



**AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION
FOR THE
STUDY OF RELIGIONS**

**MEMBERS' BULLETIN AND DIRECTORY
2009**

ABOUT THE AASR

The AASR was formed in Adelaide in 1976. For nearly 30 years **the Australian Association for the Study of Religions** (AASR) has been providing a forum for teachers, academics, students and people interested in the study of religion. The current membership stands at around 200.

The AASR promotes the study of religion by:

- **Publishing books on religion**, especially in the area of religion in Australia
- **Producing the journal of the Association:** *The Australian Religion Studies REVIEW*. The *REVIEW* is fully refereed and contains academic articles about religion(s), reports from departments and individuals about studies in religion, and book reviews. Two issues are published each year (Autumn and Spring)
- **Holding regular conferences:** an annual conference is held at a university location, generally during July (for 2006 it is July 7-9 at University of South Australia)
- **Facilitating networks of likeminded scholars**

The Association has developed strong ties with institutions in Melanesia, New Zealand, Europe and USA, and comparable associations in New Zealand, United Kingdom and Canada.

The Association owes a considerable debt of gratitude to the Charles Strong Trust and endeavours to incorporate the annual Charles Strong Lectures within its conference program and make the published lectures available to AASR members.

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**THE CONSTITUTION
OF THE AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF
RELIGIONS 1976
(Last amended July 2004)**

I. Name

Australian Association for the Study of Religions

II. Purpose

The Association exists:

1. to develop a community of persons with common interests in the scholarly understanding of religion and religions;
2. to promote creative developments in the field of Religious Studies in Australia by:
 - a) stimulating scholarship and research;
 - b) disseminating information about current programmes and studies
 - c) supporting publication of scholarly works and articles
 - d) encouraging the establishment and maintenance of effective teaching.

III. Membership

1. Membership shall be in the following classes:
 - a) **Full Membership.** Persons interested in research, study, or teaching in the field of Religion may be admitted to full membership in the Association upon application to the Association Executive and payment of full membership dues.
 - b) **Student Membership.** Tertiary students engaged in the study of religion may be admitted to student membership in the Association upon application to the Association Executive and payment of student membership dues.
 - c) **Honorary Membership.** Persons who have rendered distinguished service in or to the Study of Religion whether resident in Australia or elsewhere, may be elected with their consent to Honorary Membership. The Honorary Members elected in any calendar year may not exceed two, and the total number of Honorary Members may not exceed 5% of the Association's membership.
 - d) **Members Emeritis.** Emeritus membership is open to persons who have reached retirement.
2. Applications for membership (III.I.(a), (b), (d)) shall be made on the Official Application form obtained from the Secretary.
3. At the Annual Meeting the Secretary shall present an annual report of the membership of each class, and the Treasurer shall present an annual report and audited financial statement.

IV. Dues

Full Membership and Student Membership Dues shall be fixed by a vote of the membership at an Annual Meeting. Dues shall be payable as soon as possible after the Annual General Meeting.

V. Assets and Income

1. Non-profit clause:

The assets and income of the association shall be applied solely in furtherance of its above mentioned objectives and no portion shall be distributed directly or indirectly to the members of the organisation except as bona fide compensation for services rendered or expenses incurred on behalf of the organisation.

2. Dissolution clause:

In the event of the association being dissolved, the amount which remains after such dissolution and the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities, shall be paid and applied by the Committee in accordance with their powers to an organisation which is exempt from income tax under Section 23 of the Income Tax Assessment Act.

VI. Meetings

1. The Association shall hold an Annual Meeting for the transaction of business.

2. A National Conference shall be held annually OR less frequently as the Executive shall determine. The aim of the National Conferences shall be to promote the purposes of the Association through public presentations or seminars and scholarly papers or forums.

3. The Annual Business Meeting shall be held during the period of the National Conference in those years in which a National Conference is held.

4. Meetings of Regional Branches of the Association may be scheduled locally in accordance with local needs and interests.

VII. Regional Branches

Regional Branches, consisting of members of the Association residing in a particular region, may be organised, in consultation with the Association Executive, for the purposes stated in Article.

