
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ASCM INC. ASS.

Meeting Opened:

9:30pm Saturday 7th July 2007

Attendance:

Hannah Angus, Barrie Baker, Elizabeth Baptisa, Bronwyn Crowe, Diane Hatwell, Roger Horton, Bronislava Lee, Tyson Menck, Caroline Loader, Tim Ngui, Clare Schulz.

Apologies:

Rachel Anderson, Anastasia Dalziel, Chris Jeffery

Reception of the Agenda

Resolution: That the agenda be accepted.

Reception of the Minutes

Resolution: That the minutes of the ASCM January Executive Committee Meeting 2007 and July General Committee Meeting 2006 be adopted as true and accurate records of the meetings.

Current ASCM Branches:

Queensland 3 branches: ACU, Griffith, Postgraduates

Australian Capital Territory 1 branch: ANU

Victoria 1 branch: VU

Western Australia 3 branches: UWA, Murdoch, Friends

New South Wales 1 branch: Radical Renegade SCM NSW

Election of Officers:

National Coordinator

Bronwyn Crowe was elected (Acting) National Coordinator unopposed.

Treasurer

Diane Hatwell was elected Treasurer unopposed.

Women's Officers

Bronislava Lee and Anastasia Dalziell were elected unopposed.

Men's Officer

Tyson Menck was elected unopposed.

Queer Officer

Vacant.

WSCF Liaison Officer

Tim Ngui was elected unopposed.

Database Coordinator

Chris Jeffery was elected unopposed.

Webweaver

Chris Jeffery was elected unopposed.

Jubilee Grapevine Editor

Vacant.

Merchandise Officer

Bronwyn Crowe was elected unopposed.

Minutes Secretary

Vacant.

Clare Schulz was appointed as Acting Minutes Secretary for the AGM and the JGC.

Human Rights Officers

Hannah Angus and Jazz Dron were elected unopposed.

Environment Officer

Tyson Menck was elected unopposed.

Financial Report for 2006/07 to AGM:

The financial report was accepted as presented.

Balance Sheet: 1/6/06 to 31/05/07

Assets

General Account	\$ 10,445.82
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Conference Account	\$ 492.93
Total	\$ 78,087.41

Liabilities

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<u>NET WORTH</u>	\$ 78,087.41

Profit and Loss Statement: 1/6/06 to 31/05/07

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Honorariums	12,700	5,065	7,635
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Bank Charges	50	55	-5
Form Lodgement	40		40
PO Box	100		100
National Conference	4,500	200	4,300
Hosting Meetings	300	314	-14
Donations			0
WSCF	900		900
WSCF-AP	600	10,932	-10,332
Pay the Rent	600		600
NCCA	140		140
Staff Worker Funding	12,500	4,500	8,000
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1 ATTENDANCE

Hannah Angus (Human Rights Officer & NSW Area Council rep),

Barrie Baker (WA Area Council),

Elizabeth Baptista (SCM - Timor Leste & VU rep)

Bronwyn Crowe (National Coordinator & UWA student rep),

Bronislava Lee (Women's Officer & Sydney student rep),

Caroline Loader (QLD Staff Worker & Area Council rep),

Tyson Menck Men's Officer & Murdoch Uni student rep),

Tim Ngui (WSCF & Queer Officer),

Clare Schulz (WA staff worker, Acting Minutes Secretary & outgoing JG Editor)

Partial attendance;

Diane Hatwell (Treasurer) Sat-Sun

Roger Horton (WA observer) Sat-Sun

2 APOLOGIES

ACT Area Council

Vic Area Council

Chris Jeffery (Web Weaver).

Rachel Anderson (Minutes Secretary)

Diane Hatwell (for Friday) (Treasurer)

3 WELCOME

Every one present was welcomed.

Bronwyn gave an explanation of decision making by consensus and the structure of ASCM.

All participants shared how they were feeling and what they were hoping for from JGC.

It was agreed that an informal meeting structure would be preferred where possible.

It was agreed that a list of 'must do' decisions was compiled and addressed as early as possible with the remainder of the time used for workshopping and movement building in response to less precise issues.

4 WORSHIP

Worship was lead by Elizabeth Baptista.

5 REPORTS

The following reports were accepted as presented:

- National Coordinator [verbal]
- Treasurer [Appendix 1]
- WSCF Liaison [Appendix 2]
- Database Coordinator [Appendix 3]
- WebWeaver [Appendix 4]
- JG Editor [verbal]
- Queensland [Appendix 5]
- Australian Capital Territory [Appendix 6]
- Victoria [Appendix 7]
- Western Australia [Appendix 8]
- New South Wales [verbal]

6 BUSINESS

6.1 IT Issues

The Web Weaver provided recommendations for action.

