

Minutes ISAANZ AGM

9th November, 2012. University of Otago, Dunedin.
Open at 2.30pm

In Attendance: Dianne Hall, Elizabeth Malcolm, Brad Patterson, Jennifer Harrison, Perry McIntyre, Stephanie James, Fidelma Breen, Kathryn Patterson, Joan Kavanagh, Anne E. Cunningham, Lyndon Fraser, Rónán Mc Donald, Valerie Wallace, Gemma Clark, Patrick Colman, Mick McIntyre, Geraldene O'Reilly, Jeff Kildea, Philip Bull, Anders Ahlquist, Pamela O'Neill, Angela McCarthy, Wang Zhanpeng.

Apologies: Frances Devlin-Glass

Chair: Elizabeth Malcolm

Confirmation of the minutes of the previous AGM:

Modification:

change part **d** to "Special business"

change part **e** to "any other business"

Moved A. Ahlquist, seconded Pamela O'Neill, carried unanimously.

Reports:

President

Moved that report be accepted: Rónán McDonald, seconded Perry McIntyre. Carried

Treasurer

Moved that report be accepted: Jennifer Harrison, seconded Jeff Kildea.

Secretary

Moved that report be accepted: Brad Patterson, seconded Pamela O'Neill. Carried

Election of Office bearers:

President:

Rónán McDonald. Nominated: Elizabeth Malcolm. Seconded Brad Patterson.

Vice President:

Brad Patterson. Nominated: Anders Ahlquist. Seconded Elizabeth Malcolm.

Treasurer:

Philip Bull. Nominated: Pamela O'Neill. Seconded Anders Ahlquist

Secretary:

Frances Devlin-Glass. Nominated: Philip Bull. Seconded Rónán McDonald

Committee:

Perry McIntyre: Nominated: Dianne Hall. Seconded Elizabeth Malcolm

Angela McCarthy: Nominated: Dianne Hall. Seconded Brad Patterson

All members elected unopposed.

Ex-officio committee members: Gemma Clark as the next conference organiser and Dianne Hall as the *Australasian Journal of Irish Studies* editor.

Co-opted members: will be decided by the committee.

Other business:

Conferences:

- The location and timing of future conferences was discussed. Professor Rónán McDonald and Dr Gemma Clark will organise the 2013 conference at University of New South Wales. Details of dates and organisation will follow.
- Stephanie James and Fidelma Breen raised the possibility of a conference being held in Adelaide.
- There was also discussion about the conference returning to Ireland, possibly to UCD.

Postgraduate Essay prize.

- It was suggested that entrants need to be members of the Association.
- Suggestion that the prize be advertised on Humanities.net

Postgraduate committee member suggested. This will be raised at the first committee meeting.

The meeting expressed its appreciation and thanks for Elizabeth Malcolm's role and work in the establishment of the Association and for her excellent leadership as its President.

The meeting closed at 4.30pm.

Recorded by Dianne Hall

ISAANZ President's Report, 2011/12

Officers/Committee

I would firstly like to thank the 2011/12 officers and committee members for all their work since the 6th AGM was held in Canberra in July 2011. In this report I'll sketch briefly activities during the past 12 months and plans for the coming year.

Administration

Celia Scott, who took over part-time last year, has been continuing to update and maintain our membership records and help the Treasurer with subscriptions. We are very grateful for her important contribution to ISAANZ.

Subscriptions

I'd remind members that subscriptions run from the beginning of July to the end of June, so renewals for 2012/13 should have been paid already. However, they can still be paid via 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 Newsletter

Perry McIntyre, our Newsletter editor, has continued to bring out the Newsletter by email. I'd like to thank her for her efforts. And again, I'd urge members to contribute by contacting Perry at: perrymcintyre@optusnet.com.au.

ISAANZ Postgraduate Essay Prize

This year the committee instituted a prize for a postgraduate essay in Irish Studies. Ten entries were received from 6 countries, half from the Irish Republic, and the prize was awarded to Debora Biancheri (NUI Galway) for a study of two recent translations of the *Tain*. It is hoped to continue this essay prize competition in future years.

AJIS, Volumes 11 (2011) and 12 (2012)

Volume 11 of the *Australasian Journal of Irish Studies* appeared late last year. We have additional copies of that volume, plus previous volumes back to 2006, which can be purchased via the ISAANZ website using Pay Pal. Volume 12 will appear in the next month or two and will contain the ISAANZ Postgraduate Prize essay. The editors are in the process of preparing articles and reviews for publication at the moment.

Conferences

I would particularly like to thank Angela McCarthy for organizing the 19th Australasian Irish Studies Conference, and the University of Otago for hosting it and also this AGM. Plans are to hold the next conference and AGM at the University of NSW, Sydney, in 2013. Members should consult the ISAANZ website for further information on next year's conference.

