

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

Third Annual General Meeting (2008)  
Tuesday 11 November 2008, 6.15pm

The Oratory, Newman College

**Present:** Dianne Hall, Philip Bull, Elizabeth Malcolm, Brad Patterson, Keith Pescod, Patrick McNamara, Val Noone, Peg Cockram, Jane Leonard, Rob Butler, Mick McIntyre, Graeme Smith, Daniel Condon, Mary Doyle, Catherine Herrick, Chris Mooney, Lyndon Fraser, Mary Keneally (observer), Anne McAllister (observer), Frances Devlin-Glass

**Apologies:** Dymphna Lonergan, Marcia Roche, Larry Geary, Jennifer Gerrand, Liz Rushen, Kevin Molloy, Malcolm Campbell, Chris Watson, Perry McIntyre, Danny Cusack.

The President welcomed members to the meeting.

**1. Confirmation of the minutes** of the previous annual General Meeting . Moved Brad Patterson and seconded by Di Hall. Passed unanimously without amendment.

**2. Reports** (all are attached) were received:

**President's Report**, moved to be accepted by Val Noone, seconded by Keith Pescod, and passed.

**Treasurer's Report, and Financial Statement** moved to be accepted by Di Hall, seconded by Lyndon Fraser, and passed.

**Secretary's Report**, moved to be accepted by Chris Mooney, seconded by Di Hall, and passed.

**3. Statement submitted in Accordance with section 30(3) of the Act.** The President assured members that the 'Annual Statement by Public Officer', which is required under the Act and gives information about ISAANZ during 2007/8, including its financial report, will be submitted to Consumer Affairs Victoria after the AGM.

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

**President: Elizabeth Malcolm**, nominated by Brad Patterson, seconded by Frances Devlin-Glass, elected unopposed.

**Vice-President: Brad Patterson**, nominated by Lyndon Fraser, seconded by Di Hall, elected unopposed.

**Treasurer: Philip Bull**, nominated by Lyndon Fraser, seconded by Brad Patterson, elected unopposed.

**Secretary: Frances Devlin-Glass**, nominated by Lyndon Fraser, seconded by Di Hall, elected unopposed.

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

**ii. Larry Geary**, nominated by Frances Devlin-Glass and seconded by Lyndon Fraser, elected unopposed.

**Di Hall** will continue to serve ex officio as Journal Editor, and Perry McIntyre, coopted in 2007 by the committee, has agreed to continue to act as newsletter editor. Brad Patterson will be the next conference organiser and as he is Vice-President, there is no need for the committee to co-opt a person for that role. The meeting discussed the desirability for the committee to coopt further members from other states of Australia (especially WA, Qld and SA) to serve as coopted committee members.

## **5. Any Other Business**

No items of Other Business have been submitted to the secretary by 7 November.

Val Noone thanked the committee for the work done during the year.

The meeting adjourned at 7.00 for a talk by Val Noone.

**3<sup>rd</sup> AGM ISAANZ**  
**Newman College, University of Melbourne**  
**11 November 2008**

**President's Report, 2007-8**

**Thanks**

I would like to thank the current officers and committee members for all their hard work and generous support over the past year. It has been a very busy 14 months since the 2<sup>nd</sup> AGM was held in September 2007. In this report I want to sketch for members some of what has been achieved and what is planned for the future.

**Subsidies from Universities**

Late last year we successfully applied for or negotiated subsidies from La Trobe, Deakin and Melbourne Universities, amounting in all to \$5,000. I'd particularly like to thank Dr Philip Bull and Associate Professor Frances Devlin-Glass for their efforts in securing this funding. The majority of it came from La Trobe, through the efforts of Philip Bull. As he has explained in his Treasurer's Report, this money has allowed us to employ a part-time Editorial/Administrative Assistant, Dr Helen Doyle, to help both with the production of the journal and the securing of new subscriptions. Another application has recently been submitted to La Trobe for a further \$3,500 for the coming year, and we are awaiting the result.

**ISAANZ Membership/AJIS Subscribers, 2007-8**

The committee has been actively recruiting members and also subscribers, particularly with the help of Helen Doyle. The Treasurer's Report gives details of our revenue for 2007/8 and explains the need that has arisen to separate funding of the Association from that of the journal. However, an obvious priority for 2008-9 is boosting both memberships and subscriptions.

