



OCIES 48th Annual General Meeting 2020

Minutes

11.00 AEDT/ 13.00 NZST 11th December 2020 – Online.

Administrative

1. Attendance and Apologies
2. Attendance as recorded on Zoom: Rachael Torombe, Rebecca Spratt, Martyn Reynolds, Kabini Sanga, Sonia Fonua, Dean Olah, Brian Denman, Li Kan, Ben Levy, Eve Coxon, Tepora Wright, Daniel Couch, Adrian Rexgren, Miriam Ham, Maggie Flavell, Matthew Limtiaco, Wendy Choo, Rhonda Di Biase, Jeremy Dorovolomo, Kaori Okano.

Apologies: Alex McCormick

3. Minutes of the 47th Annual General Meeting (2019/20 online AGM)

Approved: Daniel Crouch, Seconded: Eve Coxon

4. Matters Arising

Nil

Reports

5. Co-Presidents' Report – to be delivered orally

Rebecca Spratt presented the core of the report, covering the months since the 2019/2020 meeting, as per slides attached.

She highlighted:

- the re-establishment of the General Committee following the 2019/2020 AGM, and establishment of new positions.
- continued support of and engagement with WCCES, including Eve and Kabini's roles in the World Council, and OCIES's co-hosting of the next World Congress.
- reinvigoration of the New and Emerging Researchers Fono (NERF), under the leadership of David Fa'avae, Sonia Fonua, Ben Levy and Tepora Wright;
- Wellington Southerlies events involving Kabini and Martyn with 80+ at each session
- the OCIES Festival online conference this week
- Increase in visitors to the OCIES website with over 2000 visitors just since June and 400 members in our Facebook Group. This along with the high numbers attending

online events demonstrates how our community is expanding well beyond paid members.

- our paid membership has also increased significantly to be the highest ever at around 140 members (compared to 43 members in 2015). Due both to our growing reach and the discount offered this year. Membership is fairly even across Australia, Aotearoa NZ and Pacific Island countries, with a growing number of members also located in other parts of Asia, North America and Europe.
- the hard work of all those involved on the OCIES committees, the Conference convening team, and wider network of people actively contributing to our community.

Kabini Sanga added:

- ours is a community with a mat of welcome
- encouragement that none of our members are more important than others

Sonia Fonua contributed the following about NERF:

- all have worked hard. Tepora and Ben have recently joined to strengthen the NERF coordination and have brought added skills to the team
- there have been 3 sessions at the conference festival all well attended. A LinkedIn site has been established and a Facebook page.

Rhonda Di Biase commented on the conference:

- sessions have been well received and a lot of people new to OCIES are joining in
- she asked for people to complete the Feedback form on the website if possible
- she thanked those involved again

Rebecca rounded off by thanking Rhonda and the conference team, in particular Carmel Mesiti and Maggie Flavell for their work, as well as all others.

6. Treasurer's Report

Miriam reported that preparing this report was relatively simple. The finances for this period look good because we have had a good growth in membership and few expenses due to the short period of time and only one issue of the Journal going out.

The current balance of OCIES funds is \$45,730.32 representing an increase of \$2,952.26 over the 5 month period of July – November 2020.

She noted and applauded the Executive Committee's decision to prioritise membership over money through offering the membership discount, and welcomed increases in the diversity of membership.

Kabini added that those [including himself] who have projects money available might contribute to the fees of our students to grow that sector of our formal community.

Report approved: Rachael Torombe. Seconded: Sonia Fonua

7. Editor's report, *International Education Journal: Comparative Perspectives*

Rebecca pointed to the availability of the report on the website. On behalf of Alex McCormick (Senior Editor), she highlighted that the Internship and mentoring programmes have started. The next edition is due out on Monday. Plans are in place for several issues next year including a special issue based on the Festival.

OCIES members are requested to please cite articles from the journal as this is critical to raising the visibility and rankings for IEJ:CP. Members are also encouraged to be reviewers and this could include partnering with students/NERF for reviewing.

Miriam noted that quantitative researchers as reviewers would be very welcome.

Report approved: Kabini Sanga: Seconded: Martyn Reynolds

8. Honouring remaining 2019 Conference Scholarship awardees

Martyn acknowledged those who were unable to attend the 2019/2020 AGM. However, although our two unhonoured winners, Bridget Hughes & Seremia Takevitaka were not present, they were congratulated

Papers for discussion

9. OCIES Vision – refer to Vision paper

Kabini reminded the meeting that from 2018 the society began moves to focus on relationality, and the ongoing process that has occurred in the Wellington Conference and elsewhere.

He separated the written statement and the ways we live out the vision. For the written statement, he asked the AGM to endorse the statement as is and also note that the EC will continue to develop the vision going forward.

Daniel Couch acknowledged the difficulty in pulling together a wide range of views and agendas in a statement and described the statement as an honest and open intention that does not narrow what membership and research might be so that all can see themselves and their work aligned with a vision.

Brian Denman questioned whether OCIES should proactively endorse the World Council (WC) given the level of representation we have on that body in a situation where there is fragility in world-wide bodies and the directions they might pursue relative to opportunities to steer direction.