VIII. Affiliations

1. Upon majority vote of the Annual Meeting, the Association may affiliate with and participate in other organizations concerned with the study of religion, and other organisations whose disciplines contribute to the understanding of religions.

2. Affiliated groups may be given space in the programmes of the Association's National and Regional Meetings at the discretion of the appropriate Programme Committees.

IX. Officers

1. The Officers of the Association shall be:

President

Vice-President

Secretary

Treasurer

Journal Editor(s)

Chairperson of the National Conference Programme Committee, and

Chairperson of the Publications Committee.

They shall be elected by the Association at the Annual Meeting.

2. Nomination of the offices shall be made by a Nominations Committee. Nominations shall be announced to the membership along with the mailed announcement of the Annual Meeting. Additional nominations for any office shall be made from the floor at the Annual Meeting.

3. Tenure of all officers, except the Journal editor(s), shall commence immediately at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting and terminate at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting of the following year. The position of editor(s) will be filled for a period of three years. The office of President shall not be filled by the same person for more than two years in succession.

X. Nominations Committee

The Nominations Committee may be identical with the Executive Committee.

XI. Correspondents

A correspondent may be nominated locally by Association members in a State, Territory or Region, and endorsed by the Annual Meeting.

XII. Executive Committee

1. Between Annual Meetings, the oversight of the affairs and business of the Association shall be in the hands of an Executive Committee.
2. The membership of the Executive Committee shall be the officers of the Association plus the Immediate Past President and the Immediate Past Conference Chairperson.

XIII. National Conference Programme Committee

1. The Programme Committee shall be responsible for planning a National Conference.
2. Programme Committee membership shall consist of
 - a) a Chairperson
 - b) a Secretary-Treasurer in the host city or region
 - c) persons co-opted locally by the Programme Chairperson to for a working committee.

XIV. Sections

1. The Executive Committee may approve the formation, reformation, and dissolution of Sections, understood as groups of members with scholarly interests in a particular area of or approach to the study of religions.
2. Each Section shall have a Chairperson responsible to the Programme Committee and Executive Committee.
3. Any group of members may propose the creation of an Association Section.

XV. Publications Committee

1. The Association shall establish a Publications Committee, with one member designated as Chairperson.
2. The Committee, as authorised and directed by the Executive Committee shall
 - a) publish the work of Australian scholars in Religion as this becomes feasible
 - b) publish the Proceedings of the Association as directed by the Association
 - c) make available Association publications and, where possible, other books and journals in religion, at a discounted price to Association members.
3. The Publications Committee shall be competent to invite Australian scholars to serve in an Advisory Editorial capacity.

XVI. Changes to the Constitution

1. Proposed changes to the Constitution must be submitted to the Executive Committee at least three months before the Annual Meeting, and must be circulated to members at least one month before the Annual Meeting.
2. Changes to the Constitution may be effected by a two-thirds affirmative vote of members present at an Annual Meeting.

This Constitution was considered at the General Business Meeting held on Saturday August 21, 1976 during the Association's Inaugural National Conference in Adelaide. Dr Norman Habel presided and 71 persons were in attendance. The Constitution was adopted unanimously. It was amended in 1987 when the former Secretary-Treasurer executive position was expanded into two separate executive responsibilities. It was further amended in 1993 to bring it into line with the statutory requirements of the Taxation Act for non-profit organisations.



Minutes of the AGM for the AASR, 10 July 2008

University of Auckland

Members in Attendance:

Kath McPhillips, Majella Franzmann, Marion Maddox, Tricia Blombery, Joseph Gelfer, Matthew Dillon, Toni Tidswell, Judy Redman, Kim Power, Glenys Eddy, Barbara Kameniar, Douglas Golding

The meeting was convened by the President, Kath McPhillips. No other members of the Executive Committee were present. Majella Franzmann acted as Minutes Secretary.

1. Apologies

Clare Hay, Heather Foster, Chris Hartney, Roxanne Marcotte, Jay Johnston, Carole Cusack, Sylvie Shaw, Jamie Scott, Angela Coco

2. Minutes of the 2007 AGM

Minutes were distributed and read.

