



**Australian and New Zealand Map Society Inc.
Minutes of Annual General Meeting
5pm, Tuesday 9th April 2013, State Library of Victoria, Melbourne**

1. Attendance and Apologies.

Present

Maggie Patton (Chair), James Baxter, Michael Cleary, Karen Craw, Teresa Donnellan, Greg Eccleston, Andrew Eliason, David Fraser, Les Isdale, Chandra Jayasuriya, David Jones, Bernie Joyce, John Manning, Peter Reynders, Patricia Scott, Judith Scurfield, Julie Senior, Jennifer Sheehan, Kim Thomson, Brendan Whyte, Martin Woods, David Wright [22 present]

Apologies

Philip Clarkson, Max Foale, Rupert Gerritsen, Hugh Kidd, Derek Leask, Brian Marshall, Geoffrey Paterson, Dorothy Prescott, Victor Prescott, Effie Rees, Roger Rees, Larry Robbins, Denis Shephard, Nancy Stone, Shay Turnbull, Barbara Wojtkowski [16 received]

2. Minutes of Previous General Meeting

The Minutes of the 2012 Annual General Meeting were posted on the Australian and New Zealand Map Society website and copies were distributed to the meeting.

Moved David Jones and Seconded Judith Scurfield, that

The Minutes of the 2012 Annual General Meeting as distributed be accepted.

CARRIED.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

4. President's Report (tabled)

President Maggie Patton spoke to her report which was distributed to the meeting.

Maggie acknowledged the achievements of the longstanding association and participation of so many members over the past 40 years of the Australian Map Circle, with the strengthening of the organisation through the merger with the New Zealand Map Society. Maggie expressed her appreciation to the Committee for their dedicated efforts during the year.

Digitisation remains a focus for many libraries.

The on-line directory of Map collections has been discontinued. The Pandora search will pick up information though it won't be updated.

The ANZMapS newsletter remains the main vehicle for information dispersal.

Moved Maggie Patton and Seconded Judith Scurfield, that
The President's Report as distributed be accepted.
CARRIED.

5. **Business Manager's Report** (tabled)

Business Manager Martin Woods spoke to his report which was distributed at the meeting.

Martin thanked Amy Griffin for her efforts over the years. We are in a healthy financial state with a small profit from each conference. This offsets major expenditure such as the Globe.

The committee spent some time sorting out the state of the Society membership. Not as many Map Librarians exist these days as this role is often combined with others within an institution.

Martin encouraged members to look at how we market the Society and how we could broaden our membership base as we continue to lose members.

Discussion- David Jones thought we were in trouble because young people take maps for granted. He suggested we think of a scholarship for conference attendance which would pay for registration. Martin replied that membership and ongoing interest was the problem not conference attendance. We need a range of ideas and marketing strategies. The Globe is an important vehicle. Paid advertisements in History Journals were mooted, as well as keeping an eye out for upcoming conferences related to mapping where we could have a presence.

- **The Committee to assemble a list of conferences to target for a flyer and paid advertisements in Journals.**

The travel policy is able to subsidise conference attendance for paid up members.

Please forward any further ideas to the committee.

Moved Martin Woods and Seconded David Wright, that
The Business Manager's Report as distributed be accepted.
CARRIED.

6. **Editors Report** (tabled)

The Globe Editor Brendan Whyte spoke to his report which was distributed to the meeting.

159 members were receiving e-mail messages through the list-serv. There were two issues of the Globe last year and one so far this year.

The Editor has been approached by an organisation which is interested in a proposal to produce the Journal and distribute it. This has the potential to increase exposure and increase attractiveness to academics who may wish to publish papers in it.

Discussion- Concern was expressed about copyright issues.

There are publishing tools for digital issues but this would mean the loss of a major benefit of belonging to the Society as a fee paying member.

- **The Committee will look at the offers when they come through from all angles.**

Maggie recorded a vote of thanks to Brendan for his efforts in getting the Globe out single handed.

Discussion- Appreciation for the Editor's efforts was expressed by the members.

Moved Brendan Whyte and Seconded Barbara Wojtkowski that
The Publications Report as distributed be accepted.
CARRIED.

7. Regional Reports

Maggie reported on the NSW map group meetings.

Of the forty members approximately twenty-five regularly attended meetings. Recently Richard Pfloderer, author of the book ***Finding their Way at Sea. The story of the portolan charts, the cartographers who drew them and the mariners who sailed by them***, gave a well-received talk.

8. Election of Officers

The President then stepped down, and the returning officer, Karen Crow, occupied the Chair. She reported that nominations for positions on the Australian and New Zealand Map Society Committee closed on Friday 29th March 2013. There being only one nomination received for each position, except the position of Vice- President, the nominees were accepted. The Returning Officer called for nominations for the position of Vice-President from the floor. A Nomination by Andrew Eliason, seconded by Maggie Patton was accepted. Maggie Patton, the returning President, reoccupied the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

President:	Maggie Patton
Vice-President:	Andrew Eliason
Business Manager:	Martin Woods
Secretary:	Julie Senior

Committee member:	Karen Crow
Committee member:	Jenny Sheehan
Editor of the "Globe"	Brendan Whyte

Moved Karen Crow and Seconded Martin Woods that this result be accepted.
CARRIED.

9. General Business

1) Scanning back copies of the AMC Journal

A volunteer is needed to scan the journals and link them to the ANZMapS website. Members to please contact a committee member if this is something you could contribute to.

2) Oral History Project

Martin spoke about the National Library of Australia Map Sections' role in documenting activities relating to its work. Four or five interviewees a year would be identified and interviewed for the project. A list will be circulated to members for contributions. The focus is on National or even international presence, rather than state based.

3) ANZMapS Website

Maggie spoke about the quest for a more useful website for the Society. The Google analytics function will be used to see which parts of the website are used the most. We are aiming for more interesting pages and better functionality. The committee require more feedback from members to help with the design.

4) ANZMapS Conference 2014

The Committee is working on holding a joint conference with The New Zealand Cartographic Society in Auckland in September. Julie Senior said the Auckland War Memorial Museum would be willing to host or co-host the conference.

The Committee asked for suggestions for speakers and other ideas for the conference.

Permission would be required to hold the AGM over 12 months apart.

There may be a fees subsidy for ANZMapS members.

5) Other business

Greg Eccleston presented an empty wine bottle shaped like a map of France to Judith Scurfield to be added to the State Library of Victoria collections.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 6.05 pm.

Karen Craw, Secretary, ANZMapS

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