

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 2008

SATURDAY 19th OCTOBER, 12.15 pm
EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT CENTRE, HINDMARSH

ORDER OF EVENTS

- Approval of Minutes of Previous AGM
- President's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Journal Editor's Report
- Election of Committee Members
- Other Business

MINUTES 2008 AGM

Attendance: Stella Emberson, Alison Cheetham, Bill Barnes, Teresa Howie, Mei French, Kate Cadman, Karen Elson, Greg Restall, Glenda Inverarity, Candy Gray, Maria Catalano, Claire Wallace, Meredith Scottney-Turbill

Apologies: Sylvia Barnes, Rosie Antenucci, Jenny Barnett

1. Approval of Minutes of Previous AGM

That the Minutes be accepted:

Moved: Bill Barnes

Seconded: Stella Emberson

Approved

2. President's Report - Alison Cheetham

Committee: Stella Emberson, Jenny Barnett, Kate Cadman, Alison Cheetham, Teresa Howie, Bill Barnes, Sylvia Barnes, Rosie Antenucci. Other members were elected but for various reasons were not able to continue their commitment. Meetings are held on the first Saturday of each term for all business, with a Saturday in week 6 or 7 as a Special Focus Meeting to give more time for discussion.

Membership: in 2007/8 we have had 108 members, which is a small increase on the previous year. Most membership came at the end of the ESLE Conference. Professional Development 07/08: ESLE Conference Oct 2007, ACTA Conference July 2008. Other proposed PD didn't occur due to lack of people to organise it.

ACTA Conference 2008: ESLE was successful in bidding to ACTA to organise the 2008 inaugural international TESOL symposium and ACTA Conference. It was held in Alice Springs with the theme – Pedagogies of Connection. The committee was Rosie Antenucci, Kate Cadman, Jenny Barnett and Alison Cheetham, Andrea Harms. APAPDC – Emma Bywaters was the Event Organiser. Meetings were held once a fortnight from beginning of 2007

Ann Sexton Award: We again acknowledged the excellence of ESL students in Year 12 awarding 5 students with the Ann Sexton Award this year.

Teacher Award: Rosie Antenucci was recognised on World Teacher’s Day in October 2007 with a Lifetime Honorary membership for ESLE in recognition of her work with the Association. No award was made for 2007/8. A sub-committee determined changes for the Teacher Award; however, no applications were received.

ESLE Journal: one issue has been produced in the last year, one currently in production. Committee – Editor – Deb Bryant –stepped down after the November issue of the journal. The new editor is Charlotte Liu. However, she has recently won a job in Canberra so will have to step down as editor. Editorial team – Cate Burt, Chris Braham and Jeryl Bain.

CEASA: We continue to receive support from CEASA through the administration of our membership and distribution list. They receive and process our subscriptions. Stella Emberson is on the Executive, and as such acts as the ESLE liaison.

Dinner: A small group met informally for a great night of collegial support at Hamilton Senior College in August. Thanks to Bill Barnes for developing the concept

ACTA: Our councillors are Kate Cadman and Rosie Antenucci who currently serves as the Treasurer. Teleconferences are held each term. Links are being developed as we are now an affiliate to TESOL International. Advocacy continue in National Teaching Standards, National Curriculum and Citizenship Legislative changes, AMEP Review.

Directions for 2008/09:

- Future of the Association
 - Committee needs refreshment
 - Editor of the Journal
 - PD program 2009
- Membership – to increase and determine future directions for members

That the President’s Report be accepted:

Moved: Kate Cadman

Seconded: Stella Emberson

Approved

MOTION: That the meeting give a vote of thanks to the outgoing President, Alison Cheetham, for all her work over the past couple of years in the role.

Moved by: Meredith Scottney-Turbill

Seconded: Kate Cadman

Approved

The President was duly thanked.

3. Financial Report - presented by Bill Barnes on behalf of Rosie Antenucci

Account Balances (approximate figures):

Everyday account	\$7,000
Trust account	\$12,000

Ann Sexton account	\$1,000
Expenditure	\$8,000
Income	\$4,000

Income from membership is low, also few if any fees for PD sessions but greater expenses for CEASA.

Clarification was asked for relating to Professional Membership fees and CEASA charges. The CEASA charges were high because of additional work as a result of the 2007 ESLE Conference.

A full copy of the report will be included in the next journal.

That the Treasurer's Report be accepted:

Moved: Bill Barnes

Seconded: Alison Cheetham

Approved

4. Journal Editor's Report

No report was available as the editor, Charlotte Liu, has recently re-located interstate.

5. Election of Committee Members

The following were elected to the committee:

	nominated by:	seconded by:
Bill Barnes - Treasurer	Stella Emberson	Alison Cheetham
Teresa Howie - Secretary	Bill Barnes	Stella Emberson
Mei French	self-nominated	-
Stella Emberson	self-nominated	-
Maria Catalano	self-nominated	-
Rosie Antenucci	self-nominated	-
Sylvia Barnes	Bill Barnes	Teresa Howie
Kate Cadman	self-nominated	-
Jenny Barnett	Teresa Howie	Alison Cheetham
Karen Elson	Greg Restall	Candy Gray

No President and Vice-President being elected, this will be undertaken at the first committee meeting, scheduled for 22 November at 10am, EDC.

Journal Committee:

No nominations were received, and various members of the committee have expressed their wish to stand down. This issue will be discussed at the next committee meeting.

6. No other business was tabled.

The next committee meeting will be on 22 November, 10am, at EDC

The AGM closed at 12.45pm.