# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2009

# MINUTES

**Monday December 7 2009; 1:00 pm (New Zealand Time)**
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Australasian Society for Computers in Learning in Tertiary Education (ascilite) on Monday 7 December 2009, in the Lecture Theatre OGGB 4 level '0', University of Auckland, Auckland, New Zealand.

**In attendance:** *Executive Committee:* Mike Keppell (President and Chair); Caroline Steel (Vice-President), Anne Abraham (Treasurer), Allan Christie, Iain Doherty, Philippa Gerbic, Ben Kehrwald, Oriel Kelly, Andrew Litchfield Catherine McLoughlin, Dominique Parrish (Secretariat and minutes).
*Members:* Roger Atkinson (AJET), John Barnett (The University of Western Ontario), Shanton Chang (The University of Melbourne), Peter Goodyear (The University of Sydney), Cathy Gunn (The University of Auckland), Bronwyn Hegarty (Otago Polytechnic), Anthony Hunt (The University of Auckland), Kate Hunt, Wanda Jackson (Massey University), Joanne Joyce (University of Wollongong), Lina Markauskaite (The University of Sydney), Stephen Marshall (Victoria University of Wellington), Maurice Moore (Appreciative Developments), Mark Northover (Auckland University of Technology), Ian Olney (University of Western Sydney), Rob Phillips (Murdoch University), Debra Robertson-Welsh (Manukau Institute of Technology); Sue Tickner (University of Auckland), Rhondda Tilbrook (Murdoch University).

**Apologies:** Peter Blakey (Australian Catholic University), Barry Maloney (Intercomp), John O'Donoghue

## A. PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

**A1. Welcome and Apologies.**

**A2. Acceptance of the previous Minutes**
The ascilite AGM 2008 Minutes were made available to the ascilite community prior to the meeting (Ref: AGM_Dec2008_Minutes_Final.pdf)

> **PROPOSED RESOLUTION (2009/01)**: *That the minutes of the 2008 AGM be accepted as a true and accurate record.*
> Moved:              Oriel Kelly (MIT)
> Seconded:           Iain Doherty (University of Auckland)
> Show of hands:      Unanimous in favour.

**A3. Business Arising from the Minutes.**
Rob P. queried whether there would be a member survey in 2010 as was suggested there would be in the 2008 mins. Caroline S confirmed that there would be a member survey but the exact date for the implementation of this had not yet been determined.

## B. EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

**B1. Annual Report from the President (Mike Keppell).**
The annual report from the President was made available to the ascilite community prior to the meeting (Ref: asc_presidents_annual_report_2009.pdf).
Mike K highlighted:
- The outstanding profit made for ascilite by the Deakin Conference Organising Committee through the ascilite 2008 conference.
- The revamped new and improved ascilite website and the development of this that was managed by executive member Iain D.
- The facilitation of a new offering to ascilite members in the online webinar seminars that have been presented in conjunction with the TLT group in USA.

- The continued efforts and support of the ascilite executive.

> **PROPOSED RESOLUTION (2009/02):** *That the annual report from the President to the 2009 AGM be accepted.*
> Moved:                   Cathy Gunn (University of Auckland)
> Seconded:                Peter Goodyear (The University of Sydney)
> Show of hands:           Unanimous in favour.

**B2.**     **Annual Report from the Treasurer (Anne Abraham).**

The annual report from the Treasurer included the provision of 3 reports (Auditor's Report, Treasurer's Report, and Income and Expenditure Budget – 2008/2009 report) The Auditor's and Treasurer's Reports were made available to the ascilite community prior to the meeting (Ref: audited_Account_Statement_08-09.pdf; and ascilite_treasurers_annual_report_2009.pdf).

Anne A reviewed the highlights of the Treasurer's Report including an increase in the operating budget and presented the Auditor's Report.

> **PROPOSED RESOLUTION (2009/03):**
> *That the audited accounts of the Australasian Society for Computers in Learning in Tertiary Education for the financial year ending on 30 June 2009 be accepted by the members.*
> Moved:                   Rob Phillips (Murdoch University)
> Seconded:                Iain Doherty (University of Auckland)
> Show of hands:           Unanimous in favour.

> **PROPOSED RESOLUTION (2009/04):**
> *That the annual report from the Treasurer to the 2009 AGM be accepted by the members.*
> Moved:                   Catherine McLoughlin (ACU)
> Seconded:                Mark Northover (Auckland University of Technology)
> Show of hands:           Unanimous in favour.

