



Australian and New Zealand Association of Psychiatry, Psychology and Law

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 37th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Association took place at 4:30 pm on Friday, 24th November 2017 at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre, River View Room 4.

The meeting opened at 4:30 pm.

1. In attendance were:	Action items
A Allan Richard Balfour Luke Bartlett Ellen Berah Vincenzo Caltabiano Annabel Chan Christabel Chamarette Greg Dear Maria Dudycz Elle DuPont Ian Freckelton Eleanor Fritze Thea Gumbert Melissa Hughes Loene Howes Joan M. Lawrence Mary-Anne Martin Bernadette McSherry Ness McVie Mark Nolan Ken O'Brien Russ Scott Erin Sweeny Emily Tilbrook Penelope Weller Amanda White	

<p>2. Welcome by ANZAPPL President Bernadette McSherry</p>	
<p>3. Apologies and Proxies None received.</p>	
<p>4. Confirmation of minutes of the 36th Annual General Meeting An error was identified in the financial section of the previous minutes. It should read \$45,000 (not \$4-5,000). Moved: Joan Lawrence Seconded: Erin Sweeny</p>	<p>Loene to amend previous minutes.</p>
<p>5. President's report</p> <p>(a) proposal for 2019 joint conference with the RANZCP Faculty of Forensic Psychiatry in Singapore</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The idea was to engage a Singapore based organiser at a reasonable rate. However, members raised several issues including costs and the potential for associated low rates of attendance for ANZAPPL members, particularly students and the difficulty for some members to obtain employer approval for overseas travel. It was also noted for planning to be aware of the timing of the World Rugby Cup. • Attractors were seen to be: a previous successful conference by another association in Singapore; the opportunity to co-badge with the East Asian Law and Psychology (EAPL) Conference and South-East Asian psychologists and psychiatrists as well as policing organisations. • The transnational committee would be responsible for organising the Congress and the previously proposed Sydney congress postponed to the following year. • It was agreed that discussions should go ahead keeping the issue of costs at the forefront. <p>(b) proposal for ANZAPPL awards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Options for early-career researcher grants and other awards or prizes were discussed. It was considered important to think of one per discipline. Some felt that awards and scholarships should be considered separately. Other suggestions raised included the 	

<p>possibility of offering membership and/or free attendance at the annual Congress as a prize. There was agreement that the proposal be further developed by the Transnational Committee.</p> <p>President's written report accepted Motion: Ian Freckelton Seconded: Amanda White</p>	
<p>6. Secretary's report</p> <p>(a) Membership numbers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership for 2016 was 539 paid members. This year has seen an increase (+27%) to 686 members. Mark sent reminders and thanks to branches for encouraging new members to join. Mark formally thanked Loene as assistant secretary as well as Stephen Tang, Anders Furze and Peak Studio (Dean Wilson) for technical advice. • Regarding technology, WordPress, MailChimp and the Stripe credit card application all have to communicate with each other. The aim is to have a single system. Currently fixing the receipting for members who joined late. There are some integration issues to be sorted or it may be worth spending more to get a better integrated system. • Branch slices of the 2016 membership pie were paid quite late in the year this year. This is discussed further in Treasurer's report (7b). <p>(b) Proposal to simplify fee structure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A question was raised as to whether the fees should be as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$155 rather than \$165? ○ After the 1st September, \$165 for membership? ○ New members who join before September 1st could pay \$155 • Should there be a surcharge in the system? Should there be a late fee for a renewing member? 	

This discussion continued into the Treasurer Report section 7.

7. Treasurer’s report

- Overall, the accounts are in good order. What appears to be a loss is journal payments. Membership fees were good and Taylor and Francis funded an editorial assistant.
- There is currently a \$10 late surcharge for membership after 14th March each year. We could drop the late fee – it is probably not making much money and is causing hassle.

(a) Confirm or vary annual subscription and joining fee

Members agreed to confirm the current subscription costs.

(b) Date for annual payments to branches for confirmation

There was discussion about when branches should be paid. The term deposit matures in February. Payment could be made in February or wait until later in the year until all new memberships came in. Due to the membership payment time, branches could be paid by 30th January including the levy for small branches. It is not reliant on the term deposit. It was agreed that payment to the branches should be made as early as possible in the year.

Motion: Vincenzo Caltabiano
Seconded: Mary Anne Martin

8. Journal editor’s report

- Material is being organised for 5 issues to take it to next December. Substantial manuscripts are coming in from further afield (e.g., Scandinavia). Most manuscripts received are of publishable quality.
- The system has been working well and the assistant editor has been very helpful. Taylor and Francis have been supportive, although not very helpful with system glitches. Still hard to get reviewers – some do

<p>not reply; others reply and then do not complete the peer review.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Medline application was rejected and Ian has complained to Taylor and Francis as this discourages psychiatrists from publishing in the journal. Ian may have found an alternative route. Bernadette said that one objection had been the lack of clear ethical adherence, which may just involve a tick-a-box in the article submission portal. • It is the 25th year of the journal this year and it is a major cross-disciplinary journal worldwide. It is in good shape. <p>Motion: Russ Scott Seconded: Amanda White</p>	<p>Ian to follow up on new Medline application.</p>
<p>9. Website report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two current systems are to be integrated subject to cost. • Branches can email Stephen Tang or Anders Furze regarding uploading material to the website. • Erin discussed uploading presentations to members' only section after the Congress. • There is an option for branches to apply for funds to obtain video recording. The best way to do this is to put in a quote to the Transnational Committee. In the ACT, Vimeo was used and the recorder was owned by Stephen Tang. 	<p>Erin to investigate uploading Congress presentations to members' area of website.</p>
<p>10. Election of officers Nominations were received as follows:</p> <p>9.1 President Bernadette McSherry 9.2 President-elect Troy McEwan 9.3 Treasurer Ellen Berah 9.4 Secretary Mark Nolan 9.5 Assistant Secretary Loene Howes 9.6 Ordinary Members Jennifer Beaudry and Melissa Hughes</p> <p>The nominations for Treasurer and one Ordinary Member were made from the floor at the AGM.</p> <p>Moved: Russ Scott</p>	

<p>Seconded: Amanda White</p>	
<p>11. Branch reports</p> <p>A written report was received from Amanda White in advance. Verbal reports were received from Vincenzo Caltabiano (Vic), Richard Balfour (SA), Russ Scott (Qld), Erin Sweeny (WA), Mark Nolan (ACT), Loene Howes (Tas). There were references to events in NZ and NT by members who had been in touch recently.</p> <p>Some excellent presentations have been hosted around the association. There is an appetite for more members' only content so that those in regional and remote areas, and those with busy schedules, can have easier access to professional development.</p>	
<p>12. 2018 Congress in Hobart</p> <p>Preparations have begun for the Hobart Congress, jointly organised by the Victorian and Tasmanian branches. Co-convenors are Vincenzo Caltabiano (Vic) and Yvonne Golder (Tas). The venue is the Grand Chancellor Hotel, which overlooks the waterfront and the mountain (Mt Wellington) and is in walking distance of centre of town and Salamanca. Theme is "Sins of the Past: Reflections and Future Directions".</p> <p>Erin suggested, based on WA experience, that Ellen is missed as a conference organiser. There was discussion about getting a confidentiality agreement in place for ensuing conferences so that the conference organiser can contact members to advise them of details about the conference as needed.</p>	
<p>13. Any other business</p> <p>Congratulations to the WA organising committee on a successful conference!</p>	
<p>14. Meeting closed: 5:32 pm.</p>	