

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

Minutes

Fourth AGM (2009)
5.05pm, Friday, 10 July 2009

Tussock Bar, Block 5, Massey University Wellington, Entrance A (off
Wallace Street)

Present: Kevin Molloy, Jennifer Harrison, Perry McIntyre, Liz Rushen, Val Noone, Anne McMahon, Dymphna Lonergan, Lyndon Fraser, Peter Kuch, Richard Reid, Jeff Kildea, Anne Cunningham, Brad Patterson, Lindsay Proudfoot, Malcolm Campbell, Dianne Hall, Elizabeth Malcolm, Frances Devlin-Glass

Observers: Jeff Brownrigg; Donna Thurston, Peter Gray, Aileen Wood, Annette Gazley, Jenny Martin, Hugh Laracy

Apologies: Philip Bull, Veronica Brady, Patrick McNamara, Danny Cusack, Marcia Roche, Larry Geary

(a) The minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting were confirmed. Moved: Brad Patterson; seconded: Perry McIntyre.

(b) Reports (all are attached) were received:

President's Report, moved to be accepted by Malcolm Campbell, seconded by Di Hall, and passed.

Treasurer's Report, and Financial Statement moved to be accepted by Val Noone, seconded by Liz Rushen, and passed.

Secretary's Report, moved to be accepted by Jennifer Harrison, seconded by Kevin Molloy, and passed.

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

President: Elizabeth Malcolm, nominated by Philip Bull, seconded by Frances Devlin-Glass, elected unopposed.

Vice-President: Brad Patterson, nominated by Philip Bull, seconded by Di Hall, elected unopposed.

Treasurer: Philip Bull, nominated by Dianne Hall, seconded by Frances Devlin-Glass, elected unopposed.

Secretary: Frances Devlin-Glass, nominated by Dianne Hall, seconded by Philip Bull, elected unopposed.

Member of Committee: Lyndon Fraser, nominated by Elizabeth Malcolm, and seconded by Di Hall, elected unopposed.

The Annual General Meeting may also conduct any **special business** of which notice has been given in accordance with the Rules. However, no motions were received by the Secretary before the deadline of Monday, 15 June 2009, so the AGM did not conduct special business.

Any questions regarding the AGM should be directed to the Secretary.

Secretary's contact details:

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10 July 2009**

President's Report, 2008-9

Thanks to Officers/Committee

I would like to thank the current officers and committee members for all their hard work and generous support since the 3rd AGM was held in Melbourne in November 2008. In this report I will sketch briefly for members some of what has been achieved during the past 8 months, and also what is planned for the coming year.

University Subsidy: renewal?

As members may remember, in 2007 we were successful in applying for university subsidies to help support ISAANZ, and the journal in particular. Late last year La Trobe University renewed its subsidy for a further 12 months. This subsidy has allowed us to employ a part-time Editorial/Administrative Assistant, Helen Doyle, to help with securing new subscriptions. The subsidy has also helped cover the printing costs of the journal. We expect later this year to submit an application for further support in 2010, but it's unclear at this stage whether it will be successful or not, as the continuance of this support is far from guaranteed. Thus it is important that we boost membership of the Association, particularly in the next 6 months, in order to increase our income should we not receive another university subsidy next year.

ISAANZ Membership Subscriptions, 2008-9

The committee has been actively recruiting members and subscribers, particularly with the help of Helen Doyle. The Treasurer's Report gives details of our revenue for 2008-9, and shows that \$1,790 was received in subscriptions during the financial year.

ISAANZ Website: re-designed

The ISAANZ website, which first went online in August 2007 at <http://isaanz.org/>, has been re-designed to give it a more professional look and also to increase the amount of information it contains. Currently, it includes the Association's rules, names of the committee and minutes of previous AGMs; information about subscriptions, the journal, conferences and Irish Studies lectures; plus useful links to other Irish sites.

We are very keen to make this website a significant information source for all those interested in Irish Studies in Australia and New Zealand. So if members know of relevant lectures, conferences, groups or publications, could they please pass on the information to the ISAANZ Secretary, Frances Devlin-Glass, who will make sure the details are uploaded to the website. Frances can be reached at: francesdevlinglass@gmail.com. The committee will also of course continue adding information to the site – indeed, we have plans for substantial additions - so I'd urge members to bookmark it and check it periodically.

