

Minutes of a meeting of LIANZA Otago Southland Committee held at the Bill Robertson Library, Thursday 10 March 2005

Present: Ian Stewart, Paula Murdoch, Philip van Zijl, Louise Sherriff, Pam Treanor, Mark Hughes (Chair)

Apologies: Lynne Morrison, Mike Collett

Minutes of the last meeting: were received with some amendments.

Matters arising: Paula reported that she had emailed John Stanley Associates a second time to enquire further about Fi Emberton's proposed South Island visit, as she had had no correspondence from her. [Paula also to contact Glen Walker, Aoraki Region, to keep Aoraki up to date]

Correspondence: None received

Financial: Report not available

February Event: The Matapihi presentation by Scott Reeves, Otago Museum, was well attended (and proceeded despite IT hiccups caused by a ditch digger!) and an enjoyable event. [Paula to draft a letter of thanks and appreciation to Scott Reeves and Brian Patrick, Collections & Research Manager, Otago Museum]

March Event: The Alexandra Weekend School went very well. Steven Lulich had provided positive feedback and Southland attendees were especially appreciative. There was discussion on the possibility of holding another School in Invercargill, probably late next year. The database searching sessions were especially popular and it was agreed that the venue for the next School should have a bigger IT suite. It had been suggested that a list of attendees be circulated with the evaluation. [Louise to action]

April Event: Mike Wooliscroft was fairly heavily committed, so any dinner with him is likely to take place late in April or in May.

May Event: Conference feedback session, for attendees to the Sydney Online Conference and also the Newspaper indexing conference held recently in Melbourne. Wednesday 4 May at 7.30pm in the Dunningham Suite, DPL. [Paula to check booking]

Newsletter: Due at the end of March. Christchurch and Invercargill members were keen to provide contributions (about this year's conference in the case of Christchurch). Ian will write a Councillor's piece. The title of this as-yet-officially-unnamed publication will be revealed with the next issue. There was discussion with regard to the branding of the publication with its own

local logo. There is some doubt as to whether this is likely to find favour with Council, but Ian will gauge the reaction on this.

Centennial publication: Ian will be contacting nz-libraries and PubSIG seeking expressions of interest from anyone interested in assisting.

Councillor's report: Mark attended the last Council meeting in Wellington on Thursday 3 March in Ian's place.

The Special Investigatory Committee on Professional Registration has become a Task Force. The project has \$35,000-\$40,000 funded from contributions from the Law Librarians' Group, the National Library, SLANZA, LIANZA, SLIS and CONZUL. The group meets on 18 March and aims to have this project completed by February 2006.

Sue Sutherland had reported back on the National Digital Strategy – librarians have had a positive impact on its formulation.

Book Awards – these are being tightened up, becoming more the responsibility of the LIANZA Office.

Nominations for Associateships and Fellowships close on 31 March. Ian will try to organise someone to talk about these.

Membership is at an all time high.

The next Council meeting is 2 June.

[Ian left the meeting at 11.50am]

There was also discussion about the fact that Council is made up largely of middle, not senior managers. More senior management to work on projects may become more of a feature in the future.

The Office is moving to premises in Dixon Street – ex IRD offices. The rent is favourable and LIANZA will continue to share its premises with the NZ Book Council.

The LIANZA Conference in September – Council will have more direct input in to the theme and a professional conference organiser will take over more of the running of the Conference itself.

Other business: Philip had received an email from Glynis Shields, National Library. A workshop on Information Literacy and instructional websites run by James Herring, Charles Sturt University run at the College of Education in September was proposed. This could be a joint LIANZA/SLANZA September event. It would require around 45 people. The Committee supported the initiative.

Louise raised the possibility of the Committee Road Trip. It was decided that this might be best done in August, just after the AGM, so that feedback would be available for the first 2005/06 Committee meeting.

Date of the next meeting: Thursday 14 April at 11am at Blueskin Bay Library.

The meeting closed at 12pm.