Acceptance of the minutes. Moved: Barbara Kameniar, Seconded: Joseph Gelfer

3. Business Arising

Secretariat

Kath McPhillips informed the meeting that the secretariat is run out of the Social Change & Social Justice Research Centre, with an administration person employed for one day a week. The secretariat provides consistency in management of membership and banking, with continual updating of the directory and membership lists. The room occupied by the secretariat also houses archival material for the AASR.

Action: Thanks to Natalie Scerra who has been doing the work in the secretariat.

4. New business

- a. Kath McPhillips expressed her thanks to the 2008 executive.
- b. Majella Franzmann thanked Kath McPhillips for her work as the 2008 Conference Convenor.
- c. Discussion concerning the timing and place for the 2009 Conference. Kath McPhillips provided some brief information on an invitation to join our conference with the meeting of the Parliament of World Religions scheduled for November 2009 in Melbourne, suggesting that the 2009 conference may wish to meet either before or after the larger meeting. In relation to this point there was some discussion that the 2008 conference—by being held in conjunction with the SBL meeting— had made no profit.

In particular there was discussion on the issue of an annual or biennial conference, both in terms of keeping contact with members and postgraduates (given that most postgraduates have a three year timeframe for candidature), and in terms of the financial necessity of gaining some operational budget funds from conference profits,

especially since all subs apart from \$1000 were going to Equinox for the journal. The meeting voted unanimously for an annual conference.

Action: The meeting left the matter of the 2009 conference to the new executive to take forward.

5. Reports

a. President's Report

There were no questions on the report

Moved: Toni Tidswell

Seconded: Judy Redman.

b. Secretary's Report.

A question was raised as to why the AASR accepted an invitation to be part of the SBL conference when in 1991 members moved never to participate in an SBL conference again. Discussion ranged over the lack of a profit for the AASR from such an arrangement; the lack of a link with the NZASR for the conference; but also the success in bringing people together at the conference in the AASR sessions.

Moved: Judy Redman

Seconded: Barbara Kameniar

c. Treasurer's Report

Kath McPhillips explained the two current accounts—one a Maxi (interest bearing) account and the other a general working account.

There has not yet been an audit and it was noted that there is no constitutional directive for an audit to take place, although it is good practice under risk management for any organisation.

The meeting decided that issues for the new executive include the matter of incorporation and insurance, and that end of financial year figures are available for the annual treasurer's report in the AGM.

Moved: Matthew Dillon

Seconded: Marion Maddox

d. Publications Report

The new Book Review Editor is Dr Paul Fuller. Book stock is currently being audited. There will be a new e-publication series with the first volume from the 2008 conference. The series will be peer reviewed, and DEST-approved. There needs to be an ISSN/ISBN number for this.

Moved: Judy Redman

Seconded: Glenys Eddy

e. Editor's Report

The 'Special Issues' volumes of the journal are organised up to 2012.

There was discussion about reimagining/renaming the journal to provide a more focused field of scholarship.

Raising the journal to category 'a' status for the ERA may require a more stringent vetting of articles, stronger monitoring of those editing 'Special Issues', and a stronger push towards inviting international scholars to contribute. We need to avoid the appearance of 'in-house' issues of the journal.

Action: A possible change of name to be discussed between the new Executive and Roxanne Marcotte.

f. Equinox Report

There was some discussion regarding the length of time it is taking the journal to make a profit and the way in which finances are being depleted by the necessity of handing over all subs, less \$1000, to Equinox each year. Such a situation makes the Secretariat an untenable financial proposition.

