

Australian Map Circle Inc.

Minutes of the 2001 Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 7 February 2001, The University of Tasmania, Hobart

1. Attendance.

Present at the meeting:

Greg Eccleston	Joanna McLachlan	Roger Rees	Denis Shephard
John Cain	Les Isdale	Effie Rees	Dorothy Prescott
Marie Morden	Stuart Duncan	Maura O'Connor	Bill Richardson
Brendan Whyte	Richard Miller	Gerard Clarke	
Victor Prescott	Frank Urban	Adella Edwards	
Bill Stinson	Trevor Nicholson	Matthias Hoeffener	
Kate Charlesworth	Judith Scurfield	Doug MacKenzie	

Apologies were received on behalf of: David Hancox, Joe Lines, Pam Faragher, Don and Marjorie Somerville, Barbara Wojtkowski, Michael Ross.

2. Minutes of the previous AGM.

The minutes of the 2000 AGM were circulated with the *AMC Newsletter* and available at the meeting. The minutes were accepted by the meeting with the following amendments:

- Item 1, correct spelling of Adella Edwards
- Item 5, in the fourth sentence replace “surpluses” with “amounts”.

3. Matters arising from the minutes.

- The results of the motions at the 2000 Conference were dealt with in the President's report.

4. President's Report.

Greg Eccleston announced his intention to stand down as President. His final Presidential report dealt with a wide range of matters, only a few of which are noted here. David Jones was appointed as Convenor of the AMC Victorian Branch. The first Estelle Canning Memorial Prize was awarded at the AMC 2000 Conference to Dianne Rutherford for her paper “Captive Cartography: Map Production in Prisoner of War Camps in World War II”. The AMC has obtained an ABN (19 046 516 617); we do not charge GST as not-for-profit associations with a turnover under \$100 000 are not required to do so. The Executive is keen to receive offers from prospective hosts for future AMC conferences. The credit card facility for payment of subscriptions has proved popular with members.

AMC 2000 Conference Resolutions:

1. Map Revision: The President wrote to the Federal Minister [Warren Entsch] congratulating him on allocating \$2 million for map revision and hoping more would be allocated in future.
2. Census Map Deposit to State Libraries: The President wrote to the Federal Minister and the ABS, and eventually received a response that seemed satisfactory.
3. Map to Commemorate Centenary of Federation: Correspondence on this topic with MSIA, ISA and AURISA reached no productive conclusion. A commercial product by Hema Maps has since appeared.

Discussion of item 2 clarified that the ABS will deposit CD maps in PDF format. The President's report was accepted by the meeting.

5. Business Manager's Report.

The audited financial statement was distributed at the meeting. The Business Manager, Marie Morden, spoke to the report. The balance of the AMC accounts at 31 December 2000 was \$35 549 (1999: \$31 385). This represents a surplus for 2000 of \$4164 (1999: \$9677). This surplus includes an amount of \$3017 from the AMC 2000 conference and \$486 from the AMC 1999 conference. Mr Ewan Smith, CPA, audited the accounts. The accounts were accepted by the meeting.

6. Publications Report.

John Cain spoke briefly to the Publications Report, which covered *The Globe*, the *Newsletter*, the AMC Web Site and the AMCCIRCLE list. With regard to *The Globe*, the Editors again apologise for delays in publication, which are due to other AMC commitments (Executive membership and conference organization). No. 49 was distributed during 2000 and no. 50 is currently at the printers. The Vice-President, Brendan Whyte, now prepares the *Newsletter* and three issues were distributed during 2000. The AMCCIRCLE list has proved a successful forum for communication between members and discussion of issue. The AMC Web site has been moved to a commercial host, allowing the use of our own domain name, <<http://australianmapcircle.org.au>>. The Publications Report was accepted by the meeting.

7. Branch reports.

7.1 Sydney: Bill Stinson reported on two meetings during 2000 of the Sydney Map Group (see item 10).

7.2 Melbourne: John Cain reported on behalf of David Jones that the Victorian Branch met twice in 2000.

8. Returning Officer's report.

On behalf of the Returning Officer, David Jones, John Cain reported that one nomination had been received for each of the four Executive positions. The following were therefore declared elected:

President:	Victor Prescott	Secretary:	John Cain
Vice-President:	Brendan Whyte	Business Manager:	Marie Morden

The meeting congratulated Victor Prescott on his election as the new President and thanked Greg Eccleston for his sterling efforts during his term as President.

9. Next AMC Conference.

There was some discussion of the possibility of a joint conference with MSIA in May 2002 (it is their 50th anniversary) but the members felt this was unlikely to work well. While there are some options on the table for 2003 and afterwards (Sydney, Townsville) for 2002 the only option appears to be February in Melbourne.

10. Other Business.

10.1 Sydney Map Group: There was some discussion of the future of the Sydney Map Group, and Bill Stinson tabled a letter from Robert Clancy. It was agreed that the Executive should write to Robert responding as it feels appropriate.

10.2 Pronunciation field in Australian Gazetteer: After some discussion, it was agreed that the Executive should write to CGNA (cc: Leon Jackson) to support the inclusion of a pronunciation field in the gazetteer.

10.3 Thanks: The meeting thanked in particular Gerard Willems and Trevor Nicholson for allowing the conference to view their personal map collections.

There being no further business, the meeting was then closed.