



‘Bibliography in the Digital Age’

Annual conference of the Bibliographical Society of Australia and New Zealand
State Library of New South Wales, Sydney
20-22 November 2013

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promoting special collections online

The Society invites abstracts of twenty-minute presentations relevant to the theme of the conference. Abstracts should be of approximately 250 words and should be received by the conference Convenor, Maggie Patton, Manager, Original Materials, State Library of New South Wales, Macquarie Street, Sydney 2000 (mpatton@sl.nsw.gov.au) **by Friday 26 July**.

Offers of papers are especially welcome from graduate students and early career researchers. The Society has a number of travel bursaries to offer to bona fide graduate students who are presenting papers at the conference. To apply for a travel bursary please contact the conference Convenor.

The annual meeting of the Rare Book Librarians’ Group will be held on Wednesday 20 November preceding the BSANZ conference.

A Decisive Step

Diligent readers of the Minutes of the AGM on the following pages will note that the Society wishes to canvass the advice of a greater range of members in formulating its policies and activities. While the move is especially pertinent this year as we make the transition to becoming a non-profit incorporated society, the step is intended in the longer term to give members a greater sense of how the Society works and to allow newer members to gain some experience before volunteering to fill positions on the Executive or Council. It should also allow members of the Executive and Council to continue to contribute advice and institutional knowledge after they have stepped down from their formal positions.

The initial proposal is simply to add any interested member to the email list of Council so that they can follow the discussions and, if they wish, contribute to them. There are no voting rights attached, but as the Council has generally proceeded by consensus it is expected that good ideas from any quarter will be speedily influential.

If you would like to be added to the mailing list, please indicate same to the Secretary, Chris Tiffin, c.tiffin@uq.edu.au.

Minutes of the AGM held at Selwyn College, University of Otago on 16 November 2012

The Meeting opened at 12.35 pm.

Present: Donald Kerr (Chair), Dennis Bryans, Pat Buckridge, Ray Choate, Chris Elmore, Victoria Emery, Caren Florance, Nathan Garvey, David Large, Kathy Leutenegger, Robert Lumsden, Jan McDonald, Keith Maslen, Ian Morrison, Kathryn Parsons, Margaret Rees-Jones, Shef Rogers, Andrew Sergeant, Rodney Swan, Anthony Tedeschi, Chris Tiffin.

Observer: Lorraine Johnston

Apologies: John Arnold, David Carter, Gillian Dooley, Paul Eggert, Susann Liebich, Tony Marshall, Jenna Mead, Maggie Patton, Patrick Spedding, Lawrence Warner

Minutes of the 2011 AGM were approved without amendment (Jan McDonald / Ray Choate)

Matters arising:

Editor's Report: Caren Florance reiterated the need to have a time-lag before issues of *S & P* were placed on the Society's website. Without this the value of membership in the Society would be devalued. Shef Rogers accepted this argument, but indicated a general desire to make the contents of the issues generally available as soon as practicable.

Executive Reports: The Executive reports had been previously circulated and were each spoken to only briefly.

President's Report: Donald Kerr expressed satisfaction at having the Society's website operational and offered the Society's thanks to Nathan Garvey for taking on the position of Webmaster. The President said the Society needed to have an active membership drive over the next year, and exhorted all members to include the Society webpage URL (www.BSANZ.org) in their email signature.

The question of mounting additional material for the web page was raised. It was agreed that other material of interest

to members could be posted, and should be submitted via the Secretary, Chris Tiffin.

Donald advised that the Society had made two student travel awards for the conference to David Large (University of Sydney) and Melinda Graefe (Flinders University). Melinda had subsequently had to withdraw, but David was warmly congratulated by the meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Andrew Sergeant reported that the accounts for the financial year ended 31 December 2011 had been passed by the auditor who had made a number of suggestions for improving our recording and reporting procedures. The Treasurer said he was implementing these suggestions from 1 January 2013. It was noted, however, that any changes may be overtaken by statutory reporting requirements if the Society becomes incorporated. Membership is steady at around 185, and thanks to very careful cost controls on the production of *Script & Print*, our income from memberships and bank interest was covering our outlays. With no Occasional Publications being produced, the 2011 year yielded a surplus of \$4829.61.

It was agreed to appoint Robert Digan as auditor for the 2012 financial year. MOVED (Ian Morrison / Shef Rogers) that the President's and Treasurer's reports be accepted. (CARRIED *nem con*)

Editor's Report: Shef Rogers reported that publishing *Script & Print* from Dunedin is going well. Copy is coming in regularly but there is not a big backlog of articles and members are encouraged to contribute their research. Several papers from the Brisbane 'Long Twentieth Century' conference were included in the current issue (vol.36 no.4), and Shef hoped that several papers from the Dunedin conference would be worked up to appear in the following volume during 2013.

The possibility of adding the full text of back numbers of *Script & Print* and the *Bulletin* to the website was raised. The back numbers have been digitized by the National Library of Australia, but providing an index and links to the full-text copies would involve some effort and possible cost. David Large has agreed to help Nathan in determining the best way to

proceed, drawing on Patrick Spedding and Philip Jackson's existing index.

Election of Officers

One formal seconded nomination had been received for each of the following positions:

President: Donald Kerr

Secretary: Chris Tiffin

Treasurer: Andrew Sergeant

Council Members

New Zealand (2 positions): Keith

Maslen and Noel Waite

WA: Jenna Mead

SA: Gillian Dooley

Tas.: Ian Morrison

Vic.: Patrick Spedding

NSW: Maggie Patton

Qld: Nathan Garvey

The President declared all these members elected for 2013.

