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FROM THE AGM

U3A DUNEDIN BOARD 2005 - 2006

No election was required since the number of nominations (14) did not exceed the maximum number of places available on the Board. Thirteen members are continuing their service from the previous year, and we welcome Graham Batts as a new member.

The New Board:

Honor Anderson
Michael Andrewes
Graham Batts
Judith Cranefield
Wilson Daniel

Donald Feist
William George
Judith Gray
Sue Harvey
Jenny Laws

Sam Sheyd
Elizabeth Timms
Diana Wilson
Antony Wood

At the Board meeting on 19 July the following officers were elected:

Chairman	Wilson Daniel
Deputy Chair	Honor Anderson
Secretary	Judith Gray
Treasurer	Bill George

Jenny Laws was also confirmed as **Course Co-ordinator**

ANNUAL REPORT 2004-2005 & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS to 31 Dec 2004

Members who did not attend the AGM may obtain a copy of the reports from Secretary, Judith Gray.

Items from the Annual Report

As noted elsewhere in this Newsletter, the beneficial relationship between U3A and the University is allowing us to reduce course fees from \$40 to \$30. It is also proposed that some of the funds be used for equipment at our two venues, and for donations to the University Library.

An increased proportion of course presenters now come from the University (44% compared with about 33% five years ago), whereas the contribution of our own members has dropped from about 33 to 28%.

RETIRING BOARD MEMBER

Mervyn Smith who did not seek re-election at the AGM, first joined the Board as a co-opted member in December 2002. Since then he has been most active in organising courses on science topics, either working alone, or at times in partnership with Sam Sneyd. Merv's many contacts within the University have been particularly valuable. These links allowed him to work rapidly to rescue us from the embarrassment of having few courses to offer for the 2004 winter series. Course development usually takes many months, but when it was found that a planned course would not be available, Merv stepped in, and within a very few weeks had arranged an alternative programme on *The Southern Ocean* to fill the gap. We hope that his other commitments will allow Merv to rejoin the Board before too long.