Resolution: That the ASCM website be moved from Uniting Communications to Ilysys, and the annual cost of this be absorbed by the National budget. [Action: Chris]

Resolution: That all office bearers are provided a complimentary subscription of JG while they are in office and for up to two years after they complete their formal service to the movement. [Action: Chris]

Resolution: That email and postal address contacts from the national database be available to ASCM's state organising bodies for limited use in promoting SCM activities. [Action: Chris & Bronwyn]

Resolution: That all contact made through the use of this information also provide an instruction for how to unsubscribe from the contact list. [Action: Bronwyn]

Resolution: That Tim Ngui coordinates investigating the legal obligations involved in managing a database of contact details to report to the next ASCM national meeting. [Action: Tim]

Resolution: That at the next ASCM national meeting a policy is developed to guide future use of the contact lists. [Action: Clare (Jan Exec)]

6.2 Pastoral Care Coordinator

The position developed at the January meeting has not been filled.

Barrie Baker offered to take on the role.

Resolution: That the role description of the PCC as outlined in January is retained, with the exception of the requirement that the PCC cannot be a member of the executive or general committee or participate in policy meetings, which are to be removed.

[Action: Bronwyn]

Resolution: That Barrie Baker is appointed to the role of PCC. [Action: Bronwyn & Barrie]

The meeting thanked Barrie and welcomed him to the role.

6.3 Christian Students Uniting - ASCM Affiliation

CSU is a Sydney University group supported by UCATSA (Uniting Church of Australia Tertiary Students Association). They have approached ASCM requesting affiliation, but would like to retain their own name.

Resolution: That NSW Area Council facilitate CSU developing an ASCM identity.

Resolution: That groups wishing to be identified with ASCM work within the aims of the ASCM as outlined in the ASCM Model Rules. [Action: Bronwyn]

Resolution: That CSU identify as a NSW branch of ASCM, and include somehow in their name a reference to being part of ASCM. (For example: 'CSU, a branch of the ASCM')

Resolution: That provided CSU agrees to these resolutions, and subject to approval by the NSW Area Council, they are welcomed as a NSW branch of ASCM.

Resolution: That if CSU is not willing to agree to the above resolutions, they be invited to attend the next ASCM National meeting as non-affiliated guests to discuss other possible ways of working together.

Resolution: That if CSU becomes a branch of the ASCM, a second ASCM branch is established in Sydney for those not involved in CSU.

[Action: Bronislava, Tim & Hannah]

6.4 ASCM-NCCA Consultation

WSCF has asked ASCM to hold a consultation with the NCCA.

Resolution: That ASCM develop a statement, possibly including a variety of viewpoints, outlining how we relate to institutional church and in particular to the NCCA.

[Action: Clare (Jan Exec)]

A discussion was held about our relationship to institutional church. Some points raised were:

- ASCM sees itself as a Christian expression, separate from the institutional church and youth ministry.
- NCCA is seen to be moving to resourcing role.
- Institutional church offers sense of history and foundation for faith.
- Ecumenical movement offers training opportunities.

Resolution: That the conversation be continued through the Policy List. [Action: Bronwyn]

Resolution: That the consultation be arranged in conjunction with a National meeting of the ASCM, preferably the immediate next one. [Action: Tim]

6.5 SCMA –ASCM relationship

Bronwyn reported that there has been no recent correspondence with SCMA.

Bronwyn agreed to email them, particularly regarding their upcoming conference.

6.6 Future of JG and JG Editor

There have been no applications for the vacant position of JG Editor.

A discussion was held regarding options for JG. Some points raised were:

- The options for the future of JG were explored, including folding, changing the format and splitting the tasks.
- The rotation of the job between Area Councils was suggested but Barrie pointed out that this had occurred in the 1980s but the magazine quality had dropped significantly at this time.
- The break down of tasks was given by Clare;
 - Gathering stories/ pics 1 month
 - Editing content 2-5 days
 - Layout 5 days
 - Printing and distribution 2 days
- The need for ASCM as a whole to grow to more people, to support the JG and to take on leadership positions such as JG Editor.

Resolution: That the editorship of JG be passed to an editorial team. [Action: Clare]

Roger indicated willingness to participate in a JG Editorial team. Barrie indicated willingness to take on distribution. Clare indicated willingness to be involved in an editorial team after September. She also agreed to put together (after September) a detailed task list to assist the team.

Resolution: That an offer be put to the email lists asking for people to join the editorial team, and in particular for someone to oversee the team. [Action: Clare & Bronwyn]

Resolution: It was agreed that we would aim to produce one issue of JG in the remainder of the year, which will also be appropriate for use at O-days in 2008. [Action: Clare, Roger, Barrie & new team]

Resolution: It was agreed that a letter be sent out with the national appeal letter in September updating everyone as to what is currently happening with JG, including notice of the policy made in January to send complimentary JGs to all who donate over \$15 in one year. [Action: Clare to write letter; Diane to distribute]

6.7 National Coordinator role

There have been no applications for the position of National Coordinator, which is about to become vacant.

