ANU Emeritus Faculty

Annual Report 2006

This report covers the period 1 December 2005 to 30 November 2006.

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ANU Emeritus Faculty
Minutes of the Sixth Annual General Meeting

Minutes of the 6th Annual General Meeting of the Emeritus Faculty held on Wednesday 7 December 2005 at 5.00 pm in the Molony Room, Fellows Lane Cottage, ANU

PRESENT: Peter McCullagh (Chair), Peter Stewart (Deputy Chair), Isabel McBryde, John Molony, Di Riddell, Thelma Hunter, James Grieve, Barry Ninham, John Sandeman, Elizabeth Murphy, Nik Fominas, Judy Slee, Colin Plowman, Verna Rosling, Dick Johnson (Returning Officer), Peter Scardoni (Treasurer), Giles Pickford (Secretary).

1. Welcome and Apologies
   The Chair welcomed the members to the meeting. Apologies were received from Beryl Rawson, Pauline Griffin, Ken Taylor, Adrian and Pat Gibbs, Allan Bellett, Ian Mathews, Frank Fenner, Ian Rae, John Grant, John Champness, Gordon Ada, Bob Crompton, David Walsh, and Stewart Turner.

2. Minutes of the Fifth Annual General Meeting
   The minutes of the 5th Annual General Meeting held on 3 December 2002 were confirmed (moved Murphy/Slee).

3. Chair’s Report
   The Chair presented his report to the meeting. The Report is attached to the minutes. It was resolved that the Chair’s Report be received (moved Sandeman/McBryde).

4. Treasurer’s Report
   The Treasurer presented the Auditor’s report and Accounts for the period 1 December 2004 to 30 November 2005. It was noted that the members funds stood at $1,956.85 at 30 November 2005.

   It was resolved that the accounts for the period 1 December 2004 to 30 November 2005 be accepted and the membership fee for 2006 be set at $20 (moved Scardoni/Sandeman).

5. Report of the Returning Officer
   The Returning Officer reported that the call for nominations to the twelve positions on the Committee was circulated on 1 November 2005. The following ten nominations had been received:
   Barry Ninham
   Di Riddell
   Giles Pickford
   Ian Mathews
   John Grant
   John Molony
   John Sandeman
   Nik Fominas
   Peter Scardoni
   Peter Stewart
   All nominees had accepted their nomination. Therefore the Returning Officer declared all candidates elected unopposed and that the remaining two vacancies would be filled by cooption at the February meeting of the Committee.
6. Appointment of Auditor

It was resolved that Pauline Hore JP be appointed auditor for 2006 (moved Scardoni/Slee).

7. Other Business

7.1 Notice of Motion

Barry Ninham spoke to his motion that the name of the ANU Emeritus Faculty be changed to the Australian Universities National Emeritus Faculty. He explained that since the motion had been circulated (the required 14 days before the AGM) there had been some feedback from members and from the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education). As a result of the feedback the motion had been modified. The aim of creating a national body for retired university staff remained the same, but such a body would be created with a separate constitution in which the ANU Emeritus Faculty would be the first Chapter. The new body would be incorporated with the ACT Registrar of Incorporated Societies, the usual insurances would be taken out, and the body would be promoted to all Australian Universities early in 2006 with the aim of its inaugural AGM being held in October.

John Molony supported the concept saying that the ANUEF needed to break out of its isolation, that it fits the national charter of the ANU given to it by the Commonwealth Government in 1946, and that we should take the lead in initiating new concepts across the nation.

It was resolved that the concept as described above is supported in principle and that the new Committee is requested to investigate and pursue the concept and its objectives as discussed (moved Ninham/Molony).

7.2 University of the Third Age

Giles Pickford and Peter Stewart reported on a discussion that they had had earlier in the day with Allan Bellett, who is a member of the ANUEF and of U3A. The ideas that were discussed involved a closer collaboration between the two bodies whereby the benefits of membership could be explained to both memberships and a reciprocal promotion of courses and lectures could be carried out via both web sites.

