



## Australian Map Circle Inc Minutes of the 2007 Annual General Meeting

3:10PM, Wednesday 14 February 2007, National Library of Australia, Canberra

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### 1. Attendance and Apologies

#### 1.1 Present.

Michael Ross, Martin Woods, Greg Eccleston, Adella Edwards, John Cain, Denis Shephard, Bill Stinson, Barbara Wojtkowski, Bernie Joyce, David Jones, Frank Urban, Alison Holland, Amy Griffin, Keith Barnes, Kay Dancey, Richard Miller, Hannah Gason, Greg Wood, Avan Stallard, Judith Scurfield, Robert King, Victor Isaacs, Bill Richardson.

#### 1.2 Apologies.

Don & Marjorie Somerville, John & Nancy Stone, Victor & Dorothy Prescott, Robert Clancy, John Brock.

### 2. Minutes of Previous Annual General Meeting

The minutes of the 2006 AGM were circulated with AMC Newsletter 95 (March 2006) and some copies were distributed at the meeting.

The Minutes were accepted by the meeting (Moved Greg Wood; Seconded Amy Griffin)

### 3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

- i) programmes of past conferences are gradually being added to the AMC website in PDF format
- ii) audio recording of future conference proceedings discussed ~ a decision for individual conference organisers
- iii) production of CDROM record of powerpoint presentations discussed ~ a decision for individual conference organisers
- iv) brief discussion of 2010 conference being held in Sydney and possibility of co-operating with FIG
- v) 10.2 from previous meeting (Australian standards for bibliographic elements on maps) ~ still under discussion

### 4. President's Report (Michael Ross)

President Michael Ross reported verbally on activities since the February 2006 Annual General Meeting. Highlights include:

- i) thank you to John Cain and Adella Edwards for agreeing to stay on the executive at the February 2006 AGM thus easing his transition into the president's position
- ii) executive had several discussions through the year re. the AMC's future particularly in relation to encouraging youth, a repositioning of the organisation, development of relationships with other organisations and raising the AMC's profile.
- iii) the executive had received an approach from a committee formed at the Darwin 'Four Hundred Years of Mapping Australia' conference regarding the cultural heritage aspects of cartography to which they responded. There has been no subsequent contact from that committee.
- iv) need to encourage local member activities

### **5. Business Manager's Report (John Cain)**

John Cain presented the financial statement for the AMC for the 2006 calendar year as audited by Law, Little and Associates (Certified Practising Accountants). The audited cash position for the AMC at 31 December 2006 shows:

Total Income for 2006: \$9159

Total Expenditure for 2006: \$9694

Deficiency for 2006 \$535

The AMC has total of \$30,229 which represents a decrease of \$85 from 31 December 2005.

Comments:

- i) Current membership stands at about 200. Non-financial members will be contacted by June 2007 to ascertain whether they wish to remain members
- ii) Although incorporation under the Victorian Associations Act (1981) does not demand that the accounts need to be audited there was general agreement that this should continue. The annual auditing costs are about \$600 (about 10% of the annual income). Greg Eccleston offered to investigate a less expensive option.
- iii) Simplification of fee structure. Under the Victorian *Associations Incorporation* Act (1981) any change to membership categories may require approval of the Registrar. To be investigated.

The Financial Statement was accepted (Moved John Cain; Seconded Judith Scurfield)

[The meeting was in adjournment from 3:15 to 4:00]

### **6. Publications Report (John Cain)**

John Cain presented a verbal report. In summary:

- i) Two newsletters were circulated in 2006. It is planned to publish the newsletter quarterly. Dianne Rutherford was editor in 2006.
- ii) The *Globe* No 58 is in production and should be ready for distribution in March. Greg Eccleston now convenes the Editorial Group. The group is aiming to produce three editions in 2007. An index for nos 1-50 will be ready for publication later this year after which the aim is to publish in May and November. The current format of the journal is currently being reviewed. Current distribution of the journal, including an electronic version, was discussed.

### **7. Branch Reports**

- i) Melbourne: David Jones reported on one general meeting and a Christmas meeting. Papers were presented by Greg Eccleston and Victor Prescott as part of the Australia on the Map celebration.
- ii) Sydney: Michael Ross presented a paper discussing the 'Menzies' thesis' at the Australian National Maritime Museum
- iii) Brisbane: Avan Stallard will investigate possibility of forming a Queensland branch
- iv) Adella Edwards mounted an AMC-branded exhibition of maps of significance at the recent Spatial Sciences Institute conference.

### **8. Returning Officer's Report**

Not all members had received nomination forms prior to the Annual General meeting. The following nominations were put to the meeting:

President: Michael Ross

Vice-president: Martin Woods

Business manager: John Cain

Secretary: Denis Shephard

Relationships Coordinator Adella Edwards

Newsletter Editor: Dianne Rutherford

Globe Editor: Greg Eccleston

No further nominations being received the above were declared elected (Moved Barbara Wojtkowski; Seconded Frank Urban)

Michael Ross thanked John Cain, Dianne Rutherford and Adella Edwards for their work over the past twelve months.

### **9. Future Conferences**

- i) 2008. Will be held in Wellington (10-13 February) in partnership with the New Zealand Map Society and the International Map Collectors Society. A preliminary statement re the conference ~ Under the Southern Cross ~ was circulated.
- ii) 2009. Adella Edwards (with assistance of Amy Griffin and Martin Woods) agreed to investigate the possibility of holding this meeting in Adelaide.
- iii) 2010. Bill Stinson agreed to investigate the possibility of holding this meeting in Sydney, possibly close to but not in conjunction with the FIG conference.

**10. Any Other Business**

i) Name change.

It was moved Michael Ross and seconded by John Cain 'that the name of the Australian Map Circle be changed to the Australian Map Society'. Following discussion they agreed to withdraw the motion.

It was then moved by Greg Wood and seconded by Greg Eccleston 'that the name of the Australian Map Circle be reviewed; that member's views on alternative names be canvassed; and, that a proposal be put in accordance with the constitution for consideration at the next annual general meeting'.

Passed

ii) Honours system.

It was moved Adella Edwards and seconded by Michael Ross 'that the Executive investigate and report on an honours system that would enable the Australian Map Circle to recognise significant contributions to the organisation and/or to the cartography'.

Passed.

iii) Passing of past members.

The passing of Peter Dunbar and Tom Knight was brought to the attention of the meeting by Judith Scurfield and Michael Ross, respectively.

iv) Cartographic Journal

Amy Griffin invited contributions for the 'Map Collections' of the above journal.

**11. Close of Meeting**

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 5:15PM.