The positions of Vice-President and Council representative for ACT were not filled.

Non-elected positions are: Immediate Vice-President (John Arnold); Editor (Shef Rogers); Webmaster (Nathan Garvey).

It was proposed to invite interested members to join the email discussions of Council during the year to spread awareness of the Council's decision-making and to broaden the pool of members who might serve on Council in future years. While the current members of Council would continue to constitute the decision-making body of the Society should any matters come to a vote, the Society could profit from an extended consultant base that included both former members of Council who would have a long corporate memory and newer Society members who might take up Council and Executive roles in the future.

David Large indicated that as a new member he was interested in contributing to the Society's future activities.

Future Conferences:

An offer has been received via the NSW Council member, Maggie Patton, for the NSW State Library to host the 2013 conference. It was noted that Sydney last held the conference in 2008 at the University of Sydney. The meeting agreed

to pursue this offer.

Andrew Sergeant agreed to investigate holding the 2014 conference in Canberra. It was noted that both 2014 and 2015 would be war-related centenaries (start of WW I and Gallipoli respectively). All Council representatives were encouraged to consult their local members with a view to hosting future conferences.

Incorporation of the Society

The Secretary, Chris Tiffin, reviewed reasons for considering incorporation and outlined the steps needed to achieve it. He apologized for the Council's lack of progress on this matter over the last two years but expected that the process would be set in motion very shortly. The Victorian government is introducing new legislation covering incorporation of non-profit associations in late November 2012, but this is not expected to delay our application. Given the dispersed nature of the membership and of the governing Council we will probably need to draft our own rules rather than simply adopt the off-the-shelf model rules designed by the Victorian Office of Fair Trading.

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Shef Rogers advised that preliminary indications were that the University of Otago was willing to host the Society's website without charge. A member asked whether our having our own domain name (www.BSANZ.org) was compatible with the University's hosting the page since Universities usually hang such pages off their own. Shef replied that this did not seem to be an issue, but he would clarify that point.

Jan McDonald moved a vote of thanks to the current members of Council for their work for the Society and to Shef Rogers, Donald Kerr and their team for their meticulous organization of the conference. (CARRIED *nem con*)

The meeting closed at 1.05pm.

To a Good Home

BSANZ member, Jean Baker, has a run

of back-numbers of the *BSANZ Bulletin / Script & Print* which she is offering gratis to a member or to a library. The run is from vol 24 to vol 36 inclusive (2000-2012). Jean writes: 'The only condition is either that the issues are collected from our home [near Ballarat, Vic.] or that freight is paid.' To take up Jean's generous offer, contact her at jeanb@netconnect.com.au.

Conferences

AUSESE Symposium and Workshop University of Sydney, 4-5 April, 2013

You are invited to attend a half-day Symposium and a full-day Workshop that employs the developing AustESE Workbench to engage with current theoretical and practical questions faced by scholarly editors working in both print and digital formats.

Symposium, Thursday 4 April, 1-5pm:

Led by Professor Paul Eggert, this scholarly editing symposium will discuss some of the key issues in scholarly editing today. In preparation, participants will be asked to pre-read three articles selected by Professor Eggert.

Workshop, Friday 5 April, 9am-5pm:

Coordinated by members of the AustESE development team, this workshop will introduce participants to the AustESE Workbench, and facilitate the collaborative scholarly editing of several, small sample projects. Feedback from participants will help to refine the workbench in preparation for deployment in the second half of 2013.

For more information about the AustESE Project, please visit <http://austese.net/>. The AustESE Symposium and Workshop is a FREE event. To register your interest, please contact: Dr Roger Osborne: r.osborne@uq.edu.au.

"Print Culture @ the Edge"

2013 Annual Meeting of the Bibliographical Society of Canada 3-4 June 2013
Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Victoria, Victoria, British Columbia.

The date for proposals for this conference has passed, but if you happen to be in the area you may be interested in hearing what our Canadian colleagues are researching. The framing of the conference reads: 'Historically, Canadian print culture has been defined, in part, by our place at the distant edge of the British Empire as well as by our place on the northern edge of the United States. This edge has often been represented as a negative space, at some distance from the cultural centre both geographically and ideologically, but "the edge" can also be represented as a vibrant and creative space for the meeting between old and new, between traditional and radical thinking, or between outmoded and progressive approaches.'

book:logic 2013

"Editing, Reading, Studying: A Symposium on the Affordances of the (Im)material Book"

University of Queensland, 4 October 2013

This one-day symposium will investigate the acts of editing, studying, and reading works from the past. Speakers will consider the influence of computer technology on the way we perform such acts, explore the possibilities of new ways of knowing in digital environments, or examine the endurance of old ways of knowing in print formats.

Plenary Speakers: **Tim Dolin**, Professor of Literary Studies, Curtin University; **Paul Eggert**, ARC Professorial Fellow, University of New South Wales Canberra

The convenors (Dr Roger Osborne and Professor David Carter) invite proposals for 20-minute papers, panels or seminars that address these issues. Email abstracts with a short bio to booklogic2013@gmail.com by 30 April 2013.

The symposium is a free event, but numbers are limited. The symposium will be followed by a dinner locally. For more details and updated information, follow the symposium blog <http://booklogic2013.wordpress.com/>, or email the convenors at the above address.