The meeting noted the information and resolved that the proposed collaboration be referred to the new Committee for further investigation (moved Stewart/Pickford).

7.3 RAPlink

Elizabeth Murphy of RAPlink reported that RAPlink was most appreciative of the affiliation that it has with the ANUEF and she thanked the Faculty for the use of its rooms and facilities.
7.4 Vote of Thanks

John Molony and John Sandeman both spoke in appreciation about the outgoing Chair and his service to the Faculty from the time that he had joined in 2002, his strong representation of the Faculty on the ANU Council, and his leadership of the Faculty in 2005.

It was resolved to thank the Chair, Peter McCullagh, for his contribution to the ANUEF (moved Molony/Sandeman).

8 Closure

The Chair thanked the members for their interest and support and declared the meeting closed at 5.45 pm.

GP 9/11/05
Chair’s Report to the 7th ANUEF Annual General Meeting
6 December 2006

First I extend my thanks to the Committee we elected this time last year for their time and generosity. Each member gave significant service to the Faculty.

Office Bearers
John Molony: Chair
Peter Stewart: Deputy Chair
Giles Pickford: Secretary
Peter Scardoni: Treasurer

Members with portfolio
John Sandeman: ACT Government & Industry
John Grant: ANU Civic Interface
Giles Pickford: Events Officer
Ian Mathews: Media Officer
Barry Ninham: Outreach
Peter Stewart: The Future
Nik Fominas: Web Site Officer
Di Riddell: Membership Officer
Adrian Brookes: Legislative Matters
Angela Giblin: Excursions

PROJECTS

1. Colloquium and Public Forum on Energy
   By far the most significant project in 2006 developed John Sandeman’s idea of a Colloquium and Public Forum on “Energy Options for Australia”. This idea was accepted as part of the program for the 2006 Australian Science Festival. It consisted of a full day of talks at the H C Coombs Lecture Theatre on 18 August followed by a Colloquium Dinner and then a Public Forum in the Bradman Theatre at the National Convention Centre.

   The Colloquium was attended by 296 people comprising members, students, staff, public servants and general public. The Public Forum filled the Bradman Theatre. The event was publicised on WIN TV and The Australian.

   It was generously sponsored by the ACT Coordinating Committee for National Science Week, The ACT Office for Sustainability, ACTEW AGL, The Manildra Group, Wizard Power and The Australian National University which each contributed $2,000 towards the event.

   A CD recording was made of the event by Nik Fominas and these are for sale to interested people.

   The success of this event, in effect watershed in our development, helped to give concrete shape to the Emeritus Faculty Education Fund which you will see in the Treasurer’s Report.

   We have already started planning another Colloquium on Water for 2007 under the leadership of Barry Ninham, Dingle Smith and Peter Stewart.
2. Lindsay Pryor Memorial Lecture
John Grant, Beryl Rawson and Judy Slee have been involved in the design and redevelopment of the area between Civic and the ANU on an ongoing basis. One idea that has arisen out of this work is an Annual Lecture named for Lindsay Pryor. Lindsay Pryor was an internationally recognised ANU plant scientist. Among many other things he played a major role in the creation of University Avenue. The Faculty, on the recommendation of the group, has established an annual lecture in his name.

The first such Lecture was given by the ANU Chancellor, Dr Allan Hawke, at the H C Coombs Lecture Theatre on 26 September 2006. The Lecture was followed by commentary from member Ken Taylor and Annabelle Pegrum of the ACT Government. It was a notable event, attended by 96 people drawn from the members, the family of Lindsay Pryor, and people from the ANU, CSIRO and various institutions such as the Planning Institute, the Royal Australian Institute of Architects, The Institute of Landscape Gardiners, the Institute of Foresters of Australia and the Forest History Society.

3. Excursion to Kioloa
A report on the Kioloa Seminar and BBQ will be circulated at the meeting.

4. Outreach
On the initiative of Barry Ninham, a number of new members from outside ANU were attracted to the Faculty and discussions were held with the University of Canberra and the University of Wollongong concerning moves to begin Emeritus Faculties, or similar bodies, being taken on those campuses.

5. ANUEF Emerging Artist for 2006
Our emerging artist, Lene Lunde of Tromso in Northern Norway, will be addressing us next week at our last event for 2006. Some generous people within the Faculty decided to sponsor her this year and it is possible that we may sponsor another artist next year, depending on the level of support within the Faculty.

6. ANUEF Web Site
More improvements have been made to the ANUEF Web Site, under the management of Nik Fominas. New features are being added regularly, the latest one being a Discussion Forum, being a means of generating ideas and input from the members.

7. ANUEF Lecture Series
The Lecture series this year included:
- 18 February: Frank Fenner on “The Eradication of Global Infectious Diseases: the examples of smallpox and poliomyelitis”
- 15 March: John Sandeman on “What can we do about Global Warming?”
- 19 April: Jeremy Clarke SJ on “Marian Devotion in Chinese Catholic Communities”
- 17 May: Ben Callaghan and Lloyd Worthy “Outward Bound: Building Stronger Communities by Inspiring the Next Generation”
- 19 July: Patrick Troy on “Recent Planning Issues in Canberra”
- 16 August: Iain McCalman on “Rejoining the Circle of Knowledge: thinking about the collaborations between the humanities and the sciences”
- 18 October: Beryl Rawson on the “The Roman Family; them and us”
- 13 December: Lene Lunde, the ANUEF Emerging Artist on “Working with Glass”.

8. ANUEF ‘News’
Ian Mathews has done a splendid job with the quarterly ‘News’ in spite of some difficulties with illness during the middle of the year. The ‘News’ is serving a good purpose in communicating with the members and to a wider community in the ANU.
9. OPERATUNITIES
Angela Giblin has been involved in offering musical excursions to events in the Music World’s winter seasons in Sydney and in Canberra.

10. AFFILIATIONS

We have affiliations with outside organisations.

- RAPlink, which has become even more useful with our involvement in a joint project called Rustic (Rural Students in the Community).
- CHASS (Council for the Humanities and Social Sciences). This group is a Lobby which will promote the interests of the Humanities and Social Sciences to governments and industry.
- The Country Education Foundation. This group, whose CEO is Nik Fominas, has been established to assist rural towns throughout Australia to encourage young school leavers to both widen their horizons and show that the community is supportive of them taking their education further.
- A new affiliation with U3A was sponsored by Peter Stewart whereby both organisations promote each other’s programs and where U3A may hold some of its teaching events in the Molony Room.

A new affiliation with the Poets’ Lunch at ANU has been proposed and is under consideration by the Committee.

John Molony
Chair
AUDITED ACCOUNTS

THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

EMERITUS FACULTY

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR
1 December 2006 - 30 November 2006

INCOME

$  

Members Fees 2475.00
Kioloa Balance 25.60
Sale of CDs 302.00
Refreshment Reimbursements 235.00
Interest 2.41

Total  $3,040.01

LESS EXPENSES

Postage 337.55
Catering Pryor Talk 264.18
Advertising Pryor Talk 301.49
Refreshments 87.80
News Letters/Printing 1127.64
CHASS Membership 110.00
AGM 2005 25.75
Credit Union Fees 40.05
Other 73.21

Total  $2,367.67

Surplus for the Year  $672.34

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 November 2006

ASSETS

Kioloa Fee to be Paid 80
Cash at Credit Union 3209.19
Credit Union Shares 10.00

Total $3,299.19

LESS LIABILITIES

Kioloa 670.00

Total $670.00

NET ASSETS $2,629.19

MEMBERS’ FUNDS

Balance at 1 December 2005 1956.85
Add Surplus (Deficit) for Year 672.34

Total $2,629.19

P. A. Scardoni

Pauline Hore, BEc, CPA
Honorary Auditor

ANU Emeritus Faculty
2006 Energy Colloquium
Statement Of Receipts and Expenditures
As at 30 November 2006

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