A discussion was held regarding options for the National Coordinator role. Some points raised were:

- The role itself is not seen as being too large, provided the other ASCM Executive positions are functioning correctly.
- A lack of ASCM membership is seen as the main reason for there not being sufficient people to take on leadership roles generally.
- Better linkages between states and national activities are needed to promote the development of the ASCM involvement and leadership.

Resolution: That the various tasks of the national coordinator be shared between a number of people as an interim measure for the next six months. [Action: as per below]

Bronwyn agreed to continue the daily administrative tasks of the role, such as handling correspondence, and be involved with Diane in the Treasurer hand-over. She will also represent ASCM at the WSCF National Coordinators meeting in Bangkok in December. Should a potential National Coordinator be identified prior to this meeting, they may attend together or the new person may attend.

Clare agreed to organise the agenda and chair the Executive Meeting in January 2008.

Bronwyn agreed that if issues arise that are not simple to deal with, she will ask the policy list for assistance. All present committed to providing assistance as required.

It was noted that Barrie in his Pastoral Care Coordinator role will be responding to personal or pastoral issues.

Resolution: That the Friends network in Victoria be asked to manage the search for a new national coordinator. [Action: Bronwyn]

Resolution: That if Victoria are unable to take on this task, Queensland Area Council be approached. [Action: Caroline]

Resolution: That members and friends of ASCM be called to prayer over the next six months to discern where ASCM fits into the work of God. [Action: Clare]

Resolution: That the January Executive meetings include a workshop in response to this time of prayer, to discern a way forward for the movement. [Action: Clare (Jan Exec)]

6.8 Future National Meetings and Conferences

There was much discussion about how best to facilitate national business and relationship building. The discussion also reflected on the value of meeting while attending TEAR conference together.

It was agreed that there were positives about sharing someone else's event (eg. relationship building with other organisations and individuals, increasing ASCM's public profile & 'legitimacy', drawing on resources external to ASCM) and also negatives (eg. potential lack of welcome from an insular group, difficulties in building ASCM community, cultural clashes with other organisations).

It was agreed to remain open to future ASCM national gatherings joining external events, with an awareness of the possible difficulties in this.

All present considered that it was important to continue regular face-to-face gatherings at a national level at least once and preferably twice per year.

It was agreed that the most significant benefit of meeting face-to-face was the building of relationships, and that this should be held in mind when planning the balance of time between meetings and retreats/ conferences/ workshops/ training.

Resolution: That the ACT be approached to host a national meeting in January 2008, running for at least three days, and including bare minimum business meetings in the context of a retreat. [Action: Bronwyn]

Resolution: That as much business and preparation a possible is achieved through the email lists prior to meetings. [Action: Bronwyn, with all present committing to respond to emails to facilitate this]

Resolution: That the January meetings include staff development for both paid and volunteer local ASCM leaders. [Action: Clare (Jan Exec) & ACT reps]

Resolution: That NSW host a combination of national meetings and retreat/ workshop/ conference time in July 2008. [Action: NSW Area Council, esp Bronislava after her Honours Thesis is complete]

6.9 ASCM Trust Fund

Tim Ngui and Roger Horton provided an update regarding the status of the Trust in the event of ASCM suspending or completely winding up.

It was noted that if the ASCM went into suspension the funds would remain available to a future incarnation of ASCM.

6.10 Carbon Neutral

Resolution: That SCM WA plant trees on behalf of ASCM to offset our carbon usage for both January and July 2007 meetings, in conjunction with Diane & George Hatwell's existing tree planting program in the Dowerin area. [Action: Clare]

Resolution: That Anastasia Dalziel be approached to produce a discussion paper for the January 2008 national gathering to facilitate discussion of carbon offsets supporting habitat reconstruction. [Action: Clare]

6.11 Virtual Church

Barry reported back on the outcome of the virtual church resolution from last year. He sent an email but Cheryl Lawrie took three months to respond so nothing came of it.

6.12 Request from the Australian National Museum

The Australian National Museum has contacted ASCM asking to use some ASCM materials in an exhibition.

Resolution: That ASCM support the request from the Australian National Museum for access to ASCM publicity material. [Action: Bronwyn]

Resolution: That ASCM request that a reference to ASCM be added to all material included in the exhibit. [Action: Bronwyn]

7 MONEY MATTERS

Diane noted that she is going away next year and may not be able to continue as Treasurer beyond March 2008.

7.1 ASCM Budget

Bronwyn, assisted by Diane, presented the ASCM Budget for 06/07 and the projected expenditure for 07/08 [Appendix 1].

Resolution: That the deficit be covered by the UCA account. [Action: Diane]

Resolution: That the budget be accepted as presented. [Action: Diane]

7.2 Bank Accounts

There has been no change in signatories on bank accounts as yet. There was some discussion about the possibility of changing to a bank that is more ethical and/ or easier to deal with, particularly as the Treasurer is in a rural area without a local Commonwealth Bank branch to do ASCM banking.

It was agreed that more information is needed before a decision is made. Diane indicated she is happy to investigate which bank would be most ethical to invest with.

Resolution: That ASCM authorises the treasurer to open a new account if she considers it the best course of action after further investigation. [Action: Diane]

Resolution: That the signatories on the ASCM General account held at the Commonwealth back account are:

Bronwyn Crowe

Diane Hatwell

Kate Watts

Barrie Baker [Action: Bronwyn]

Resolution: That the signatories on the ASCM Conference account held at the Commonwealth back account are:

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Barrie Baker [Action: Bronwyn]

Resolution: That the signatories on any new or changed ASCM bank accounts are:

Bronwyn Crowe

Diane Hatwell

Roger Horton

Barrie Baker [Action: Diane]

7.3 Conference Funding

There was some discussion about the most appropriate way to use financial and human resources in preparing conferences. In view of the large amount of volunteer/ local staff worker time required for preparing a conference, the possibility of hiring someone, either to organise the whole conference or to facilitate parts of it, was considered. However, there was not unanimous agreement that this would be a good idea, and the importance of experiences like planning conferences for training people within the movement was raised.

It was noted that a significant amount of the WA Staff Worker's time had been used preparing and running this conference, which may mean the WA branches would be disadvantaged in the coming semester as there are less hours available for them.

Resolution: That a policy decision regarding this matter be deferred until the next Executive meeting. [Action: Clare (Jan Exec)]

Resolution: That up to \$1200 is approved for payment of Clare Shulz's wages for the organisation of the July National Conference and JGC, should the WA Area Council make a request. [Action: WA Area Council & Diane]

8 CLOSING

Barrie Baker led the group in saying The Grace together to close.

9 APPENDICES

A1. TREASURER'S REPORT

Introduction

The last 12 months has seen some difficulty with the accounts of the organisation. As many of you are no doubt aware, Kate Watts has had a very difficult time of late, and she has not completed her commitments as the National Treasurer of ASCM. We are still in a state of transition. Currently Kate is preparing the paperwork for the 2004-05 and 2005-06 accounts to be audited. Preparation of the 2006-07 accounts has also been hindered with some paperwork held by Kate, some Diane and also Bronwyn. It is intended that within the next month the accounts will be finalised The presented financial statements are therefore the most comprehensive we can produce under the circumstances.

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Profit and Loss Statement: 1/6/06 to 31/05/07

The table below shows the income and expenditure of ASCM compared to our budget. The first column indicates the budget, and the second column shows our actual income and expenditure for the past year. The anomalies are noted under "comments".

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National Conf Subsidy	800		800	
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Telephone	300		300	
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Promotional Materials	500		500	
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Bank Charges	50	55	-5	
Form Lodgement	40		40	Paid by Shawn (?)
PO Box	100		100	
National Conference	4,500	200	4,300	Eagles Nest deposit
Hosting Meetings	300	314	-14	Jan Brisb food, JGC Melb food
Donations			0	
WSCF	900		900	
WSCF-AP	600	10,932	-10,332	Includes donations to GMKI, SCMTL
Pay the Rent	600		600	
NCCA	140		140	
Staff Worker Funding	12,500	4,500	8,000	WA staff worker
Other Expenses	1,750		1,750	Budget line for GMKI, SCMTL transfers
<u>Total Payments</u>	55,680	30,815	24,865	
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Further comments:

The National Conference could be a substantial item in the budget, but the costs are uncertain at the stage of writing.

Subscriptions for JG are well below the budgeted amount. It is possible they are included with general donations, this is being investigated. Perhaps this is something that could also be pursued at the branch level.

Travel expenses for Executive meetings are well below the budgeted total.

Honorariums are also well below the budgeted amount. Honoraria are generally paid at the JGC in the financial year following the term they apply to, causing some miss allocation.

Currently honoraria are believed to be outstanding for the National Coordinator, National Treasurer, JG editor, WSCF liaison, WebWeaver and Database Coordinator.

Other items still to be paid include; JG prize of \$50 to NSW team, carbon neutral for the January Executive Meeting, NCCA Friend invoice.

It is expected the National Appeal will be distributed in Semester 2 as per schedule.

The current amount held in the Solidarity Fund is uncertain.

Endowment Association

The current Trustees of the Endowment Association Inc are John Ball (Chairman), Andrew Francis, Rachel Anderson, Roger Horton, Rachel Palmer and Shawn Whelan. The net worth of the ASCM Centenary Trust Fund as at 30 June 2006 was \$396,024.28.

Administrative Matters

The auditing of accounts is not yet up to date, but it is hoped that the 2004-05 and 2005-6 accounts will shortly be completed, quickly followed by the auditing of the 2006-7 accounts.

We are being checked by the Australian Taxation Office for charitable status.

Budget: 1/6/07 to 31/05/08

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Interest Received	1,800	1,800	3,600
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Fund transfer	0	0	0
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<u>Payments</u>			
Travel Expenses			
Exec Meetings	2,500	5,500	8,000
National Coordinator	500	0	500
WSCF Delegate	600	600	1,200
NCCA Delegate	50	50	100
WSCF Conferences	2,100	0	2,100
Sponsorship	0	0	0
National Conf Subsidy	800	0	800
Unbudgeted Travel	600	150	750
Office Bearer Expenses	500	0	500
Telephone	50	50	100
Honorariums	5,000	5,000	10,000
Production Expenses - JG	1,600	1,600	3,200
Mailouts - Appeal	1,000	0	1,000
Promotional Materials	500	0	500
Accounting Fees	550	1,000	1,550
Bank Charges	25	25	50
Form Lodgement	40	0	40
PO Box	50	50	100
National Conference	4,500	0	4,500
Hosting Meetings	300	300	600
Donations			
WSCF		600	600
WSCF-AP		300	300
Pay the Rent		300	300
NCCA	70	0	70
Staff Worker Funding	10,000		10,000
Unbudgeted Appeals to ASCM	0	0	0
<u>Total Payments</u>	<u>31,335</u>	<u>15,525</u>	<u>46,860</u>
<u>NET</u>	<u>-12,635</u>	<u>-7,325</u>	<u>-19,960</u>

A2. WSCF LIAISON REPORT

The World Student Christian Federation (WSCF) Liaison is the ASCM's point of contact for the WSCF. The WSCF Liaison is expected to take any necessary action following correspondence from the WSCF. The holder of this position is expected to:

- Respond appropriately to all communication from WSCF.

There has been no official communications from other SCMs since my last report to the 2007 January Exec apart from the SCMP emails. There have been the usual communications from the WSCF-AP regarding regional programs and news from the regional office. Before Sunita's appointment we were sent a letter asking for our endorsement which I sent off. Other emails I have forwarded to the policy and state and national lists as appropriate. I have distributed the hard copies of praxis amongst Sydney SCMs and have forwarded electronic copies to Chris for the web site as received.

- Advertise WSCF programs to ASCM members,

The email calling for applications for the WSCF Human Rights Coordinator was forwarded to the ASCM Human Rights Coordinator and JG Editor to advertise. The Human Rights Defenders Workshop and International Solidarity Mission was not advertised on the e-lists as the Regional Office requested that movements with an established Human Rights Desk send their Human Rights Coordinator to this program.

It was published in the O-Week edition of JG though before we had received an official invitation and no expressions of interest were received. The Human Rights Internship Program was advertised virally to all active states in May as the e-lists were down. SELF was advertised in May also to policy listers and assorted people in my address book which included most, if not all of the target audience. I didn't see the need to send news out wider due to the nature of the program, being targeted at senior SCM staff and officers.

- Actively seek potential delegates for WSCF programs,

Have been in discussions with Jazz Dron about the possibility of her attendance at the Bossey Institute and will also raise this with Clare Schultz as a potential delegate when I get to Perth. Was in discussion with both Hannah and Jazz regarding options for their participation in the Human Rights Workshop. Have been speaking with Bronwyn Crowe and Anastasia D. also about attending SELF.

- Know ASCM and WSCF policies regarding the selection of delegates to programs.

The WSCF-AP usually send out the selection criteria for each program with their announcement. For some long running programs such as SET however they tend to rely upon each movement's understanding of the program to guide them in the selection of delegates. The general procedure in the ASCM is that applications are forwarded to the policy list once received and then a decision is made either by email or teleconference.

- Coordinate a transparent selection process for WSCF delegates.

The position of Human Rights Coordinator was readvertised nationally before Hannah left for the program to ensure the widest range of people had an opportunity to attend the program.

- Ensure delegates are appropriately prepared before attending a program

As I briefed Hannah thoroughly with some other SCMs before she left for the first Human Rights Workshop we made an executive decision that she didn't need another briefing.

Hannah is also on the WSCF-AP Human Rights Committee so was involved in the preparations for the Human Rights Program. However I did ensure that she had a place to stay while in Singapore on the way home and that she was strongly encouraged to buy travel insurance.

- Ensure delegates have access to appropriate debriefing and support following a program, Hannah and I will catch up in Perth or as soon as we get back to Sydney to debrief following her attendance at the Human Rights Workshop and International Solidarity Mission. Hannah was also encouraged to attend the 2007 January Executive Meeting as a WSCF delegate.

- Ensure delegates fulfil their obligations to ASCM as a result of participating in a program, This is really a personal choice and apart from offering support and making delegates aware of their responsibilities following attendance at a program I can't "ensure" that they meet their expectations.
- Attend July General Committee meetings, and provide a report for these meetings. Please also see appendix A for correspondence relating to the request from the UCATSA mission workers for the affiliation of Christian Students Uniting with the WSCF.

