



Australian Map Circle Inc. Minutes of the 2006 Annual General Meeting – DRAFT

3:30pm, Wednesday 15 February 2006, Trinity College, UWA, Perth.

1. Attendance & Apologies

1.1 Present: Greg Eccleston, Amy Griffin, Dorothy Prescott, Victor Prescott, Karen Cook, David Blair, Frank Urban, Judith Scurfield, Nancy Stone, Greg Wood, Michael Ross, Barbara Wojtkowski, Denis Shephard, Trevor Menzies, Martin Woods, Alison Holland, Adella Edwards, John Cain.

1.2 Apologies: Roger Rees, Effie Rees, Richard Miller, David Hancox, George Antonjevic, Brendan Whyte, Marie Morden, Robert Clancy, Bill Richardson.

2. Minutes of the previous AGM.

The minutes of the 2005 AGM were circulated with the *AMC Newsletter #93 March 2005* and some copies were available at the meeting. The minutes were accepted by the meeting (moved John Cain – President).

3. Matters arising from the minutes.

Item 10.5 in the previous minutes – the state of the Vic Parish plans remains less than ideal but the PROV is doing what it can.

4. President's Report (John Cain)

The President reported verbally on activities over 2006. The Executive met several times during the year, conference calling with Adella, to transact the ordinary business of the AMC. The major issue was the change in the Exec, with Brendan Whyte resigning in November (going overseas) and all other Exec members standing down at the AGM for a variety of reasons.

5. Business Manager's Report (John Cain on behalf of Marie Morden)

John Cain presented financial statement for the AMC for 2006 (the AMC financial year is a calendar year) as audited by Law, Little and Associates (Certified Practicing Accountants). The audited cash position of the AMC as of 31 December 2005 is members funds of \$30,314 which is a deficiency of \$1,158 for the year.

John noted that the annual surplus/deficit varies due to a range of factors, in particular the timing of when reminders for annual subscriptions are sent out (if these go out early, then many payments for the following year are received and banked before the end of the year and are counted as income in that year – or vice versa if reminders go out later). In summary, the financial position of AMC is strong, with about \$30,000 of members funds and no liabilities.

The Financial Statement was accepted (moved: Victor Prescott, seconded Michael Ross).

6. Publications Report (John Cain on behalf of John Cain and Brendan Whyte)

A publications report for 2006 was available at the meeting. John Cain spoke to this. In summary:

- Membership – at 10 February 2006, 220 members which is fairly stable from 2005.
- *The Globe* – publication of no.57 (2005) delayed but will be out soon; Editorial Committee reconstituted in 2005 and will work more by email.
- *The Newsletter* – two issues prepared by Brendan Whyte (nos.93 and 94) were circulated to members in 2005; the new *Newsletter* editor will be Dianne Rutherford.

- amcircle – our email list remains popular, the main moderator continues to be Brendan Whyte.
- Website – 52,000 pages requested by 25,000 visitors during 2005.

ACTION (John Cain): it was requested by the meeting that the abstracts or conference programs from previous conferences be published on the AMC website.

7. Branch reports

7.1 Melbourne – John Cain reported that the branch met once during 2005, for a Christmas Dinner and quiz.

7.2 Sydney – Robert Clancy continues to organize occasional meetings.

8. Returning Officer's report (John Cain on behalf of David Jones)

John Cain reminded members that all members of the Exec had stood down, as noted in the President's report, in part to encourage members to nominate for offices on the Exec.

One nomination was received for each of: President – Michael Ross. Secretary – Dianne Rutherford. Business Manager – John Cain. These were therefore declared elected.

No nomination had been received for Vice-President, so it was necessary for the AGM to fill this office. Adella Edwards indicated her willingness to continue as Vice-President. As no other nominations were forthcoming the meeting elected Adella Edwards Vice-President.

The meeting thanked retiring Exec members for their service. Moved Michael Ross, seconded Judith Scurfield.

9. Future AMC Conferences.

John Cain reported on behalf of the AMC Executive that no firm offers to host the 2007 Conference had been received. John noted a general preference to alternate between Sydney/Melbourne/Canberra one year and a more remote location the following year, but that the reality was hosts are not thick on the ground.

The meeting discussed a number of options, including approaching certain members (including John Brock, George Antonevivic, David Blair, Bill Stinson) in Sydney to host the conference. Denis Shephard and Martin Woods indicated their willingness to investigate the options of a 2007 Conference in Canberra. Michael Ross indicated that for 2008 he would investigate the options for a joint conference with the New Zealand Map Society in Wellington. The meeting approved the following (moved Greg Eccleston, seconded Judy Scurfield):

- 2007 – Denis Shephard to investigate Canberra options and report back to John Cain by 1 March; if Canberra not a goer then the Exec will approach Sydney members.
- 2008 – Michael Ross to investigate Wellington options.
- 2009 – Perhaps another Sydney conference?

10. Any Other Business.

10.1 Mervyn Godfrey's Australia Day award – the meeting passed a motion congratulating Mervyn Godfrey (founder of Melway) on his Australia Day award. Greg Eccleston to draft a letter for the AMC Exec to send on behalf of the AMC to Mervyn. Moved: Greg Eccleston, Seconded: Victor Prescott.

10.2 Australian Standard for Bibliographic Elements on Maps – Adella Edwards reported that further feedback on the draft standard has been received from industry. A revision reflecting this feedback is to be re-submitted to Standards Australia by the end of February.

10.3 Conference Delegates List – Barbara Wojtkowski requested a list of delegates be circulated. John Cain noted that privacy requires us to advise delegates before they register that this would happen. Such advice had not been given. Future conference committees should include such advice in the registration brochure (with an opt-out checkbox). Amy Griffin will check with delegates and then circulate an attendance list.

11. Close of Meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed.