

Australian Association for Professional and Applied Ethics
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Annual Report, 2001-2002

The Annual General Meeting for 2001 was held just over one year ago during the annual conference in Adelaide in late September.

Publications

The Association continued to maintain both a web page [at <http://www.arts.unsw.edu.au/aapae/>] and an email discussion list aapae-l. These are important channels of communication, both with members and with non-members, and the role of Assoc Prof Stephen Cohen in maintaining these needs again to be recognised. To him the committee extend their thanks and invite the Association more widely to do the same.

The Newsletter, edited by Steven Curry, and available in both hard copy and electronic versions, has continued to provide information about events and forthcoming activities to members.

The Association's journal, the *Australian Journal of Professional and Applied Ethics*, has occupied far less of the committee's time than in recent years. Under the editorship of Andrew Alexandra, AJPAE has recovered its publication schedule, with the first 2002 issue, volume 4 no 1, dispatched to members and subscribers earlier this year. The AJPAE is published by CAPPE, the Centre for Applied Philosophy and Public Ethics.

In addition to the AJPAE, members also receive copies of the issues of *Business and Professional Ethics Journal* and *Professional Ethics* in which papers from the annual conference have been published. This arrangement provides members with a record of some of the papers from the conference, provides those who make presentations a further opportunity for publication in a refereed journal, and brings both AAPAE and the work of Australians to wider notice.

For the first time in 2001, presenters at the annual conference could have their papers refereed and published in full on the website in advance of the conference. This may increase conference registration, either because more information is thereby available in advance, or because potential presenters can have assurance of recognition under the research output schemes which influence funding for conference attendance at many institutions. A larger number of papers are available publicly. All this extends the reach of the Association. We thank those members, and others, who have undertaken the work of reviewing papers prior to acceptance.

Annual Conference

The convener of the 8th annual conference, Assoc Prof Chris Provis, has reported separately in the successful conference held in Adelaide in 2001.

At the 2001 AGM two proposals for the 2002 conference were considered. One that it be held in conjunction with the conference of the International Institute for Public Ethics IIPE, which would be in Brisbane, and another from Prof Ronald Francis that it be in Melbourne with a base at Victoria University of Technology's city campus. The committee subsequently obtained a number of assurances from the Key Centre for Ethics, Law, Justice and Governance, and the 2002 conference is being held jointly with IIPE. The 2003 conference will be in Melbourne.

Membership

Current membership stands at 85 individual members and five institutional members. This is lower than in 2001, and is of concern to the committee.

Statutory matters

The Association is incorporated under the Associations Incorporation Act of New South Wales. The Association has not been registered for the GST since June 2001 and this has proved an appropriate arrangement. Ms Kay Buckley remains the Public Officer of the Association, as well as its treasurer.

Other Matters

During the year the committee considered a proposal for a conference on indigenous ethics, to be held in Hawaii and sponsored by both US Association for Practical and Professional Ethics (APPE) and AAPAE. Initially the plans were for a conference in Jun 2003, but a date in 2005 is now being considered. The committee felt that whilst it could not make any financial commitment to such an event, it would support appropriate joint activity with APPE, such as this, with publicity and endorsement.