A3. DATABASE APPLICATION DEVELOPER/DATABASE COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Since my last update, considerable progress has been made in bringing the database together. All of the former queries and report which were in the previous database are now available within Access with the former structure and all decisions from July 2006's meeting have been made to the database as applicable. Development of the new structure has yet to commence. The "bug" that I described in my last report, where some of the information in reports wasn't showing addresses properly has been corrected.

I have received some updates to the National and Membership directories, supplied by various members which has given me a greater level of confidence of the accuracy of the database. I have enclosed updates to these directories for your review. If you have any additions or changes, please let me know.

The following work has been performed on the database since my last update:

- Following consultation with JG Editor, Clare Schulz, I have changed the way JG subscription labels are presented, so that subscribers now correctly know how many issues are remaining.
- The Contact Lists for WA and QLD have been imported and I have sent both updated lists. It was agreed with these that separate databases will continue to be maintained by Area Councils but will provide updates to me.
- All donations have been added into the database.
- A new look for the National Directory, Membership Directory, Endowment Association Register of Members reports and JG subscription labels has been developed and well received.

Following some questions our privacy principles and keeping the database records in accordance with privacy legislation, I have raised a number of items for Discussion/Decision Making at July General Committee.

Thank you for your support. Please feel free to contact me if I can be of any assistance.

A4. WEBWEAVER'S REPORT

On 5 March, Jason officially handed the ASCM website over to me. Just days before this, the website was hacked twice (once with all content was overwritten and the second time it was defaced). It was believed this was caused by a vulnerability on the server which hosts our website. Unfortunately, this was only the start of what has been a rocky road on the website front.

At around the same time I took over ASCM's website, our previous contact at Uniting Communications was replaced by a new contact and hosting plans changed with the organisation that supports Uniting Communications. It began with difficulties in posting messages to the Policy List, then followed with issues with the optic link to the data warehouse facility being severed which resulted in no access to the website for several days.

Then, a change at Uniting Communications required us to modify our server settings that we didn't have access to, resulting in our website not being accessible for several days, and then we had no access to the email lists for over a month.

These technical issues aside, I have received various suggestions for improvement for the website which have been very much appreciated. All of these are currently works in progress, but will provide substantial improvements to our website in the future:

Increasing website content and updates:

A steady flow of updates have been coming through the website. Clare has provided me the latest issues of JG for uploading, as well as information on the "Habitat" conference. which have been uploaded to the website. Tim also provided me with the latest issue of Praxis and a list of WSCF events for inclusion on the website. I am still seeking updates, particularly for the "Events+Projects" and "Publications" pages. Also, if anyone has copies of the Meeting Minutes from January 2007, July 2006, January 2005, July 2004 and July 2003, please send them to me to include on the website.

Merging of state and branch websites and lists:

One of the suggestions given to me when I was appointed Webweaver was to look into managing and maintaining the ASCM website, both on a national level and bringing the various state and branch content into it. Previously, the state pages were managed by various members and duplicates a large number of general information more suited to the national website.

In endeavouring to aid in updating the website by having a consistent look throughout the pages and improving our national identity, I have commenced the merging of the state and branch websites.

On a similar note, to improve the coherence with the project below to integrate the database and email lists, I am also looking to merge the other lists belonging to ASCM (including QLD, ACT, Victoria University and perhaps SCM Friends).

Integrating of database and email lists:

One of the concerns expressed to me was there was no way to identify who belongs on the email lists and some who are on the lists no longer interested in ASCM remain on there. In light of this, I am currently working on improving the integration of database and email lists. In the future, a record of the lists you are subscribed to will be available through the National Database. Hopefully by next report this will be working, however in the meanwhile we are conducting a clean up of the various lists to ensure those that are on the email lists are happy to remain on there. Thanks to Tim from NSW, Claire from VIC and Clare from WA for their assistance in performing this laborious request.

Following the completion of the above projects, I will be commencing development on a new website design, and add enhancements such as the Library and Virtual Church which were suggested at the January Executive Committee meeting.

I would like to acknowledge everyone for the range of suggestions and feedback I have been given so far. Please keep them coming! I anticipate these ideas will become reality over the time I am part of this position.

Lastly, I would like thank you all for your support and patience, it has been greatly appreciated. If I can be of any assistance or if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

A5. REPORT FROM THE QUEENSLAND SCM AREA COUNCIL

As we well know, maintaining the presence of the *SCM* is an ongoing challenge. On contemporary campuses students face economic stress, pressure of part-time work and little free time. In response to these pressures, we in the *Queensland SCM* are trying to raise awareness of *SCM* in various ways.

For example, making use of email contact, I email a regular *SCM Newsletter* to around forty students and graduates who have links with *SCM*.

To make contact with senior secondary students, I have visited two Anglican schools to speak about *SCM* and to encourage students to link up with *SCM*. That venture requires good support from the school chaplain. In the second half of the year I intend to visit more schools while Caroline Loader, our part-time *SCM* staff worker, hopes to make contact with several Catholic schools on behalf of *SCM* and attract students to *SCM*.

