

ALANZ AGM

1 December, 2010, 12.40 p.m.

Present: John Macalister, Gillian Skyrme, Elaine Vine, Jean Harkins, Gary Barkhuizen, Martin McMorrow, Zina Romova, Janet von Randow, Irina Elgort, Cynthia White, Rosemary Erlam, Anne Feryok, John Bitchener, Roger Barnard, Gillian Claridge, Averil Coxhead, David Crabbe, Janet Holmes, Margaret Franken, Hilary Smith, Rod Ellis, Natsuko Shintani, Jocelyn Howard, Jean Parkinson.

There were no apologies.

Minutes:

The minutes of the 2009 AGM were handed out and accepted. John Macalister

Matters arising

Item 8 required a revision of the constitution to allow for a two-year Executive term with a two-year renewal period. The constitution has been checked and allows for this, so no revision is needed.

President's Report

John reported on a busy and quietly achieving year. He thanked to Elaine Vine (Treasurer) and Gillian Skyrme (secretary).

One of first acts was the 2009 best thesis competition – thanks to judges and congratulations to winners, Yiqian (Katherine) Cao **and** Susan K. Ruffell. This was announced on the website.

The website has no new features but there has been some editing through the year to keep it up to date. He thanked Irina Elgort, and Gillian Skyrme added thanks to Martin Paviour-Smith for his managing of the ALANZ e-mail list.

There have been two issues of *NZSAL* this year and John has sent out newsletters with them.

The Auckland-Waikato regional seminar was another successful event, hosted on 12 June by the University of Waikato. Many thanks to Lucy Campbell and Anthea Fester.

Quite a few members attended ALAA in Brisbane this year. The joint ALANZ/ALAA conference will be held in Canberra next year, where we will have our AGM. Therefore the next symposium will be in 2012.

Membership has been down this year.

Matters arising

Gary Barkhuizen agreed that the Regional Seminar had been very successful and well organised. Rod Ellis asked whether any further thought had been giving to making links with NZALT, such as timing the Symposium to occur immediately after their Conference, since both were New Zealand-based events. Cynthia White pointed out that their conference may be of interest, having excellent plenary speakers. No official contacts had been made, although there has been an exchange of information.

Margaret Franken asked whether connections had been made with LED. The Executive will discuss this further.

Treasurer's report

The membership drop this year has had an effect on the bank balance, especially as the first printing of *NZSAL* was based on last year's numbers. There was discussion about whether it would be possible to be more forceful in reminders to renew membership and efforts to seek new members. Currently this has been done through the e-mail list and the website. Those present suggested that often people didn't renew through oversight rather than intention. Suggestions were made that a list of current members could be put on the website, though this would require a specific permission on the membership form. Ways of encouraging PhD students to join were discussed, including having contact people in each institution to pass on the information to them. A reminder could be sent with the *NZSAL*. Martin McMorrow told the meeting that TESOLANZ is offering free membership to graduates of Certificate courses in order to encourage membership.

Cynthia White moved that the Executive be empowered to decide on a 5-year (or other such period) membership option, Cynthia White/ Janet von Randow.

The financial report was accepted, Elaine Vine/Cynthia White.

***New Zealand Studies in Applied Linguistics* report**

John Bitchener provided his final report as co-editor, after about seven years in the job, announcing that Anne Feryok had been appointed as the new co-editor to join Gillian Skyrme. There have been increasing numbers of submissions, perhaps as a result of PBRF. The journal is well placed to provide a training ground for new researchers including Masters and PhD students. He suggested it may be important to encourage multiple submitters to try for publication further a-field, though. He thanked Rosemary Wette for the very efficient manner in which she carried out the reviews editorship.

Gillian Skyrme thanked John for his contribution to the journal. She asked the association to consider a suggestion that had been made that the *Journal* could be published online only, and also discussed its role as a vehicle for the New Zealand applied research community, suggesting that all submissions should have some New Zealand link. Rod Ellis pointed out that ALAA encouraged New Zealand submissions, and it was felt that we should reciprocate by welcoming contributions from Australia as well as local ones.

Regional meetings

John Macalister asked for volunteers to host the regional seminar next year, which he will follow up after the meeting. Roger Barnard suggested that it would be valuable to have a regional meeting for the lower North Island and members from Palmerston North and Wellington agreed to discuss this further. Thought was given as to whether it would be possible to include the South Island in some way.

There was no other business.

The meeting closed at 1.15 p.m.