

Australian Assn for Professional and Applied Ethics
Annual report, 1999-2000

The Annual General Meeting for 1999 was held during the annual conference in Canberra in October 1999, and this AGM is being held in early July 2000. There are, therefore, nine months to cover.

The new President presented to the committee at its first meeting a paper suggesting a number of new initiatives for the Association which would strengthen membership and increase its national stature, and the committee has devoted considerable time to consideration of these. Proposals included a widening of activity to include single campus groups, meetings of specific professional groups in association with the conference, and an AAPAE prize. At this stage it is a matter of 'watch this space' but the discussion has been useful, and further suggestions from members are welcome.

The Association has maintained a web-page [at <http://www.arts.unsw.edu.au/aapae/>] and an email discussion list aapae-l, and the Association extends its thanks to Assoc Prof Stephen Cohen who maintains both of these.

The AAPAE newsletter *Australian Ethics* is distributed to members, and during the year members were asked if they would prefer to receive the Newsletter in electronic form rather than hard copy. A small number of members opted for email delivery. The editor, Meg Herbert, continues to search valiantly for copy, and contributions from members are welcome.

Following the 1999 AGM attention was given to a number of statutory and commercial issues. The Association is incorporated under the Associations Incorporation Act of New South Wales and if some of this year's AGM events seem a little more formal, this is to ensure that we comply with the requirements of our incorporation. The association applied for and has been allotted an Australian Business Number or ABN.

The relationship between the Association and the publisher of the Australian Journal of Practical and Applied Ethics have been clarified, and we look forward to a long and happy association with the AJPAE, which is the official journal of the Association.

The Association has made the first tentative steps toward establishing formal links with the Association of Practical and Professional Ethics in the US.

As always, the conference will be the subject of a separate report from the conference convenor.

Since it was elected at the Annual General Meeting the committee has met on .. occasions, twice in Canberra during the conference and .. times by teleconference. Our thanks are due to the Australian Catholic University who provided teleconference facilities which allowed us to reduce the cost of these meetings to the Association.

During the year Ms Kaye Sperling resigned and Dr Howard Harris was appointed Secretary. Mr Patrick McArdle who had served as Treasurer for most of the year began a period of study leave in the US in June, and Dr Brian Farrell accepted an invitation to fill the casual vacancy on the committee and as Treasurer.

HR Harris
Secretary, 5 June 2000