We were scheduled to hold an *SCM Dinner Party* at Caroline Loader's home on Saturday, 30 June. Lately, we have held two each year. This event enables students from various campuses, as well as recent graduates, to keep in touch with *SCM* activity. This time, however, there looked like being only 4 of us around the table, whereas numbers in the past have ranged from 9 to 14. (There were no current students in that 4 either.) So we will hold the dinner in several months time when we can attract students.

We are very grateful for the effort Caroline put in to arranging the logistics for the 2007 January *National ASCM Committee* that was held in Brisbane. Not only did she do the time-consuming legwork but she also hosted the meeting of the *National ASCM Committee* at her home! It turned out to be a very suitable venue. Many thanks are due to Caroline (and John). We are pleased that Caroline has agreed to be our Queensland delegate to the *National ASCM Committee* meeting in Perth in early July.

As regards the *SCM* presence at the *Australian Catholic University*, Caroline (who is also doing her *Master of Education* at *ACU*) meets regularly with a small number of students who explore issues of theology and ethics in the *SCM* tradition.

Due to positive work by part-time chaplain Heather Cetrangolo, a nucleus of students studying at a *Griffith University* campus have expressed an interest in meeting as an *SCM* group. We hope that this group may start meeting in the coming semester

One other positive development this year has been the expansion of membership of the *SCM Area Council*. Six new members have joined the *Area Council (AC)*. They bring to the *AC* not only their experience of working with students and also a wider ecumenical representation, being drawn from *Catholic*, *Anglican* and the *Uniting Church*. As regards the *AC*, I hope that in 2008 there will be someone able to replace me as its Convenor. I retired from my lecturing position last December, and am keen to be replaced as regards *SCM* leadership. However, I am happy to continue serving on the *AC*.

The response to the 2006 appeal for funds for the *Qld SCM Area Council* amounted to a little over \$2,000.

Below is a memo that I drafted and sent on the *SCM Chatlist*. It is in reference to the discussion about the future direction and existence of *SCM*. Not surprisingly I am keen that we continue with a commitment to *SCM* but that we focus our resources, personnel and energy on the most realizable goals.

Ray Barraclough – Convenor of the *Qld SCM Area Council*

A6. ACT REPORT/FUTURE OF THE MOVEMENT

Anastasia Dalziell

The ANU SCM had quite a good o-week and a great introductory dinner hosted by one of the St John's Reid community houses.

We had a few meetings in first term but I've lost touch with what happened during the second term.

We have a chaplain at the ANU who is very interested in the SCM (and whose daughters decided to get confirmed after hearing about the group!!!) and, I think, SCM could be revived at the ANU if we find a development worker. As yet we haven't exhausted all options and I will start to explore ways to increase our advertising once I return to Canberra after my field season.

This year, I suspect is atypical at the ANU, rather than the start of a downward trend with a number of the "old guard" leaving and two of our active members being involved in an exhausting issue within our own church.

For my part, I do think the SCM will be revived at the ANU but at the moment we have limited resources (people) to offer the national movement. However, we have been in this situation before and this can change rapidly.

A7. VICTORIAN AREA COUNCIL REPORT

Since organising the 2006 'Virtual Church' conference and July Committee meeting, the Victorian SCM has had an extended period of inactivity.

However, a small group of SCM friends recently met over dinner on 21 June 2007 to reconnect with one another and to share our ideas, concerns and hopes for the SCM in Victoria. We were also very happy to welcome the new Melbourne University Uniting Church Chaplain, Wes Campbell, to the meeting. Some of the topics that were discussed (while eating wonderful soup made by Natalie) were:

- Opportunities for Wes to form an SCM like community of students on campus particularly given the physically offcampus nature of the chaplaincy office and the lack of campus meeting spaces.
- The importance of camps or weekends away for community building.
- The difficulty in reestablishing a student base once the continuity of a branch has been broken.
- The ubiquitous 'GenY' characterisation of today's society (despite some important human constants which are unlikely to change, and despite the fact that many SCMerS do not fit well into stereotypical characterisations).
- The meaning and implications of ecumenism in contemporary Australian society, and its relationship to interfaith issues.

While we do not have any concrete SCM plans at this stage, we do not intend to leave it so long before the next meeting. We expressed an interest in reestablishing a Victorian Area Council, and a willingness to meet regularly in an SCM type setting.

Helen Hill of Victoria University has also been working hard to form the SCM branch there, and we are delighted to hear that Liz from the VU branch is attending the 2007 National Conference.

A8. WESTERN AUSTRALIA REPORT

▪ **Murdoch**

A regular group of four-five meets for about two hours over lunch on Thursdays. One week this expanded to seven. The group is fairly insular and a particular challenge is how to make this space inviting and open to new people. However, there are very positive relationships and deep faith conversations within the existing group.

The regular group continued to meet to the end of semester, and has met informally also during the exam period. We are considering including guest speakers in our lunch gatherings in second semester

The Thursday 'Prayers for Peace and Justice' space has continued to be offered. Most weeks only Tyson and I attend.

