

Australian Association for Professional and Applied Ethics

Incorporated in New South Wales, ABN 37 191 313 308

Annual report, 2007-2008

The Annual General Meeting for 2006-07 was held during the Annual Conference at RMIT University on 12 -14 June 2006, with attendees from universities around Australia and overseas. A small number of attendees came from the private & public sectors. This report covers activity for the year since then.

The aims of the Association include the fostering of community discussion, organisation of conferences and the development and distribution of publications.

Fostering community discussion

The Association's **website** and its **listserver** are key vehicles for both those involved in the academic teaching of ethics and the wider community engaged in practical and applied ethics in the workforce . There is now a wide range of ethics resources and information about the association available on the website. Suggestions and comments for enhancements are welcome.

Stephen Cohen has continued to administer and oversee both the website and listserver. His continued work in this area is invaluable to the Association and is once again acknowledged.

Conferences

The association's 15th annual conference is to be held in Brisbane from 9-11 June 2007 , at Chifley at Lennons Hotel. Dr Mark Lauchs of the Queensland University of Technology is convening the conference. The AGM of the Association will be held during the conference.

Publications

Since the Melbourne conference members have received

- a CD containing the refereed papers and abstracts from that conference
- Two issues of the Association's journal, *the Australian Journal of Professional and Applied Ethics* – Volume 9, nos 1& 2, the first of which included selected papers from the AAPAE's 13th annual conference in Sydney
- One issue of *Res Publica*, vol 16,1, produced by the Centre for Applied Philosophy and Public Ethics (CAPPE),

The work of Andrew Alexandra as Editor of the *Australian Journal of Professional & Applied Ethics*, and of Dr. Michael Segon as editor of the CD and Assoc. Prof. Michael Schwartz of RMIT University as editor of the selected publications from the 2007 conference is acknowledged with gratitude. There has been no issues of the Association's newsletter, *Australian Ethics* since the 2006 conference. The AJPAE Journal issue on the 2007 conference will be available shortly

At the 2007 general meeting concern was expressed regarding the ongoing production problems at the **AJPAE** The committee was empowered take a number of actions as a result. Efforts to clarify and formalise the commercial, financial and editorial relationship between the Association and the Journal are continuing, but there are, as yet, no formal agreements. Agreements among the committee on the conference proceedings is recorded below

Membership

So far in 2008 39 individual members and 2 corporate members have paid subscriptions. A scheme was instituted last year in which new members could pay their conference attendance fees along with their membership. At the date of writing, the results of this scheme have not been finalised. Also not available at the date of writing is the decisions on a program to increase membership numbers. An oral report on these matters will be given at the AGM

There are 300 subscribers to the email list, a minor increase from the 296 of the previous year.

Administration

As in the previous year, the business of the committee was transacted by email plus a teleconference on 13 May 2008.

The major decision reached was that the proceedings of the Annual Conference from next year onward would be published by open access journal most likely through the Association's website. The committee also noted that the possibility of holding the 2009 conference in Perth, which was mooted at the 2007 AGM is unlikely to eventuate.. Alternate offerings by Anna Corbo-Crehan in Goulbourn through Charles Sturt University, John Morgan, and the possibility of a Canberra location appear promising and will be resolved at the Annual Conference.

The assistance of members of the Committee in preparing this report is sincerely acknowledged.

Peter Bowden

Secretary,

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