Kabini said this is a worthwhile question and that we are members of the WC and that our presence in a global environment through commitments is the way we represent our members. Rebecca located OCIES in the world picture and in history, pointing out that we are represented through several office bearers.

Eve spoke to the historical moment when the society changed its name. Previously ANZIES was well represented at WC and at that point the desire was to continue involvement. She reminded the meeting about our co-hosting of the next World Congress and encouraged a continued engagement recognising that inevitably not all WC actions will meet the needs of all society members. She pointed out Kabini has already had influence at the Council level particularly regarding notions of relationality.

Brian returned to the word 'proactively', suggesting that perhaps this be removed. He stated that the WC has been fragile over a period of time and wondered how we want to frame the association as contributors but not necessarily proactive.

Miriam wondered if 'relationality' could be included in the vision.

Kabini explained his view that world leading is to do with excellence rather than domination, and that relationality could be seen as an element in 'authentic'. Our position in the WC is a matter of staying true to ourselves, including through generosity and relationality. Kabini pointed to the statement as part of a process rather than as an end point.

The meeting was asked to endorse the statement less 'proactive'. No objections were raised, so the statement and process was adopted unanimously.

10. 2021 Annual General Meeting dates

Rebecca noted the intention is to return to the traditional annual cycle of the AGM in/around Nov-December, coinciding with the annual conference. Exact dates to be confirmed next year.

11. A.O.B.

Brian celebrated a new Master's degree of Comparative and International Education at the University of New England, which includes twinning protocols. This is significant for CIE in the region. He flagged potential for OCIES members to be involved as casual contributors to this. Information to be shared via the OCIES website and newsletter.

Kabini asked that first timers to AGM might share for a moment their feelings. Tepora Wright described OCIES as the most welcoming academic forum she has experienced enabling critical contribution to education in the region. Jeremy Dorovolomo thanked the society for the opportunity to take part, including in the next session. Maggie Flavell reflected on the opportunity to be drawn into the environment, speaking to NERF and Rebecca as hardworking and helpful. Rebecca thanked Maggie for her work behind the conference. Kaori Okano expressed a willingness to be involved as a book review editor for the journal. Li Kan pointed out she had attended before but expressed the value of the

transparency of the vision and conference, and Rebecca and Kabini for their efforts. Ben Levy explained how refreshing it is to be part of a group that offers respect and challenge.

12. Closing of the 2020 AGM

Rebecca thanked everyone for coming and wished everyone a good break in this festive season.

Appendices:

1. Co-Presidents' report
2. Treasurer's Report
3. IEJ:CP Report
4. Vision Paper

1. Co-Presidents Report 2020

Due to the hard work and commitment of the OCIES General Committee, Executive Committee and wider community, OCIES has achieved many things over the last 6 months including:

- General Committee & dedicated NERF, Engagement and WCCES Congress positions now active
- ICJ:CP going strong with next issue due shortly & Internship & Mentoring opportunities initiated
- Continued active engagement and influence within WCCES
- Invigoration of our New and Emerging Researchers Fono
- Wellington Southerlies tok stori series
- Festival of OCIES Virtual Conference
- Quarterly newsletters
- Over 2,000 visitors to our website since June & almost 400 Facebook group members
- Membership now at 135
- Of these: 47 in Australia, 38 in Aotearoa New Zealand, 31 in Pacific Island countries, 3 in Timor-Leste, 5 in Asia, 9 in North America or Europe
- Compared to 2015: 43 members (38 in Australia or Aotearoa-NZ, 4 in Asia and 1 in Fiji).

2. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report 2020

This is the Treasurer's Report for OCIES covering the period 1st June 2020 to 25th November 2020 prepared by OCIES Treasurer Miriam Ham and presented at the Virtual 2020 AGM on 7th December 2020.

Statement of Accounts

As at 25th November 2020, the total account balance for OCIES was **\$45,730.32**. The balance includes funds held in the OCIES ANZ Cheque and Savings Accounts, and the OICES Paypal account (for membership payment). This balance reflects an increase of \$2,952.26 from the report delivered in June 2020.

The following tables show OCIES income and expenditure for this period of 2020:

2020 OCIES Income & Expenditure

Income		Expenditure	
Bank interest	\$3.87	IEJ costs	\$455.00
Membership	3554.11	Refund	\$150.72

Total	\$3,557.98	Total	\$605.72
PROFIT/ (LOSS)	\$2,952.26		
TOTAL BALANCE	\$45,730.32		

In the absence of a conference in 2019 and 2020, it was reported to the Executive that membership renewals were very limited as of October 2020. Under the direction of the Executive, a reduction in fees was advertised in connection with the Festival of OCIES. As of October, there has been an increase in new members with over 30 memberships completed. We now have 131 paid members, and seven applications awaiting payment on the data base.

There was one publication of IEJ in 2020 which accounted for the smaller amount spent on Copyediting.