Anne A reviewed the income and expenditure for the Society 2008-2009 and the proposed budget for 2009-2010. Roger A noted that AJET has a zero operating budget and that it may be prudent to be more conservative in the prediction of returns for the conference budget in the future as Roger suggests that there may need to be a greater commitment of resources that require financial support for the organisation of future ascilite conferences. Roger A cautioned that the money earning niches are well and truly over occupied in the higher education environment. Rob P queried the fact that sponsorship had disappeared from the presented budget for 2008-2009. Mike K confirmed that this was because it had been subsumed into the conference budget line item. Rob P also queried the nature of the substantial increase to Secretariat costs. Mike K confirmed that this was due to an increase in rates and also an increase of 50% in hours.

> **PROPOSED RESOLUTION (2009/05):**
> *That the Income and Expenditure Budget be accepted by the members.*
> Moved:                   Mark Northover (Auckland University of Technology)
> Seconded:                Cathy Gunn (The University of Auckland)
> Show of hands:           Majority in favour.

**B3.**     **Members questions to Executive regarding the ascilite strategic plan, initiatives and activities. (Mike Keppell).**

Rob P questioned the use of Pure and applied research in the strategic plan objectives 5 and 7, Mike K confirmed that we may need to revisit the use of this terminology in the next iteration of the strategic plan.

Joanne J queried how the activities and initiatives for the Society were being sustained as there was no clear indication of financial support for these in the presented budget. Mike K confirmed that most of the initiatives and activities do have a financial cost implication. Joanne J suggested that there needs to be a clear and overt investment to resource Society initiatives. Caroline S suggested that the intention with initiatives and activities is to start small, especially in light of the financial investment, and evaluate and review the value of the initiatives and activities before committing large and long term financial support to initiatives and activities.

**B4.** **ascilite Executive Committee Elections.**
Mike K noted that there were two executive positions up for re-election in 2009. Iain D and John O'Donoghue being the executive positions up for election. Iain D and Andrew L were the only nominations received for executive positions in 2009. As such both were elected to the ascilite executive unopposed.

> **PROPOSED RESOLUTION (2009/06):** *That Iain Doherty and Andrew Litchfield being the only nominations received for vacant positions on the Executive Committee, be elected unopposed to the Executive Committee for a period of two years.*
> Moved:                Ben Kehrwald (Massey University)
> Seconded:             Iain Onley (University of Western Sydney)
> Show of hands:        Unanimous in favour.
> Passed unopposed.

## C. ASCILITE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

**C1.** **2009 Conference Report.**
Mike K noted that the Auckland 2009 conference was one of the best in the history of ascilite conference in terms of the calibre of the presentations and conference program and also for delegate numbers. Mark Northover echoed the warnings posed by Roger A about over estimating the conference budget returns as the costs for hosting the conference may be greater than in previous years and also given the current New Zealand exchange rate.

**C2.** **2010 Conference Report.**
Mike K confirmed that the ascilite 2010 conference will be hosted by UTS and held in Sydney Australia. Andrew L, as the conference Convenor introduced the theme of the 2010 conference - **Innovating the Diverse Curriculum** which is to be framed within a series of questions:
- Why innovate the curriculum?
- How can ICT renew the curriculum?
- What strategies best embed and sustain innovation?
- How diffused should a new approach be before it is an innovation?
- Can ICT address the issues of student diversity?
- What role does leadership have in ICT innovation?
- Do 'lone rangers' innovate or tinker?

The ICT Curriculum Innovation Themes include:
- Effective interactive elearning
- Active experiential mlearning
- Cultural diversity and technology
- Technology enriched learning spaces
- Games and simulations
- Opencourseware
- Embedding industry certification
- Blue-sky thinking

Andrew L noted that the Conference Organising Committee are planning to use the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technology building at the University Of Technology. Andrew also noted that the photo on front of promotional postcard that was disseminated to meeting attendees is the view from the Overseas passenger terminal where it is planned to hold the conference dinner. However Andrew noted that there is a possibility that this view may be obstructed if a vessel is in dock and that this can not be confirmed till the middle of the year. In the event of this the conference dinner may be held at Luna Park.

### D.        OTHER BUSINESS

There was a suggestion made that a research Community Mentoring Programme line item needed to be included in the budget for 2009-2010.
Rob P. queried whether in fact this Auckland conference did have the greatest number of delegates attending as he recalls previous conferences having up to 450 delegates.

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