ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND (ISAANZ)

AGENDA

6th AGM (2011)

National Museum of Australia, Canberra

Friday, 1 July, between 1pm and 2.00pm, Friends' Lounge, National Museum of Australia

Present: Gay Lynch, Dymphna Lonergan, Anders Ahlqvist, Bryan Coleborne, Dianne Hall, Val Noone, Stephanie James, Jennifer Ridden, Brad Patterson, Kathryn Patterson, Pamela O'Neill, Perry McIntyre, Liz Rushen, Joan Kavanagh, Anne Cunningham, Rónán McDonald, Patrick McNamara, Jeff Kildea, Frances Devlin-Glass, Elizabeth Malcolm

Apologies: Philip Bull, Angela McCarthy, Danny Cusack, Anne Elder, Rosa McGinley, Malcolm Campbell, Lyndon Fraser, Carole Anne Lunn, Marian Murphy, Lycia Trouton, Frank Molloy, Veronica Brady, Sharon Crozier-de Rosa, Jennifer Harrison.

Chair: Elizabeth Malcolm

(a) Confirmation of the amended minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting:

Moved: Di Hall; Seconded: Anders Ahlqvist and carried unanimously.

(b) Reports were tabled from the President, Treasurer and Secretary of the transactions of the Association during the last preceding financial year

President's Report (attached)

Motion to accept: Perry McIntyre; Seconded: Val Noone. Accepted unanimously.

Treasurer's Report (Attached) was delivered on Philip Bull's behalf by Elizabeth Malcolm, who noted that the expenditure on journal printing had not been finalised and that further information would be sought on this.

Motion to accept was moved by Anders Ahlqvist, and seconded by Patrick McNamara

Secretary's Report (attached)

Motion to accept was moved by Jennifer Ridden and seconded by Liz Rushen. Carried unanimously.

(c) Elections of the officers of the Association and the ordinary members of the Committee.

President, Elizabeth Malcolm, was nominated by Jennifer Ridden and seconded by Patrick McNamara and elected unopposed.

Vice-President, Brad Patterson, was nominated by Patrick McNamara and seconded by Di Hall, and elected unopposed.

Treasurer, Philip Bull, was nominated by Frances Devlin-Glass and seconded by Liz Rushen, and elected unopposed.

Secretary, Frances Devlin-Glass, was nominated by Di Hall, and seconded by Patrick McNamara, and elected unopposed.

Committee Members: Perry McIntyre was nominated by Elizabeth Malcolm and seconded by Anders Ahlqvist, and elected unopposed.

Rónán McDonald was nominated by Pam O'Neill and seconded by Anders Ahlqvist, and elected unopposed.

Ex-Officio Committee Members: The meeting noted that the next conference organiser, Angela McCarthy of the University of Otago, and the journal editor, Di Hall, were also committee members.

Coopted Members: The meeting raised the possibility that the committee might approach Danny Cusack and Dymphna Lonergan to establish whether they would agree to be co-opted members of the committee.

(d) AOB: There were no matters arising out of correspondence.

(e) Special Business: Anders Ahlqvist raised the problem of ARC Fields of Research. There is no category of Irish Studies (cf. Asian Cultural Studies) and as a result collaborative work in cognate areas often appears under different code numbers, thereby weakening individual applications for funding, and compromising the peer review process; further, work by scholars in, for example, Welsh or Irish or Scots Gaelic, are forced to register as projects

either in Early English Languages, or British and Irish Literature, or even as Other European Literature. He requested that the organisation make a case to the ARC for bringing outdated classifications up to date and in line with the kind of work currently being done in the interdisciplinary field of Irish Studies. The meeting endorsed such a move.

The meeting concluded close to 2pm.

Frances Devlin-Glass

Secretary, ISAANZ.

ISAANZ, 6th AGM

**Australian National Museum, Canberra
1 July 2011**

President's Report, 2010-11

Thanks to Officers/Committee

I would firstly like to thank the current officers and committee members for all their work since the 5th AGM was held in Belfast in July 2010. In this report I want to sketch briefly for members some of what has been achieved during the past 12 months, plus what is planned for the coming year.

Administration

The Committee employed Liz Rushen part-time in 2009-10 to handle various aspects of membership. We'd like to thank Liz for the excellent work she did in reviewing our membership and subscription data and producing more up-to-date and reliable records. Celia Scott took Liz's place this year and has been carrying on the good work.

Subscriptions

I'd remind members that subscriptions run from the beginning of July to the end of June each year, so now is the time to renew for 2011-12. This can be done through Pay Pal on the ISAANZ website. Any queries regarding membership and subscriptions should be sent to Frances Devlin-Glass, the ISAANZ Secretary, at francesdevlinglass@gmail.com.

ISAANZ Website

As in the past, I'd particularly stress the importance of the ISAANZ website at <http://isaanz.org/>. This includes the Association's rules, committee details and minutes of previous AGMs; information about subscriptions, the journal, conferences and Irish Studies lectures; and useful links to other Irish sites. And I'd invite members, if they know of relevant lectures, conferences, groups or publications, to send the information to the ISAANZ Secretary, who will make sure the details are put on the website. Frances can be reached at francesdevlinglass@gmail.com.

ISAANZ Newsletter

Perry McIntyre, our Newsletter editor, has continued over the last 12 months to bring out issues of the Newsletter by email. I'd like to thank her for her efforts. We hope that members find the Newsletter interesting. But again I'd urge members to make contributions themselves in the form of notices, queries or short articles. Perry can be contacted at: perrymcintyre@optusnet.com.au.