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25th November 2020

3. IEJ Report

AGM [07 – 12 / 2020]

Title of Document: Annual Report of the International Education Journal: Comparative Perspectives (IEJ: CP) (07/2020 – 12/ 2020)

Prepared by: Dr. Alexandra McCormick

Intention:

- Report on the IEJ: CP changes over the second half of 2020
- Introduce the newest Editorial Team members and roles
- Update on Internship and Mentoring strategy initiatives
- Confirm copy-editing budget
- Elicit members' contributions and feedback

Main points:

1. In January 2020, Alex McCormick took on the role of Senior Editor and established a new Editorial Team: Radha Iyer remained as a general sub-editor, with Donella Cobb, Miriam Ham and Nisha Thapliyal. Sarah-Jane Moore and Julianne McLaughlin are sub-editors of our new Creative Works sub-section. Issue 2 features the inaugural Community Voices sub-section. Book Reviews and Creative Works will likely feature in 2021 issues (Creative Works possibly 2020, pending review).

2. The IEJ: CP was approved as a member of the global Free Journals Network from 10/2020: <https://freejournals.org/>

3. Progress with New Editorial Team / management structure:

o Book reviews sub-editor- Professor Kaori Okano

o IEJ: CP Partnering Engagement Programme coordinator / sub-editor – Dr. D. Brent Edwards

4. Re-composition of the Editorial Board – to be reviewed 2021

o New role description: • Undertake two or more article reviews a year • Actively promote the journal through your networks • Meet (virtually) at least three times per year (2020 likely excepted - and ideally, but not necessarily, one meeting will be in-person, at the annual OCIES conference) • Adjudicate accepted articles for an award annually • Serve periodically as e-mentors in a journal mentoring program • Source new reviewers, on an ongoing basis and as needed when approached by Editorial Team members

5. IEJ: CP Engagement Initiative strategy progress:

- Internship programme initiated

▪ 2 p/a for a term of 6 months each, from 08/2020 – 02/ 2020 – inaugural internships underway

▪ Learning through working with the Senior editor and Editorial Team and Board

▪ Attends most monthly meetings (Feb- June or July- Nov), and at least one Editorial Board meeting

▪ Assists on at least two papers in the review process

▪ Administrative work with senior editor, as learning of the overall journal procedures, processes and online system

a) Partnering Engagement Programme (piloting):

▪ Pairs an OCIES elder or senior academic (Editorial Board members & members) with an ECR

▪ Application process in parallel with internship program for 2020

▪ Details of relationship / requirements:

o Participants clearly negotiate frequency and nature of exchanges at the start; guidelines to be developed by Ed. Team and Board

o Aim is to be mutually beneficial for the 'mentor' and 'mentee'

b) Annual conference information session and journal workshop at Festival of OCIES

c) Annual IEJ: CP article of the year – open to all published articles, to begin in 2021, Selection Committee of Editorial Board members to be led by Joel Windle

6. Creative Commons license (CC BY ND 4.0) applied to articles from 12 / 2020 issue.

7. Planned issues of the IEJ: CP

• Two issues published in 2020 (one Special Issue in June / July and one General Issue in December.

• Three issues are planned for 2021 and 2022, although there is scope for some variation in that, between two and four.

8. Confirm copy-editing costs

• Issue 1 - \$455

• Issue 2 – TBC; 3-6 more articles than Issue 2, so will be higher

We, again, thank Miriam Verbeek for her services as a Copy Editor.

Actions required at AGM:

• Discussion of any points per members' interests

• Reaffirm need to cite articles from IEJ: CP if ranking to improve and;

• Ongoing need for reviewers

4. OCIES Vision

Prepared by: Co-Presidents Rebecca Spratt & Kabini Sanga

Intention: To update members on the process of developing an OCIES Vision and seek endorsement of a vision statement

Main Points:

- In 2018 a process was initiated with the OCIES community to develop a shared Vision and Mission for OCIES going forward. The process began with a draft Vision statement, mission and enabling strategies developed by the then Co-Presidents for the purpose of generating a conversation amongst our community.
- Explicit points of engagement around a Vision statement has to date included engagement with OCIES Elders, a workshop held during the 2018 Wellington conference, and related feedback received through the IEJ-CP review.
- The work involved in developing a shared, lived Vision – one that goes beyond a written statement - is also integrated in all that we do as OCIES and is part of growing the OCIES community. Examples of this will be discussed further during the December 2020 AGM.
- The OCIES General Committee intend to take forward work on a more detailed strategic document outlining enabling strategies for OCIES, and welcome feedback and input from Members on what they see as necessary in this regard.
- At this stage, we propose to formalise a high-level Vision statement for OCIES, particularly to assist with communicating publicly about OCIES. This statement builds on an earlier draft and incorporates feedback received from members, including those at the 2018 Wellington workshop. The proposed statement is:

Our OCIES vision is to be a world-leading comparative and international education scholarly community bringing our authentic educational worldviews to an international audience and to contribute to the World Council of Comparative Education Societies in support of a globally just education for all, including children and young adults.

Action Required at AGM:

- Endorsement of the above as a formal statement of the OCIES vision
- To note the intention to continue work on an OCIES strategic vision document and enabling strategies, and provide feedback to the General Committee on this intention.