

**ASPERA**  
**Australian Screen Production Education and Research Association**

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**Executive Meeting – draft minutes**

Meeting 3  
Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2008  
Conference call  
2.45 pm (EST)

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**Meeting opened:** am

**1 Attendance**

**Present:** Nick Oughton (President - GFS), Leo Berkeley (VP - RMIT), Alison Wotherspoon (Treasurer - Flinders Uni) Rachel Wilson (Secretary - RMIT), Mick Broderick (Murdoch Uni).

**2 Previous Minutes**

The previous minutes were passed without amendment.

**3 Business Arising**

Any issues arising are covered within the reports below.

**4 Reports**

**4.1 Innovation Review**

Mick commented that he and Ian Lang (VCA) were continuing to work on the ASPERA submission into the National Innovation Review (see attached) but were very disappointed at the poor response rate when soliciting information from ASPERA members. The executive wondered if the reason could be the result of a number of factors such as: time poor academics, poor results, as a sector we are too embedded in teaching?

It is important for ASPERA to have meaningful data when lobbying for the sector particularly if we are arguing that we are under represented, under resourced and fall into a policy gap.

The executive thanked Mick and Ian for their work on the submission.

The executive decided that a possible solution to the lack of responses would be to attempt to gather any important data at the conference.

*Action - prior to the 2008 conference the executive will send a call to the ASPERA email list asking delegates to collect and provide data to enable us to better represent the sector.*

**4.2 Conference Report**

Leo updated the executive on the 2008 ASPERA conference planning and it was confirmed that as host RMIT was able to shape the agenda and overall vision for the conference.

Leo confirmed the themes as outlined at the previous executive meeting of screen research, ASPERA's relationship with government and RMIT's intention to host a public event where we invite guests from the Screen industry to participate in two sessions on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the conference.

Leo also indicated that RMIT would have day registration which would enable staff from other Melbourne Institutions to participate in the conference beyond the two delegates allowed for within the annual fee structure.

Leo confirmed the call for papers and also confirmed RMIT's intention to run a screening.

#### **4.3 Peer review**

Discussion ensued around the implementation of the peer review process as part of the 2008 conference. It was agreed to run it as a prototype exercise and that we would devote time at the conference to discuss the process and make recommendations for the next iteration.

There was some unresolved discussion on how this peer review exercise intersected with the ASPRI index as it currently stands.

#### **4.4 Financial & membership update**

The accounts stand at approximately \$4,500 with projected income of up to \$8,000. There was some expected expenditure to pay for the transcripts of the 2007 conference.

Rachel confirmed she had been working on collating the ASPERA mailing lists and was currently in the middle of updating the list.

*ACTION - Alison to continue to chase up outstanding fees and to issue 2008 invoices ASAP.*

#### **5 Website**

The executive complimented Leo on the updated ASPERA website. Leo encouraged the executive to sign on and start participating in discussions etc.

#### **6 Next Meeting**

To be held on the first day of the 2008 ASPERA conference.

**Meeting closed:** 4.30pm.

