



ANZMapS Bulletin April 4, 2023

Dear members and friends, this bulletin is being circulated to you to advise you of the date and agenda for a Special General Meeting (SGM), to consider options for the future of ANZMapS.

Special General Meeting - 25 May 2023, 5pm EST/ 7pm NZST.

As advertised to members previously, the committee has called this meeting in response to challenges in maintaining membership numbers, in gathering content for the Globe and producing events, and in filling committee positions. The current committee is due to vacate in September 2023, with some key personnel unavailable for ongoing service. These include your President, Secretary, Business Manager, and Editor.

AGENDA FOR SGM (Draft)

Maggie Patton To Chair

1. Discussion of the key issues of continuing the Society, to cover

- Committee vacancies and the challenge of raising a committee in 2023
- Potential outcomes if we cannot arrive at a committee
- Ongoing sustainability of The Globe

2. Discussion of possible ideas and options for making us sustainable, regarding

- Reconsidering the Society's annual program
- Rethinking The Globe, eg explore more commercial options and/or run through an editorial committee
- Potential for closer cooperation and merger with another body (eg NZ Cartographic Society, Spatial Sciences Institute, Mapping Sciences Institute)
- Other?

3. Recommendations

Pending the discussion, recommendations could be as wide ranging as:

- Setting an early nominations date to gauge if we can achieve a full committee
- If no nominations have been received prior to or at the meeting, then table a motion to extend the current committee to explore further merger options, or what is entailed in winding up the society
- Other motions that might be necessary for the committee to take necessary actions. The Constitution may be found on the Society's About page - <https://anzmaps.org/about/>
- Others?

Getting involved

Prior to the SGM, your committee will be communicating regularly via email, the website and email list. Your comments and suggestions are gratefully received up until the date of the SGM, on May 25. Any comments and questions will be collated and summarised prior to the SGM. Contact details for all committee members are here: <https://anzmaps.org/about/>
Please contact any of us if you would like further clarification or to discuss any of these issues.

If in the meantime you're interested to know what's involved in the committee, it's a great opportunity to talk about maps with knowledgeable people, and run a society. There are role descriptions on the website for each position on our Committee page - <https://anzmaps.org/office-bearers/>

Please join us in this discussion, and consider what you can do to help the society shape its future.

Martin