Moved: Douglas Golding

Seconded: Marion Maddox

g. Women's Caucus (Meeting held at Quadrant Hotel 8th July)

Present: Majella Franzmann (chair), Kath McPhillips, Marion Maddox, Lesley Hughes, Toni Tidswell, Tricia Blomberry, Angela Coco, Barbara Kameniar, Judy Redman (minutes)

General Business:

1. *2009 Penny McGee Lecture:* The following names were suggested, in order of preference: Alanna Nobbs, Christine Asma, Glennys Eddy, Carol Cusack, Frances ?. Marion agreed to approach Alanna informally next week and if she agrees, a formal invitation will be issued.
2. *Issues of interest/concern:*
 - a. it was agreed that the number of women in Studies in Religion departments was quite good except in Otago and Victoria Universities
 - b. Some concern was expressed about Sociology of Religion courses but it was agreed that in most places this was also doing quite well.
 - c. Macquarie is about to appoint a lecturer in Anthropology of Religion
 - d. Melbourne, Griffith and UWS were the successful consortium to establish a Centre for Islamic studies, with an agreement to provide both face-to-face and on-line courses
3. *Scholarships for Women Scholars:* Tricia encouraged people to join the Australian Federation of University Women and informed us that they have over \$250,000 a year available in scholarships etc for women scholars. Information can be found at their website <http://www.afuw.org.au/>
4. Women's Caucus 2007 minutes.

12. Report from the Women's Caucus

Barbara Kameniar spoke of the need for more awareness of the Women's Caucus and will develop a template for the next conference organizers to include a women's breakfast. She also spoke about the need for a consideration by the Charles Strong Trust for a woman as a potential speaker. She recommended that AASR approach the Trust to clarify the position of two lecturers, one senior and one junior. Barbara also spoke about the significance of Penny McGee and her influence, and the need to publicise that through AASR so people would become aware of her role.

AASR Women's Caucus 2007

Present: Heather Foster, Patricia Blundell, Silma Ihran, Diane McKinley, Morgan Lee, Marian Dalton, Peta Goldberg, Christine Malcolm, Barbara Kameniar

Apologies: Kath McPhillips
Chair: Heather Foster
Minutes: Barbara Kameniar

1. Participants introduced themselves. Each participant spoke briefly about the state of Religious Studies within the various institutions in which they work (as students, teachers, academics or chaplains) and their experiences within those institutions. Discussion was fruitful and provided for an exchange of ideas.

2. Inaction on suggestions made by the Women's Caucus to the association in 2006 was discussed. In particular, concern was raised about the initial failure to place the Women's Caucus on the program. The caucus felt that the issue was one of communication rather than an issue related to the organising committee who, in the case of the 2007 conference, would have been unaware of the need to include the Women's Caucus on the program unless they had been told that provision had to be made for it.

Action:

Request that a template be drawn up to assist future conference organisers in planning for conferences and that the template include a breakfast on one of the mornings for the Women's Caucus to meet. The breakfast time is considered important because the caucus does not wish to be drawn away from the general lunch. We all appreciate the opportunity to join in the general conversations at lunchtime.

3. The Caucus revisited the request made in 2006 that the Charles Strong Trust considers a woman as a potential speaker. The importance of the Charles Strong Lecture and its position within the conference set the tone of the conference. The opportunity for two Charles Strong lectures exists (we noted there was no junior Charles Strong lecture given this year) and this provides even greater opportunity for the Trust to consider the importance of including female as well as male scholars in the field of Religion.

Action:

We would like to ask the Trust to consider a woman scholar in the field of Religion for the 2008 conference.

We were wondering if the Trust could clarify its decision to have two Charles Strong Lectures this year rather than one Charles Strong and one Junior Charles Strong for emerging scholars.

4. The Caucus discussed how it might raise the profile of the Women's Caucus.

Action:

Work towards providing a link to the Women's Caucus on the Association's website. Assistance with how this might be done would be appreciated.

5. The Caucus explored a number of options for the Penny Magee Lecture for 2008. Discussions will continue and the Caucus will notify the Association when a decision has been finalised.

6. The Caucus discussed ideas for the 2008 conference in New Zealand and would like to propose a panel on gender be convened. The caucus was keen to point out that gender be understood in its broadest sense to also include issues of sexuality and masculinity and not just women's issues.