ISAANZ Newsletter: new issue

In early 2008 Perry McIntyre agreed to act as Newsletter editor, and since then she has brought out 3 issues of the Newsletter. It is hoped to circulate another one later this year, with news about the Wellington conference and other upcoming conferences in 2009/10. Members are very welcome to offer contributions to the Newsletter editor in the form of letters, notices or short articles. Perry can be contacted at: perrymcintyre@optushome.com.au.

***AJIS*, Volumes 8 (2008/9) and 9 (2009/10)**

Volume 8 of the journal has just been published. It is a special issue dealing with the Irish diaspora and gender, which Dianne Hall and I have edited jointly. It also contains reviews of a number of new books. I hope members will find it interesting.

We are currently collecting articles for Volume 9, which should appear early next year. We have several articles already in hand, but we certainly need more. Members are welcome to contribute. Articles can be sent to me or to one of the other editors.

There is also now a detailed Style Guide for the journal on the ISAANZ website. Anyone writing an article, or a book review, in future should follow the instructions in that guide.

Another significant initiative we are currently pursuing as regards the journal is to put past volumes online. All major academic journals these days have an online presence, which has been shown to help boost their readership and their income. We've been collecting information on and negotiating with several organizations that host online journals. We would hope to have arrangements in place by the next AGM, and will inform members of developments in the meantime via the ISAANZ website.

Next Conference: 17th in Belfast, July 2010

Queen's University, Belfast, has agreed to host the next conference next year. There have been a number of conferences in Ireland previously, but this will be the first to be held in Belfast. It will also mark the 30th anniversary of the conference series, which was begun at the ANU in Canberra by Oliver MacDonagh with the 1st Irish-Australian Conference in November 1980.

Information about the Belfast conference, as it comes to hand, will be posted on the ISAANZ website. So I'd urge members who are thinking of going to Belfast to check the website for further details. If they have any specific queries, they can email me.

Conclusion: next AGM

The next AGM will take place in conjunction with the Belfast conference 12 months from now. By then I look forward to membership having increased, another volume of the journal appearing, the journal going online, the website expanding substantially, and last, but far from least, our income rising.

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

Elizabeth Malcolm
President ISAANZ, 2008-9
Wellington, July 2009

Treasurer's Report

IRISH STUDIES ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

INCOME, EXPENDITURE and FINANCIAL POSITION
as at 30 June 2009

Funds on hand at 1 July 2008		\$2,712
<u>Add</u> Income for the year		
Membership subscriptions	1,790	
Sales	<u>20</u>	
Total income		1,810
<u>Less</u> Expenditure for the year		
Domain registration & Web hosting	<u>149.30</u>	
Total expenditure		<u>149.30</u>
Net profit/loss for year		<u>(1,660.70)</u>
<u>Less</u> funds held by La Trobe University*	<u>1,790</u>	
Funds on hand at 30 June 2009		<u>\$2,582.70</u>

Notes

* This amount will be transferred to the Association's account shortly.

Philip Bull
Hon. Treasurer
July 2009.

ISAANZ: Secretary's Report for AGM of 10 July 2009

There are a few matters to report:

Membership currently stands at about 60, and we are hoping that the current conference will see a boost in that number. This is a slight increase on the number enrolled at the time of the AGM in 2008. Our administrative assistant has been engaged in a campaign to increase membership, but it has been a bit slower than expected because of the birth of her second child, and a cut-back in her hours of work for ISAANZ.

Email as the default method of communication continues to be a viable strategy. Of our 60 paid up members, only 3 have requested print-based communications from ISAANZ. However, we ask members to be aware of the need to change their email details when required. For my part, I'm happy to follow-up returned emails and to ensure that members are in the e-loop.

The website

The website has been refurbished and moved to a more elegant, user-friendly, web-based program. 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. Members should feel free to ask any member of the executive to upload material about events to the website. I'm certainly happy to do so. I'd like to suggest that we find a place on the website for help requested.

Logo As noted every year since our inception, we'd love a logo for ISAANZ, so if any members have the graphics know-how and skills and are prepared to donate them, we'd be interested.

Newsletters:

Perry McIntyre, based in Sydney, generously agreed to be Newsletter editor. Please keep her supplied with notices of your publications, conferences, Irish and Irish-Australian doings. Her email is

perrymcintyre@optushome.com.au

Apologies for 2009 AGM

Veronica Brady
Patrick McNamara
Danny Cusack
Marcia Roche
Larry Geary

Frances Devlin-Glass, ISAANZ Secretary, 2008-9
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