

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
CITY HALL NEWCASTLE
WEDNESDAY 27th SEPTEMBER 2006 2.00pm-3.30pm**

The Meeting was chaired by the President of the Association, Brian Galligan and attended by 26 members of the Association.

1. Apologies

Marian Simms

2. Minutes of 2005 Meeting

Minutes of the last AGM were accepted. Moved John Warhurst, seconded Pat Weller.

3. Matters Arising from last AGM

Crisp Prize – 2003-04 none received this year. Advert will be placed on website and members will be alerted to details and closing date. It was agreed to include the years 2003-2006 inclusive to receive books. Also further contact to members regarding previous winners names to be put on website (**National Office to action**).

Mayer Prize – for best journal article for 2005. Winners names still not listed on website and further contact to members about previous winners will be arranged (**National Office to action**).

4. Presidents Report:

2005 PhD Prize Winner - Carolyn Hendriks. "Public Deliberation and Interest Organisations: A Study of Responses to Lay Citizen Engagement in Public Policy". Thanks extended to Aynsley Kellow and Elizabeth McLeay for judging the 4 Theses received.

2005 Mayer Prize winner – Michael Phillips (US) Vol.40 (1) "Aboriginal Reconciliation as Religious Politics: Secularisation in Australia. Commendation to Russell Smyth and Aynsley Kellow for their articles.

2006 Women and Politics Prize – Anna Boucher (US) "Skill Migration and Gender in Australia and Canada: The case of Gender-based analysis". Commendations to Mary Crawford and Merrindahl Andrew. 10 entries in total received. Thanks go to Louise Chappell and Sarah Maddison who were on the Organising Committee.

Best PhD Conference Paper - Merrindahl Andrew (ANU) and Nicholas Barry (UWA). Thanks extended to Newcastle Organising Committee for reviewing these. There were 43% of student paper givers at the Conference this year.

APSA Travelling Scholarship Awards - \$7,500 was allocated from the Association for these. Winners were:- John Alvey (QUT), Merrindahl Andrew (ANU), Peter Balint (UNSW), Andrew Broome (ANU), Marina Cominos (Monash) John Francis (UTAS), Zareh Ghazarian (Monash), Norm Kelly (ANU), Cate Morris (USC) and Thomas O'Brien (UM). A note for Monash organisers that this is for Travel only costs and to insert a closing date on website.

Honours and Awards - Australian Social Science Association awards were awarded to:- Mark Considine and Carol Johnson for 2005 and for 2006 to Gavin Kitching and John Wanna. Marian Sawyer was elected for the IPSA EC and a report will be put on website. **(National Office to action)**

5. Matters Arising

Approval was given for the PhD Prize to be raised from \$500 to \$1000.

It was agreed to sponsor a Lifetime achievement awards for APSA. A notice will be put on website advertising this **(RAWR to draft material to discuss at EC Meeting)**. First award to be made at Monash 07.

PSA exchange deals call for nominations already on website. Follow up with PSA exchanger that APSA members be the same rates as UK members. Closing date before Xmas 06. **(National Office to action)**

Also a new variable formats/themes for future conferences and to invite distinguished international scholars. **(To be discussed at EC Meeting)**

Venues for Conferences confirmed:- Monash 07, University of Qld 08, Sydney 2009, Melbourne 2010 (maybe Macquarie bid also).

It was agreed that Ian McAllister will continue to as Editor for next 3 years.

A change of name from Australasian Studies Association to Australian Studies

Association was put to the Meeting for consideration. Concern over shedding of contacts from NZP perspective. It was agreed this be discussed between the both EC's to work out appropriate arrangement. **(To be discussed at EC Meeting)**

6. Treasurer's Report

Healthy reports this year due to a better investment strategy. History of the Association workshop to be arranged. Other workshops to be advertised on website during the course of the year and young researchers encouraged to apply. Membership numbers are lower this year and a membership drive is to be undertaken towards the end of December to get numbers up **(National Office to action)**. Once a month email will be sent from the National Office drawing member's attention to events/adverts. **(National Office to action)**. Moved Pat Weller seconded Deb Brennan. President thanked National Office for their work during the year.

7. AJPS Report

Editor reported a good year going into four issues for the first time. More people to become book reviewers were requested to contact Sarah Miskin. She was sending a note to all current members to encourage them to participate. Report accepted moved by Pat Weller seconded Murray Goot. President moved a vote of thanks to Ian McAllister for this year's work with the Journal.

8. Women's Caucus

Group met at Conference and a number of items mentioned were no funds from IPAA for the past two W&P Prizes. Thanks to EC for the full amount of \$1,000 to be issued this year. Thanks also to Rebecca Stringer for her work this year as WC EC Rep and welcome to Sarah Maddison for the coming year. Moved Deb Brennan seconded Marian Sawyer.

9. Post-Grad Rep

Congratulations go to Chris Beer for arranging the first Post-Grad Workshop held with 24 students in attendance. Thanks to speakers John Wanna, Rod Rhodes Sarah Maddison, Deborah Brennan, Jenny Craik and Pauline McGuirk. More promotion for the 07 Post Grad Workshop on website to be done in 07. (**National Office to action**). At Post-Grad Meeting discussion on oral examinations.

10. Elections of EC Members 2006-2007:

President -	Deborah Brennan
Past President-	Brian Galligan
Vice President -	James Walter
Treasurer/Secretary	Rod Rhodes
Women's Caucus -	Sarah Maddison
Post-Grad Rep -	Dean Coldicott

11. Any Other Business

It was agreed the President would seek clarification re terrorism statement from Attorney General. (**DB to action**)

Meeting closed at 3.30pm