Issues arising:

a. Michael O'Donoghue will raise with the Charles Strong Trust the possibility of re-instituting the tradition of the second Charles Strong Lecture being by a Junior Scholar.

b. I don't think this was a recommendation - it was just a report to the meeting that the Trust was approaching a number of possible women speakers for the 2008 lectures.

c. Marion Dalton spoke about the need to hear a student/early career scholar perspective, while Sylvie Shaw mentioned the idea of developing a mentoring scheme within AASR to assist and encourage early career scholars.

d. It was mooted that gender and sexuality caucuses be included for the 2008 conference.

Accepted: Moved Peta Goldberg, Seconded Trisha Blundell. Carried.

13. Secretary's Report:

These notes were developed with Clare Hay, the treasurer of AASR.

Thank you all for coming. The first thing I want to do is thank the Melbourne conference organising team, Ruth Webber, Andrew Singleton and Ibrahim Abraham for their excellent organisation of the Conference. To the outgoing members of the AASR Executive, thank you for your involvement, and particularly, thanks go to Rowena Staude and Emma Meadows from UWS support office, thank you so

much for working so hard for AASR, and to Adam Possamai for being a font of wisdom and advice when needed. To Adam and Kath McPhillips, thank you for your role as journal editors and for leaving it in such a healthy position into the future.

At the Adelaide conference, 2006, Clare Hay and I took over as Treasurer and Secretary. During the year we have been confronted with a decrease in membership and a non-renewal of membership. This has led the two of us to recommend that AASR commence a *membership drive*, especially targeting post-graduate students and other researchers working in the broad fields of religion and spirituality. We both share concern over the number of members who have not renewed for 2007 and are working towards overcoming that issue.

Membership Drive: As part of the membership drive we are recommending that communications between the executive/president be enhanced through:

- (1) regular online/email newsletters (this could include online publication of conference papers;
- (2) an updated website;
- (3) the development of thematic groups; and (4) the introduction of system of AASR mentors to particularly assist early career researchers and post-grad students.

Website: Through its publications, the website and the journal, the benefits of being part of the organisation need to be promoted. In light of this development, there is a need for a more immediate and efficient way of keeping the site up to date. We recommend that the Publications office or other responsible person such as Emma Meadows be responsible for taking this on as part of their role - so the site is current, advertises and promotes the association and is a key part of the incentive for retaining members. The website needs to outline what are the benefits of belonging to the association. For example, many of the institutions we work with have the journal in their library, so we need further information that is applicable to bringing in new members, and well as keeping old ones.

Idea of networking for interest groups: We would like to have members responsible for certain themes and areas. In this way the membership may be more interested in participating as there is a direct relevance to their area of study. We would recommend that the Executive approach certain 'experts' in the field to act as Theme Leaders. This information could be made available on the website and each Theme Leader could write a short profile about the issue and how they could promote there thematic area, e.g. through the newsletter, through conference organisation etc.

Administrative Procedures: We suggest a comprehensive procedure manual detailing responsibilities of executive members. It has taken considerable time to work out how things happen within the organisation, e.g. labels for Equinox for the journal, banking procedures, how to process memberships etc. In the midst of a busy work life, the extra time taken to find out how things need to be done has sometimes meant extra pressure in trying to meet necessary deadlines.

Conference: A procedure manual concerning the conference would also support people new to organising the conference. This could address issues such as cost, responsibility for payment, relationship with Charles Strong, allowing for the women's caucus and Penny McGee lecture etc.

Issues that have not been clear are the procedures regarding the essay prize and conference scholarship. It seems that both of these incentives provide a good way of recruiting new members and ensuring the vitality of the association into the future.

Report acceptance. Moved Michael O'Donoghue, Seconded, Alex Norman. Carried

6. General Business.

Recommendation:

That the next conference includes a dedicated session on the future of the journal to include such things as: special editions and general editorial guidance to be given to special editors; to have the journal move up the ERA ratings from B to A.

Moved: Douglas Golding

Seconded: Toni Tidswell

Recommendation:

That we need a QA review of the relationship with Equinox and need extensive discussion of issues that have arisen in association with this matter – membership, the secretariat, the finances.

