

# Approving the AMC–NZMS Merger and Notice of Motion to Alter the AMC Constitution

Dear AMC Members,

As authorized by members at the AMC 2008 AGM in Wellington, a proposal for a merger of the Australian Map Circle and New Zealand Map Society has been developed during 2008 by an AMC-NZMS working group. During the preparation of the proposal members were consulted and kept informed through a number of channels including the AMC website and our amcircle email list.

Additional information about the merger including background, objectives, terms and milestones is documented in the **AMC-NZMS Merger Proposal** available on the AMC Website <http://www.australianmapcircle.org.au>

## Approving the Merger

The merger requires formal approval by AMC members. Implementing the merger requires various changes to the AMC including to the name and constitution as described in the Merger Proposal document.

NZMS members have already approved the merger.

## Notice of Motion to Alter the AMC Constitution at the 2009 AGM

The AMC-NZMS Merger requires changes to the AMC name and constitution. Under the AMC Constitution, changes to the AMC Constitution must be voted on at a general meeting. The proposed changes are detailed in the merger resolution which is found in the postal ballot on other side of this page.

**The vote to approve the merger and the required constitutional changes will take place at the Annual General Meeting to be held during the 2009 Annual Conference on Sunday March 15, 4:00 pm at the Royal on the Park Hotel, Brisbane.**

Approval of the merger motion includes constitutional changes and so requires affirmative votes of **75%** of the members who vote.

## Postal Vote

The 2008 AGM also requested that members be able to vote via post on the merger. A postal ballot is provided on the other side of this page. This ballot allows members to provide their proxy for the 2009 AGM on the matter of the AMC-NZMS merger to the AMC President (or in his absence to the chair of the 2009 AGM). The AMC President (or in his absence the chair of the 2009 AGM) is then required to vote this proxy at the AMC 2009 AGM as instructed by the member's ballot, either YES in favour of the merger or NO against the merger. There is no requirement to vote through the postal ballot; members may instead choose to vote in person at the AGM or not to vote at all. Postal ballots must be received by 28 February 2009.

Once provided a proxy may NOT be withdrawn.

## Eligibility to Vote

All Honorary members and financial Ordinary, Emeritus and Institutional members for either 2008 and/or 2009 as at the time of the Annual General Meeting are eligible to vote, either via the postal ballot or in person at the Annual General Meeting. Financial members for 2008 who have not yet renewed for 2009 are eligible to vote, as 2008 members do not become unfinancial until 1 April 2009.

## AMC Executive Endorsement

The AMC 2008 Executive recommends that members vote in favour of the merger. The case for the merger is outlined in the AMC-NZMS Merger Proposal document. The Executive believes the merger is in the best interests of the AMC and will sustain and enhance its ability to deliver its objectives.

Yours sincerely,



**Michael Ross, AMC President**

On behalf of the AMC 2008 Executive  
17 December 2008

## AMC – NZMS Merger Motion

The following is proposed as a single motion for approval by AMC Members at the Annual General Meeting during the 2009 Annual Conference on Sunday March 15, 4:00 pm at the Royal on the Park Hotel, Brisbane:

*It is proposed that the Australian Map Circle Inc. (hereafter "the Association") should merge with the New Zealand Map Society (hereafter "NZMS") to form a combined body with expanded geographic coverage including Australia and New Zealand. To achieve this merger, the following is proposed as a single motion for approval by members of the association:*

1. *Implementation of items 2-4 below is not conditional on any actions by the NZMS.*
2. *The name of the Association is changed to "Australian and New Zealand Map Society Inc." (ANZMS).*
3. *The Association's constitution is amended as follows:*
  - *In section 1 the words "The Australian Map Circle Incorporated" are replaced by "Australian and New Zealand Map Society Inc."*
  - *In section 2 the word "Australia" is replaced by "Australia and New Zealand"*
  - *In section 18 the word "Australian" is replaced by "Australian and New Zealand"*
  - *Throughout the Constitution the words "the Circle" are replaced by "the Society"*
  - *Throughout the Constitution the words "National Executive" are replaced by "Committee".*
4. *Following the Association's 2009 annual general meeting, the Association's Committee will appoint a working group to review and update the Purposes of the Association. The working group will include at least one member located in New Zealand if one can be found.*
5. *Implementation of items 6-8 below is conditional on the NSMZ passing a motion to: adopt the Association as its successor organisation, wind up the NZMS, and pass on the remaining assets of the NZMS to the Association, thus forming the merged association.*
6. *Subject to item 5, from 2009 to 2013 inclusive, if there is not at least one elected officer of the Association located in New Zealand, the Association's Committee will co-opt a suitable committee member from New Zealand if one is available.*
7. *Subject to item 5, until the end of 2009 the Association may fund the reasonable costs of a printed New Zealand newsletter, if members desire this and if an editor/publisher can be found.*
8. *Subject to item 5, members of NZMS in 2008 will enrolled as members of the Association from 2009 onwards; as a transition measure at the discretion of the Association's Committee this may be at a discounted or free membership fee for 2009.*

Providing a postal vote and proxy for the 2009 AGM is entirely optional; members may instead choose to vote in person at the AGM or not to vote at all. Once provided the proxy may NOT be withdrawn.

### Postal Vote and Proxy for AMC 2009 AGM

I provide my proxy to the AMC President (or in the President's absence to the Chair of the AGM) to vote at the AMC 2009 AGM on the matter of the AMC-NZMS Merger Motion as follows:

- YES – vote my proxy in favour of the merger and to approve the merger motion as detailed above
- NO – vote my proxy against the merger and to reject the merger motion as detailed above

Name of AMC member \_\_\_\_\_

Postal address of AMC member \_\_\_\_\_  
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Signature of AMC member \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

**Voting Instructions:** Please mark one box only, either yes or no. Enter your name and postal address in the space provided, and sign and date. Mail this postal vote and proxy to: **AMC, PO Box 4206, Melbourne University, 3052, Australia.** Postal Votes must be received by **28 February 2009.**