

**MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL NEWCASTLE
SUNDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER 2006, 2.00pm-5.00pm**

IN ATTENDANCE:

Brian Galligan (Chair)
Rod Rhodes
Deborah Brennan
Sarah Miskin
Rebecca Stringer
Chris Beer
Mary Hapel (Minutes)

APOLOGIES: Judith Brett

MATTERS ARISING FROM AGM MINUTES:

Crisp Prize – 2003-06 none received this year. Advertisement will be placed on website and members will be alerted. 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 (**National Office to action**).

CHAIRS REPORT:

2005 PhD Prize Winner - Carolyn Hendriks."Public Deliberation and Interest Organisations: A Study of Responses to Lay Citizen Engagement in Public Policy' \$500 prize. Take to AGM raise amount to \$1000. Thanks extended to Aynsley Kellow and Elizabeth McLeay for judging the 4 Theses received.

2005 Mayer Prize – 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.

PhD Conference Paper Winner to be announced at AGM by Jim Jose.

HISTORY OF ASSOCIATION:

Lifetime achievement awards for APSA Member's will be put to AGM for further decision. (**RAWR to draft material to discuss at EC Meeting**).

2006 CONFERENCE:

Jim Jose gave an update on Conference. 161 registered to date papergivers. 43% of those are post-grad papers and 100 are refereed. Drop-out rate and registrations disappointing but hope the Conference will break even. Any surplus funds from conference will be

returned to Association. Handbook of Conference to be passed onto Monash 07 organisers once Jim Jose has revised. (**National Office to follow up with JJ**)

MONASH 2007:

Nic Economou reported dates (25,26th and 27th Sept) for next Conference. Venue yet to be decided either Caulfield or City Campus. James Walter will be the new Head of School next year.

POST-GRAD REPORT:

The Post-Grad Workshop was in progress during this Meeting. 29 attended the event. A good effort and congratulations to Chris Beer for all his hard work organizing this event. President will announce Post-Graduate Travelling Fellowship names at AGM.

HOD'S WORKSHOP:

Deborah Brennan reported on questionnaire topics. It will also be discussed at HODS Meeting. Agreed to arrange a special workshop at a later time. Linda Butler to speak on RQF when DEST announcers final form.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer announced the financial report. National Office located a new Auditor for this year's statement of accounts. Treasurer also mentioned APSA format needs to change for Conferences. This item to be discussed at AGM to bring in international speakers or big theme. Panels also mentioned.

AJPS:

Sarah Miskin spoke on Ian's behalf. A letter from Sage was sent to Ian McAllister asking if we want to change Publisher's. In 3 years time agreement will cease and will then consider either drawing up new arrangement with either Blackwells, Sage or T&F. Report to AGM that Ian McAllister to continue on as Editor for next 3 years.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

NZPSA and APSA links between two organizations dwindling. Agreed we would ask AGM about future of link.

MEETING CLOSED AT 4.45pm