



The Australasian Society for Classical Studies

GUIDELINES FOR THE PROVISION OF SUBSIDIES FOR ASCS CONFERENCES

1. Convenors of ASCS Conferences will have available to them funding in three areas: (a) an amount for the general costs of running the conference, and (b) an amount for the cost of travel and/or accommodation for a keynote speaker at the conference, and (c) an amount for the provision of subsidies to enable postgraduate students to attend.

As a guide the amounts recently provided have been: (a) up to \$1000 for general costs, (b) \$3000 for a keynote speaker, and (c) up to \$3000 for postgraduate travel subsidies.

2. In the case of (a), any subsidy provided may be regarded as a “seeding” grant to cover initial costs, with the expectation that any surplus at the end of the conference would be returned to the Society. The Convenor should try to set a registration fee that will ensure that the conference does not run at a loss.

In the case of (b) it would be assumed that the keynote speaker would be someone of international standing; the grant should not be used to provide travel assistance for regular participants in the conference.

In the case of (c) the grant should be used to provide subsidies towards the cost of travel by postgraduate students to attend the conference. It would be expected that there will be a heavily reduced conference registration fee for postgraduate students, but that should be built into the overall conference funding. Postgraduate students should be encouraged to seek funding from their own universities in the first place; any travel subsidies from the Society should be on a pro rata basis (based on distance); preference will be given to those offering a paper at the conference; applications for travel subsidies should be dealt with by the Postgraduate Representative in consultation with the Conference Convenor and/or the Secretary.

3. Decisions on the various amounts of subsidies will be made at the time an offer to convene the conference is accepted (usually at the preceding General Meeting).
4. Convenors should provide a detailed statement of the actual expenditure of the various amounts they have received no more than three months after the conference. Any funds being returned to the Society should accompany that statement.
5. Convenors should urge keynote speakers (on whom a substantial amount of money is expended) to submit an article based on their main address or on some other similar topic for consideration for publication in the journal *Antichthon* (at the same time pointing out that such an article would have to undergo the journal’s usual refereeing process).