Conclusion

Finally, I want to announce that I won't be nominating to serve another year as President of ISAANZ. I'll be leaving Melbourne University at the end of this year to spend more time researching and writing and, after 7 years, I also feel it's time to hand over the presidency to someone new. I've enjoyed the position very much and I'd like to thank members for their support since 2006, and I hope that they will continue to support ISAANZ in the future.

Elizabeth Malcolm

President, ISAANZ, 2006-12

IRISH STUDIES ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

Annual General Meeting, 9 November 2012

Treasurer's Report for 2011–2012 Financial Year

Please note the following:

- In the attached financial statement the funds on hand are deceptively high. The principal reason for this is that, owing to the loss by the Taxation Office of Celia Scott's application for an ABN, there have still not been any payments made for her services, as without an ABN she cannot invoice the Association without risking deduction of tax. When this process has been completed the money owing to her will be paid and the details included in next year's financial statement. [The amount owing is expected to be about \$2,550, that is for payment for services over two financial years, part of which will be payable from the La Trobe University *AJIS* account]
- Other immediately foreseeable costs are expenses related to the publication of volume 12 of the journal (which will this year be met from the La Trobe University journal account) and the payment for the winner of the AJIS Essay Prize.
- This draft statement does not distinguish income derived from membership fees from those for AJIS subscriptions.
- Given that the AGM is nearly 5 months into the new financial year I provide below a summary of the Year-to-Date position.
- For information it should be noted that the balance currently in the La Trobe University account is \$2,057.66. Once this has been expended on journal related expenses that account will be closed and in future the Association will be fully responsible for the journal.
- Finally, I would like to thank Celia Scott for her support in managing membership records and administering payments through the PayPal system.

Philip Bull

1 November 2012.

Year-to-date position

Balance at 30 June 2012 – \$7,185.38

Income for period 1/7/12 to 31/10/12 - \$3,977.80

Expenditure for period 1/7/12 to 31/10/12 - \$762 (for Web hosting and journal formatting, proof reading etc)

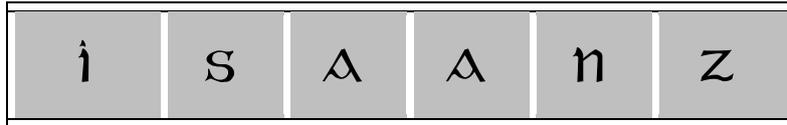
Balance in Bank at 1/11/12 - \$10,401.18

**IRISH STUDIES ASSOCIATION of AUSTRALIA AND NEW
ZEALAND**

INCOME, EXPENDITURE and FINANCIAL POSITION
as at 30 June 2012

Funds on hand at 1 July 2011		<u>\$5,587.16</u>
<u>Add</u> Income for the year		
Membership and AJIS subscriptions	<u>\$2,037.22</u>	
Total income	<u>\$2,087.22</u>	
<u>Less</u> Expenditure for the year		
Web hosting	396	
Australia Post Box	93	
Total expenditure	\$489	
Net profit/loss for year		<u>(\$1,598.22)</u>
Funds on hand at 30 June 2012		<u>\$7,185.38</u>

Philip Bull
Hon. Treasurer
1 November 2012.



IRISH STUDIES ASSOCIATION of AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND

ISAANZ: Secretary's Report for AGM 2012

There are a few matters to report:

Membership currently stands at 41, with 5 new members (31 Oct. 2012), slightly down on last year's total of 47. We are aware that some members have forgotten to renew, 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 and convenient strategy. Please let the secretary know when your email changes.

The website

We notice that the website is increasingly being used by people outside Australia and Melbourne to list events. This something we applaud. Members can contact the secretary or committee members if you want something listed.

Logo The committee thanks warmly the graphic artist, Ian Payne, for the logo commissioned on our behalf by Patrick McNamara. The committee took the decision to use a modified version of the design, with no representational elements, for our communications (see above).

Newsletters:

Perry McIntyre, based in Sydney, generously continued to be Newsletter editor and we are very grateful for the splendid job she is doing in gathering information and disseminating it. It's not an easy job but her location in the Irish-Australian networks is an asset for the organization, and the committee registers its warm appreciation. Please keep her supplied with notices of your publications, conferences, Irish and Irish-Australian doings. Her email is perrymcintyre@optushome.com.au

Committee Meetings

Skype is continuing to be a boon in eliminating the distance across the Tasman and across several Australian states. We've had one difficult meeting (because of technology), but mostly it's been an effective and convenient way to transact the organisation's business.

Apologies for 2012 AGM:

Patrick MacNamara

Frances Devlin-Glass

Frances Devlin-Glass, ISAANZ Secretary, 2010-2011

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