AJIS, Volumes 10 (2010) and 11 (2011)

Volume 10 of the *Australasian Journal of Irish Studies* appeared late last year and was a special issue on New Zealand edited by Malcolm Campbell of Auckland University and Lyndon Fraser of Canterbury University. I hope that members have enjoyed it. We have

additional copies of that volume, plus previous volumes back to 2006. These can be purchased via the ISAANZ website, using Pay Pal.

Volume 11 will appear later this year. We have a number of articles for it already, but we are still interested in receiving more. So if anyone has an article written or would like to write one, please contact me about this at: e.malcolm@unimelb.edu.au.

There is a detailed Style Guide for the journal on the ISAANZ website. Writers of articles and book reviews should follow the instructions in that guide.

Conferences

I would like to thank Richard Reid for organising the current conference and also the Australian National Museum for hosting it. And congratulations are due to them as well for the marvellous Irish in Australia exhibition, which opened in March. Plans are in train to hold the next conference at the University of Otago in Dunedin probably in July 2012. It will be organised by Angela McCarthy. Members should consult the website for further information over the next few months.

Conclusion: next AGM

The next AGM will take place in conjunction with the Dunedin conference 12 months from now.

Finally, I would like to thank members very much for their support and hope that they will continue to back ISAANZ in the future.

Elizabeth Malcolm
President ISAANZ, 2010-11
Canberra, July 2011

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**Annual General Meeting, 1 July 2011
Treasurer's Report for 2010–2011 Financial Year**

The financial statement for the financial year 2009-2010 is attached. Please note the following:

- Other commitments have meant that Dr Liz Rushen has had to withdraw from her role as Membership Secretary, but I am glad to announce that Dr Celia Scott has now taken over that role.
- In the attached financial statement the figure for funds on hand at 1 July 2010 does not correlate with the figure given in my report last year. In the time available I have not been able to investigate the detailed reasons for this but believe that it relates to the circumstances in which I had to prepare the report last year before the end of the financial year in time for it to be taken to the AGM in Belfast. The discrepancy relates to the processing of payments to and from La Trobe University in relation to the reversal of the system for payment of membership subscription, as explained in my notes to last year's report. The consequence has been that certain income transactions were included in the 2009-2010 statement that in practice were not received until well into the current financial year. The attached report correlates exactly and in every detail with the bank statements for the current year and I have deemed this the most appropriate way to present this year's report. I regret the inclusion in last year's report of incorrect figures and I will seek advice on how this occurred and give a detailed report subsequently to members. Unfortunately there have over the past 18 months been repeated changes in the support staff at La Trobe University on whom I rely for these transactions, but I accept full personal responsibility for this error, apologise to members and will rectify the problem and correct the record as soon as possible.
- In the attached financial statement the funds on hand are deceptively high. The principal reason for this is that there have not yet been any payments made to Celia Scott for her services as she is awaiting an ABN number to enable her to invoice the association without risking deduction of tax. The back payments to her will be included in next year's financial statement.
- Finally, I would like to thank Liz Rushen and Celia Scott for their support in managing membership records and administering payments through the PayPal system.

Philip Bull
30 June 2011

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INCOME, EXPENDITURE and FINANCIAL POSITION
as at 30 June 2011

Funds on hand at 1 July 2010		<u>\$1,530.35</u>
<u>Add</u> Income for the year		
Membership subscriptions		
[through PayPal]	1533.46	
[by cheque/direct to Bank A/c]	453.35	
[La Trobe Reimbursement]	2,230.00	
Total income	\$4,216.81	
<u>Less</u> Expenditure for the year		
Membership Secretary	160.00	
Total expenditure	\$160.00	
Net profit/loss for year		<u>(\$4,056.81)</u>
Funds on hand at 30 June 2011		<u>\$5,587.16</u>

Philip Bull
Hon. Treasurer
30 June 2011.

Secretary's Report for AGM of 1 July 2011

There are a few matters to report:

Membership currently stands at about 56, and as always we hope they will be swelled by folk attending this conference.

Email as the default method of communication continues to be a viable strategy. Of our members, only 5 have requested print-based communications from ISAANZ. But people do change emails, so please be aware to let us know. For my part, I'm happy to follow-up returned emails and to ensure that members are in the e-loop.

The website

Fabulous to see members publishing information (for example, about conferences, seminars, research being done or books published) on the website, and expecting to find relevant material there. Contact me or another committee member if you want to communicate via that forum. All the essential information for the organization is placed there, and there is scope for notifying members about events that correspond with our brief around Australia, New Zealand and the world. I'd like to suggest again that we find a place on the website for help requested.

Logo The committee is considering a logo commissioned on our behalf by Patrick McNamara. Hope to have something to report on that score very soon.

Newsletters:

Perry McIntyre, based in Sydney, generously agreed to be Newsletter editor and has published many very lively newsletters in the past year. Please keep her supplied with notices of your publications, conferences, Irish and Irish-Australian doings. Her email is perrymcintyre@optushome.com.au

Committee Meetings

Committee members in different time zones and different states continues to be a challenge that is increasingly being met via Skype and email. It's an enjoyable and a superb way to stay connected. The challenge of involving Irish participants is one we have yet to tackle, but it is clearly in sight. A time that suits Ireland, Australia and New Zealand and that is sociable is hard to find.

Frances Devlin-Glass, ISAANZ Secretary, 2010-2011
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