

MINUTES of the AGM
OF THE FOURTH NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE AUSTRALIAN SCREEN
PRODUCTION EDUCATION AND RESEARCH ASSOCIATION (ASPERA)
Queensland College of Art, Griffith University 28th June 2007

Meeting began at 1355.

Chair: Dr Josko Petkovic (ASPERA President and NASS)

AGENDA:

1. Welcome and Apologies

Welcome by ASPERA President Dr Josko Petkovic

Apologies:

Susan Kerrigan, University of Newcastle, Geoff Portman, QUT, Prof Craig Caldwell, Griffith Film School

2. Confirmation of Minutes from 2006 AGM

Moved: Assoc Prof Pat Laughren,

Seconded: Assoc Prof Gillian Leahy, UTS

Minutes Accepted.

3. Business arising from Previous minutes

This agenda item was addressed after the President's address.

4. Presidents Address – covered the following

- 2006 dominated by research issues
- RQF
- Need to retain links between traditional media and new media.
- September 2006 – CHASS RQF Creative Arts Workshop meeting at VCA Melbourne
- October 2006 – Federal Education Minister's Advisor was visited by Dr Mick Broderick and Josko Petkovic,
- DEST workshop nominations resulted in Josko Petkovic, Prof Ian Lang & Assoc Prof Kathryn Millard being consulted in relation to who ought to be on panel 13.
- Tried to connect with ARC but this was not possible because the original contact has moved to University of New South Wales
- February 2007 CHASS workshop in Brisbane - different group of people to September meeting with many people from QUT. ASPERA had a significant presence and voice at the meeting which was prelude to the workshop given by DEST in March 2007.
- ASPERA website went up – congratulations to Leo Berkeley for successfully organising this.
- ASPRI and Peer Review raised but put into other business.
- May 2007 at UNE Conference, ASPERA invited to present on collaboration for the Carrick Foundation

Motion: That outgoing President Josko is nominated to join the ASPERA Advisory Council thereby continue the existing precedent of past presidents moving onto the Advisory Council

Moved: Gillian Leahy

Seconded: Nick Oughton

Motion Carried.

5. Secretary's report

The Secretary apologised for time it had taken for the minutes to have been sent out from the 2006 conference.

6. Treasurer's Report

ASPERA's bank balance is in a healthy condition. There are some outstanding costs from this years conference as well as a number of member institutions that need to be chased re 2007 membership fees. This will be followed up this week by Alison Wotherspoon.

Possible future costs facing ASPERA were discussed – notably outstanding first time payment for CHASS membership of \$100. Recognition of probable need to maintain CHASS membership which will be more in the vicinity of \$1,000 pa. Possibility of membership of CILECT in future raised from financial pov. See attached balance sheet

7. Vice President's Report

- Role of VP interesting position to be in – President in training.
- Important role to take the agenda from each conference and translate it into action points for following year.
- Recognition that the conference is the glue that keeps the organisation together
- VP responsible for putting the Conference together - for looking at agenda, defining new goals, shaping conference, delivering important information
- Gillian Leahy gave thank you to Nick Oughton for his role as VP and for the success of the 2007 conference.

8. Review of Constitution

Nick Oughton proposed need for constitutional change on page 25 Motion 13 in the Definition of terms.

MOTION: Need to put clause in definitions to define that the ASPERA Council is an Advisory body with non voting rights.

- This led onto a discussion about role of ex Presidents in future, how many may or may not be part of the advisory group, and what power currently exists in the constitution to allow the executive to invite/remove ex presidents to the Advisory Council. It was felt by the delegates that the current constitution (Part 3.13.C) does provide the executive with the appropriate powers to act should a dispute arise.

MOTION: Each year the retiring president may be invited to become a member of the ASPERA Advisory Council.

Moved: Nick Oughton

Seconded: Pat Laughren

Motion Carried unanimously.

9. Election of the Executive for 2007 -2008

The former Vice President Nick Oughton became President. Elections were held for the positions of Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and One Other Member

The new Executive elected on nomination as follows:

President	Nick OUGHTON, GFS, QLD
Vice President	Leo BERKELEY, RMIT, VIC
Secretary	Rachel WILSON, RMIT, VIC
Treasurer	Alison WOTHERSPOON, Flinders, SA
One Other Member	Mick BRODERICK, Murdoch, WA

The 2008 conference will be therefore held at RMIT in Melbourne.

The decision was made that the executive needs to meet regularly (perhaps quarterly) between conferences. The next executive meeting should take place within (ideally) a month after the conference and may be a video link meeting.

10. Any other Business

- Discussion of Website – general consensus was that the structure appeared fine, that it was a lot of site for the price, but the graphic design could be revisited – the executive to follow up.
- A lively discussion of the issues of ASPRI and Peer Review took place. The Executive believes that there is a middle ground and that both positions are complementary rather than opposed. The Executive is to work together to find a common position that will be consistent and acceptable to the membership.
- That ASPERA needs to be united and consistent in dealing with current issues to do with Panel 13 and CHASS.

MOTION 5: That ASPERA sends a representative to CILECT and informs CILECT that ASPERA now exists. That the ASPERA representative investigates the possibility of CILECT membership and the financial ramifications of this membership.

MOTION 6 that APSERA joins CHASS. Also, ASPERA to invite CHASS to initiate a conference which focuses on image based and screen based research.

Moved: Josko Petkovic
Seconded: Leo Berkeley
Motion Carried.

General discussion: CHASS has been dominated by the Humanities rather than non-traditional research activities. The ASPERA agenda needs to be protected and invoked. Discussion with CHASS should include performing arts.

Murdoch University's Vice-Chancellor would like to host a CHASS event. There is an IT conference to be held in December. Perhaps a CHASS event could be simultaneously hosted, though Sydney has centrality. The Executive can make a decision regarding this, in consultation with CHASS.

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Possible Action: It may be worthwhile to confer with the CHASS, CEO, Malcolm Gilles and the administrative conference organiser, Toss Gascoigne, as to the best way to progress with this action.

MOTION 7. ASPERA continues to endorse the digital archive committee's work in establishing an open access archive. This includes supplying information to the committee in relation to rights management protocols, IT and technological questions in a timely manner when requested, securing potential industry partners on ASPERA's behalf, and to begin work on setting up a possible ARC linkage or DEST infrastructure grant.

Moved: Rachel Wilson

Seconded: Gillian Leahy

Motion Carried.

Meeting ended at 5.30pm