**ISAANZ Website**

A website for ISAANZ went on line in August last year: <http://isaanz.org/>. It contains the Association's rules, the names of the committee members and the minutes of previous AGMs, plus information about subscriptions, the journal, conferences and the Melbourne Irish Studies Seminar (MISS) series.

One of the committee's current projects is an upgrade of this website in order to give it a more professional look and to include more information on it. We received a quote for this job last month from a professional web designer and are negotiating about the work, which would probably take 4 to 8 weeks. If members would like to post information about future events on the site, I'd urge them to contact the ISAANZ Secretary. Frances can be reached at: francesdevlinglass@gmail.com.

**ISAANZ Newsletter Nos.2-3 (2008)**

Late last year we also began a Newsletter. Dr Perry McIntyre from Sydney agreed earlier this year to act as Newsletter editor and she brought out a 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of it in March. Perry has already collected material for a 3<sup>rd</sup> Newsletter, which we hope to circulate soon after this AGM and which will contain information from the AGM, as well as news of upcoming events of Irish

interest. Again, 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 7 (2007/8) and 8 (2008)**

Volume 6 of the journal was published to coincide with the last AGM in September 2007, while Volume 7 appeared in August this year. Since then articles and reviews have been collected for Volume 8. Work is well advanced on this and the current expectation is that Volume 8 will appear in early 2009, with Volume 9 following at the end of next year.

I want to thank the editors, especially Dr Dianne Hall, authors, reviewers and referees for their sterling efforts. I hope that members will enjoy reading the next volume of the *AJIS*. If anyone would like to offer an article for publication they should contact the editors or Helen Doyle at: h.doyle@latrobe.edu.au.

### **16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Conferences, 2009 and 2010**

The next conference, the 16<sup>th</sup> in the series, will take place in July next year in Wellington, New Zealand, organised by the ISAANZ Vice President, Dr Brad Patterson. A Call-for-Papers has been prepared and will be circulated shortly. I would hope that many members of ISAANZ from Australia and New Zealand, and elsewhere, will be able to attend. In light of New Zealand involvement, the title of the conference series has been changed from the Irish-Australian Conference to the Australasian Irish Studies Conference (AISC).

When I was in Ireland in May this year I discussed the 17<sup>th</sup> conference with Dr Dominic Bryan, who is Director of the Institute of Irish Studies at Queen's University, Belfast. He seems keen to host it in Belfast in the middle of 2010. These plans are not confirmed yet, but, as there hasn't been a conference in Belfast previously, I think it would be appropriate to have it there. This would also mark the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of these conferences, as the first was held in Canberra in November 1980. I believe there is also interest in Limerick in having a conference there as well, so the committee is considering plans for Limerick in the future.

### **Conclusion**

As members can see from this outline, the committee has been very active over the last 14 months. In summary, we have secured a subsidy for ISAANZ and applied for its renewal; we have published another volume of the *AJIS* and have a 2<sup>nd</sup> one well in hand; an issue of the Newsletter has appeared, with another in the pipeline; plans are afoot to revamp the ISAANZ website; and conferences are being organised for both 2009 and 2010 in New Zealand and Ireland respectively.

Thus, at this 3<sup>rd</sup> AGM, I think we are all entitled to feel a degree of satisfaction at the progress that has been achieved since our last AGM in September 2007. However, there is still much work to be done, especially in terms of raising the profile of the Association and promoting membership.

**Elizabeth Malcolm, President ISAANZ 2007-8,  
Melbourne, November 2008**

# IRISH STUDIES ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

## Annual General Meeting, 11 November 2008

### Treasurer's Report for 2007–2008 Financial Year

The financial statement for the 2007–2008 financial year is attached. The Treasurer's Report has, however, been extended to include explanation of several issues with financial implications of importance to the membership.