Moved: Douglas Golding

Seconded: Marion Maddox

Recommendation:

That a longer annual general meeting time be programmed in for the 2009 conference – at least 2hrs — and that this meeting be separate from the dedicated discussion session on matters like the journal and the relationship with Equinox.

Moved: Douglas Golding

Seconded: Joseph Gelfer

Noted:

That the minutes from the Women's Caucus 2007 will be included with the minutes of the Women's Caucus 2008 in the AGM 2008 minutes.

7. Elections

Kath McPhillips declared all positions vacant except for Editor. The meeting agreed that there would be a secret ballot for positions with more than one nomination. The following members were elected:

President:	Toni Tidswell
Vice-President:	Carole Cusack
Secretary:	Angela Coco
Treasurer:	Matthew Dillon
Chair of Publications:	Jay Johnston

8. Any Other Business

Toni Tidswell proposed a vote of thanks to Kath McPhillips for her work as President.

Tricia Blombery thanked the AASR for granting her emeritus status which she greatly valued.

Majella Franzmann raised the question whether emeritus membership could be granted to Vic Hayes posthumously. Rather than take this option, the meeting asked the Executive to organise an obituary for Vic Hayes in the journal and suggested that the Executive contact Robert Crotty to ask if he would be willing to provide this.

The meeting closed at 12.15pm.



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1. (2008). Relating faith development and religious styles: Reflections in light of apostasy from religious fundamentalism. *Archive for the Psychology of Religion / Archiv für Religionspsychologie*, 30 (1), 201-231.
2. (2007). Towards a synthesis of cultural and cognitive perspectives on fundamentalism. *Crossroads: An Interdisciplinary Journal for the Study of History, Philosophy, Religion, and Classics*, 1 (2), 4-14.

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1. 2008, *Heaven and Hell in Enlightenment England* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, paperback edition).
2. 2008, *The Witches of Warboys: An extraordinary Story of Sorcery, Sadism, and Satanic Possession* (London: I.B.Tauris).

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Memberships: SSSR, RRA, ASR, AASR, ACE, etc etc

Recent Publications (2 only)

1. 2003, *Excited to Speak, Exciting to Hear*. Adelaide: Open Book.
2. 2006, *Gordon Powell Reflects*. Melbourne: Spectrum.

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1. 2007. *Rescuing the Bible*. Blackwell Manifestos. Oxford: Blackwell
2. 2007. *Symposia: Confrontations Concerning the History of Biblical Studies*. London: Equinox.

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Recent Publications (2 only)

1. 2009, 'Religious Diversity' Pp 507-522 in Peter Clarke (ed) *Handbook of the Sociology of Religion*, Oxford: Oxford University Press. (with Rod Ling).
2. 2008, 'Religious Resurgence, Conflict and the Transformation of Boundaries' Pp 187-202 in Beyer and Beaman (eds) *Religion, Globalization and Culture*. Amsterdam: Brill. (With Rod Ling).

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Recent Publications (2 only)

1. 2009, *Freedom of Beliefs – Issues in Public Education*. A Submission to the HREOC.
2. 2008, Diversity in Education; Teaching kids 'culture' is not the same as teaching 'cultural' kids. – an analysis of the 2005 NSW Cultural Diversity and Multicultural Education Policy. *CultureScope*, NSW Society and Culture Association, V. 87 Nov., pp 36-39.

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Memberships: AAR, ICA, AASR

Recent Publications (2 only)

1. 2008, 'Pagans online and offline: Locating community in post-modern times', *Sociological Spectrum*, 28(5): 510-530.
2. 2007, 'Discourses of authenticity in a pagan community: the emergence of the 'fluffy bunny' sanction', *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography*, 36(5). With Ian Woodward

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Memberships: ANZSTS

Recent Publications (2 only)

1. 2006, 'The first step before teaching religious tolerance', *Journal of Religious Education*, 53 (3), pp. 63-70
2. 2005, 'The Literary Structure of the Binding of Isaac in Genesis 22', *Australian Biblical Review*, 53, pp. 31-41

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