



## **Secretary's Report (AGM 2007)**

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Due to the impact of the Higher Education Support Amendment (Abolition of Compulsory Up-front Student Union Fees) Act 2005, UMPA has needed to restructure its funding rules and regulations. This has a few key impacts upon non-departmental funding of STAMP activities:

- all postgraduates in the department are no longer automatically members of STAMP, they must actively indicate that they wish to be members;
- funding is likely to be affected if we do not garner at least 30 members (as of writing, we have 21); and
- additionally, the status of STAMP members with respect to UMPA subscription will also impact funding levels: to be eligible for maximum funding, at least 30% of STAMP members must also be subscribers (i.e. they pay \$66 per year to UMPA).

Accordingly, STAMP will need to be more proactive in the acquisition of members, and the promotion of UMPA subscription, now and in future years.