- Shortly after last year's AGM the editors of the *Australasian Journal of Irish Studies* learned of their success in being awarded a subvention from La Trobe University in support of the journal. This provided \$3,000 for the current year, and was supplemented by support of \$1,000 from Deakin University and \$1,000 from the University of Melbourne from the funds of the Gerry Higgins Chair of Irish Studies. Application has now been made for a renewal of the La Trobe subvention for the coming year, this time with a request for \$3,500, to be supplemented by a grant of \$1,500 from the University of Melbourne.
- The main effect of this has been to make the publication of *AJIS* financially independent of ISAANZ and to enable the Editors to employ Dr Helen Doyle as the Editorial/Administrative Assistant for the journal.
- A condition of the La Trobe University subvention is that the Editors work to make *AJIS* financially self-supporting by the end of 2010, and benchmarks have been set for achieving this. A major part of the Editorial/Administrative Assistant's role will be to achieve the goals set out in the business plan provided to the University's Publications Committee.
- As membership of ISAANZ includes a copy of each issue of *AJIS* the separation of the finances of the two entities has required the establishment of a protocol for meeting the costs of this provision. This has been arranged on the basis of \$30 from each \$50 and each \$45 membership being transferred to the credit of *AJIS*, and \$60 from each three-year (\$120) membership.
- As members will have noticed, membership dues are now being paid to La Trobe University, thus enabling the Association to have the benefit of the University's credit card facility. An adjustment is then made to transfer to the Association's account the proportion of the membership fee that remains with the Association.
- Some members have, not surprisingly, expressed confusion over the relationship of the year to which their membership is applied and the year in which they actually make the payment. The reason for this is the delay experienced in publishing volume 6 following the transfer of the journal from Perth and the financial necessity of providing only one issue of the journal to members for each year's dues. This has produced an outcome in which memberships paid in 2007 are for 2006 (and included a copy of volume 6), memberships paid during 2008 (originally called for in March of this year) are for 2007 (and included a copy of volume 7). Membership dues for 2008 will be called for in

February 2009, for which a copy of volume 8 (expected to be published at about that time) will be provided. It is then proposed that the 2009 membership will be due in September 2009, with volume 9 to be published at about that time. Thereafter, September will be the date for renewal of memberships, and October-November each year the expected date for publication of each issue of the journal.

- The committee of ISAANZ and the Editors of *AJIS* apologise for any confusion or inconvenience caused to members, and hope that there is understanding of the series of pressures involved in the setting up of the Association, the transfer of the journal from Perth, and the comprehensive change of arrangements attendant on the grant of the La Trobe University subsidy. The Treasurer is happy to answer any questions that members might have at the AGM in relation to these issues.
- Finally, given that it is now four months since the end of the financial year to which the attached statement applies, members will be interested to know also the current state of the Association's finances. Following the transfer into the Association's bank account of \$1,095 from the membership fees collected by La Trobe University, the balance of funds is currently \$3,697. This precedes a more intensive strategy for increasing circulation of *AJIS* and, as part of this strategy is to increase memberships of ISAANZ, the Association can be seen to be in a healthy financial position. Part of the agenda for the committee of the association should now be to determine ways in which these resources can be applied to the benefit of members or in other ways consistent with the purposes of the Association and in accord with members' wishes. The committee would therefore welcome appropriate suggestions, either at the AGM or by written communications.

Philip Bull

30 October 2008.

# IRISH STUDIES ASSOCIATION Of AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

## INCOME, EXPENDITURE and FINANCIAL POSITION as at 30 June 2008

<b>Funds on hand at 1 July 2007</b>		\$3.650
<u>Add</u> Income for the year		
Membership subscriptions	515.45	
Institutional subscriptions to <i>AJIS</i>	390	
Sales	896.59	
<b>Total income</b>		<u>1,802.04</u>
<u>Less</u> Expenditure for the year		
Refund re out of stock journal	30	
Design concepts for logo for ISAANZ	150	
Design concepts for cover of <i>AJIS</i>	250	
Printing of volume 6 of <i>AJIS</i>	2,178	
Domain registration and Web hosting for ISAANZ	109.45	
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>2,717.45</u>
<b>Net income for year</b>		<u>-915</u>
Bookkeeping discrepancy	23	
<b>Funds on hand at 30 June 2008</b>		<u>\$2,712</u>

### Note

Philip Bull  
Hon. Treasurer  
November 2008.

## ISAANZ: Secretary's Report for AGM of 11 November 08

As the person responsible for the organisation's communications, including the website, I'm pleased to report on the following:

**Email** as the default method of communication seems to be a viable strategy. Of our 56 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 is simple and, I hope, a useful resource. If members would like us to link to particular Irish-Studies activities, we would be pleased to do so. As noted last year, we'd love a logo and banner for it, 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](mailto:perrymcintyre@optushome.com.au)

Frances Devlin-Glass, ISAANZ Secretary, 2007-8  
Melbourne, Nov. 08