The Murdoch group is exploring ideas for a 'love your enemies' poster campaign on campus. This is intended as a way of provoking people to think differently about their world NOT as a promotion for SCM.

▪ **UWA**

In response to an SCM ad in the Guild E-news in weeks 2 and 3 of semester, we had seven people contact us who had no other connection with SCM. Together with two new contacts through existing SCMerS, this provides a very hopeful pool of potentially keen students. One new person and one long-time SCMer committed at the start of semester to meet weekly, at Tuesday lunchtimes, and thus far in addition to these two we have had two previous SCMerS and three of the new contacts come along. Another two have expressed interest but work on Tuesdays so are unable to come.

After a few weeks of reasonably reliable turnouts, the last few weeks have included two lunches when no students turned up. Second semester will require some work with students to determine what sort of lunch time gathering would meet their needs and/ or grab their attention.

Tuesday lunch is UWA's weekly common lunch hour, which unfortunately means that we are in competition with the main CU on-campus weekly meeting and some Guild events, but there are few people who have expressed interest in the SCM group who would also be attending CU meetings.

The semester ended with no-shows for the regular meeting time. Further work is required to create an appropriate means of being SCM at UWA in second semester.

To supplement lunch time discussions, a program of informal lunch guests was arranged. The first two weeks the guests forgot to come, which got the program off on a back foot. Neville Watson came to share with students but no students turned up that week (this lunch was fantastic 'professional development' for me as a staff worker, as I had Neville to myself for an hour!). The final guest was Sara Kane, National Secretary of Young Christian Workers, and we had an excellent lunch discussion with a good attendance (five attendees, including my (worker) sister and (student) SA-based cousin who were interested in the issues). There are no more lunch guests arranged for first semester and I hope to meet with the UWA students in the mid-year break to discuss whether they are interested in lunch guests for second semester.

The Anglican Chaplain, Michael Wood, is hoping to run a four-week non-violent living course called 'Engage' at UWA in semester two, and has invited SCM to be involved. We are investigating costs, options for Guild funding, and possibilities of including other religious groups on campus. UWA SCM students have expressed only tentative interest in the program, however, so this may run as a service to the wider student community with few active SCMerS getting involved.

Requirements of maintaining our UWA Guild club registration have taken up quite a lot of time in the past two months. We need to submit a list of formal office bearers to Guild, attend monthly meetings, and provide various occasional information to Guild officers.

▪ **ECU**

I have been meeting on campus at ECU Mt Lawley with Sarah Mills, an SCMer who graduated from UWA in 2004 and is now a student at ECU. Due primarily to personal situations, we have had difficulty meeting and making this an SCM space. Although we are attempting to continue to meet, I decided not to continue to advertise this as an SCM event for the rest of First Semester.

Early in semester Sarah and I decided to use our time together as SCM ECU to be active in advocating for a better world. We wrote letters to politicians regarding refugees in off-shore detention, and began preliminary planning for a campaign to lobby the university to institute a fair trade policy for merchandise sold on campus. It is hoped we can return to this campaign in Second Semester.

▪ **Movie Night**

Last week SCM went to the movies together. Three students gathered to see 'Deliver us from Evil', a documentary that was confronting and moving, and sparked a very interesting discussion afterwards regarding the nature of God.

▪ **National Conference**

Much of my time as staff worker in the past month has been taken up preparing for national conference. The majority of the timetable is now complete. I intend to send a promotional email out in the next two days that includes times for guest speakers, to encourage Perth students and Friends to drop in for talks/ workshops that they are particularly interested in if they are not able to attend the whole program.

The food is not yet organised. We were hoping to workshop ethical food choices, but it now appears this may not be possible. Some assistance with organising food will be needed.

▪ **Email list**

The ASCM email lists have been out of service for some weeks. I am sending to the WA list directly, but have not been able to send to the national lists to promote Conference. Chris (ASCM IT guy) believes the problems will be solved soon.

▪ **Reps to Area Council and JGC**

No students have expressed interest in being a rep for Area Council. Megan was considering it but decided not to take it on.

I have also as yet not found anyone to be a rep for JGC. It is a challenge to get students on campus to make the link between what we do on campus and any wider network. As they do not appear to feel any ownership of the wider network, they are reluctant to be involved in meetings.

▪ **Other**

I represented ASCM at the funeral of Murdoch's Catholic chaplain, Fr Gerard Beeson, last week.

One of the key lay organisers of the Murdoch Catholic group is now on staff at ECU Mt Lawley. He has expressed interest in looking at possibly starting a shared group on that campus, as there is currently no active Catholic group there either. I am hoping to meet with him during the semester break to discuss this.

Overall the last month has been a particularly stressful time in this job. This has been mostly because student attendance and enthusiasm has significantly waned, and I have not had time (due mostly to planning national conference) to creatively rethink what SCM is doing in response to this situation.