

**CESAA Annual General meeting
Minutes
29 April 2010
RMIT
(Building 37, Level 2 meeting room)**

PRESENT: Bruno Mascitelli, Michael Longo, Simone Battiston, Luigi Belmonte, Leigh Howard, Matt Killingsworth, Margherita Matera, Stephen Alomes, Andrew Scott and Bruce Wilson

CESAA President welcomes Dr. Andrew Scott and Dr. Bruce Wilson to AGM.

Apologies: Gregoria Manzin and Matt Harvey.

Previous AGM Minutes: From May 2009 AGM accepted. As presented by (attached) by Luigi Belmonte

Matters Arising:

- No matters arising

Submission of President's Report

Summary points:

- Year in review – the closure of CERC was a step backwards.
- CESAA sends letter of protest to VC-Melbourne University to the closure of CERC.
- VC-Melbourne University responds to CESAA's letter of protest.
- President highlights the disappointment and possible decline of LaTrobe University.
- President highlighted the emergence of RMIT.
- President also acknowledges a more active and aggressive EU Delegation but CESAA is has not yet benefited.
- President highlights the success of the launch of the Australia and New Zealand Journal of European Studies (ANZJES), currently entering into its third edition and progressing well.
- The collaboration with New Zealand has been effective and constructive, particularly addressing structural matters.
- President highlights the success story of 2009 was the CESAA essay competition, propped by Leigh Howard's work and contribution.
- The success of the essay competition has contributed to the successful outcome of producing ANZJES and creating a greater knowledge of CESAA.
- Success of the EU Register; produced within time frame and on budget.

- President acknowledged the work and contribution of Margherita Matera to putting the CESAA membership register in order.
- President stated that he was pleased with the committee's outcome in 2009 and there has been a better spread of responsibilities amongst committee members.
- As part of the ECSA, CESAA involved in attending the ECSA Conference in May 2010, useful vehicle to raise CESAA's profile.
- President feels there has been some fence building in our Asia-Pacific Regional Alliance.
- President also states that there is much work still required, such as outreaching to other interstate institutions, (CESAA still very Melbourne based), have a more aggressive committee.
- President wishes to see CESAA work more closely with the EU Centres and act as a cross institution to further European understanding.
- Committee to look at possibility of organizing one or two public events to raise CESAA's profile.
- Received response from Brussels re funding application and it has been rejected on technical grounds as CESAA lodged its application one year earlier.
- Matt Killingsworth acknowledges the work undertaken by Margherita Matera to putting the CESAA membership register in order.
- Matt Killingsworth gave a brief to the conference in India and was most impressed.
- Acknowledged that CESAA has made in-roads with Associations in the Asia-Pacific region.

Submission of Treasurer's report: Delivered by Simone Battiston

- Treasurer reported that \$4500 received from EU Delegation to producing EU Register. EU Register was produced on budget and within time frame.
- Treasurer noted that whilst there has been an increase in membership, revenue has declined due to reduction in membership fee and increase of student members.
- Treasurer also advised the committee that in the 2009 AGM, motion was passed to set up an interest earning account. Commonwealth bank will not allow such account to be set up for CESAA.
- Motion put forward to accept Treasurer's report as presented with amendments. Change wording from CESAA logo to CESAA logo and brochure (report attached).

CESAA Membership report: Delivered by Margherita Matera (report attached)

- Margherita Matera outlined membership performance against 2009 strategies approved in May 2009 AGM.
- Margherita Matera proposed to removal the following words and Articles from the CESAA constitution as follows:
 - Removal of Article 4 of the CESAA constitution in relation to “Associate members”.
 - Removal of the word “staff” in Article 3 (i).
 - Removal of the wording “and for individual associate members” in Article 5.
 - Motion put forward and accepted.

Election of Officers and Executive Committee 2010

- CESAA President stated that it is a requirement that CESAA should have a committee for legal requirement and workable activity.

Committee Office Bearer Nominations

Nominations to Committee received and accepted

Unanimous confirmation of the following positions / portfolios:

President:	Dr. Bruno Mascitelli
Vice President:	Dr. Matt Killingsworth
Secretary:	Mr. Luigi Belmonte
Treasurer:	Dr. Simone Battiston
Membership Secretary:	Ms. Margherita Matera
Publicity & Web Liaison Officer:	Dr. Gregoria Manzin
CESAA Essay Competition Co-Ordinator:	Mr. Leigh Howard
Editors of ANZJES:	Dr. Matt Killingsworth Dr. Natalia Chaban
Deputy Editor ANZJES	Dr Michael Longo
Other Committee Members:	Dr. Stephen Alomes Dr. Andrew Scott
Other Business:	

- President received response from Brussels re funding application and it has been rejected on technical grounds as CESAA lodged its application one year earlier.
- Matt Killingsworth highlighted the success of the Vol. 1, No.1 and Vol. 2., No.2 ANZJES and acknowledged and thanked Michael Longo, Margherita Matera, Stephen Alomes, Natalia Chaban and the advisory board for their contribution to producing the journal.
- Matt Killingsworth further advised that the next AZJES is a special edition on the 20th Anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall
- Matt Killingsworth acknowledged the success of the 2009 CESAA essay competition and also highlighte the importance of the essay competition for CESAA and ANZJES.
- Matt Killingsworth announced that Dr. Andrew Scott joins the Advisory Board of ANJES.
- Long term objective is for the committee to address the issue of institutional membership and whether to make the ANJES open on the web.
- Another objective to address in the long term is the question whether to have a publisher produce the journal.
- Matt finally thanked and acknowledged the support of the CESAA committee to producing the journal.
- Michael Longo acknowledged and thanked Matt Killingsworth to his work and effort to the ANZJES.
- President thanked the committee for their work in the past year and also thanked Dr. Andrew Scott at RMIT for supporting CESAA and to organising and providing the venue for the 2010 CESAA AGM.

Meeting closed at 6.45pm.

Luigi Belmonte
CESAA Secretary