

# Minutes of the Australian Map Circle Annual General Meeting

29 January 1996

Australian National University, Canberra

## 1. Present at the meeting:

John Cain	Margaret Eva	Beryl Pedvin
Victor Prescott	Bruce Macdonald	Kevin Cowan
Bill Stinson	Russell Farran	John Roberts
Greg Eccleston	Cathy Brown	John McCarthy
Bill Gates	Janice Johnson	Richard Miller
Ian Miller	Barbara Wojtkowski	Brian Warburton
Stuart Duncan	Doug Mackenzie	
Pam Faragher	Judith Scurfield	

## Apologies were received from:

David Hancox, Maura O'Connor, Chandra Jayasuriya, Gordon Scurfield, Joe Lines, Alan Jones, Max Foale, David Hocking, Estelle Canning, Glenys Young, Val Lyon, Marta Chiba.

## 2. Minutes of the previous meeting.

The minutes were circulated with the agenda. It was pointed out that Chandra Jayasuriya's name was spelt incorrectly. The minutes were accepted.

## 3. Matters arising from the minutes.

Bill Gates asked about *Carto Courier* (NSW journal of the Mapping Sciences Institute of Australia) which is supposed to be circulated to NSW AMC members. John Cain will forward an updated NSW membership list to John Roberts so new members get this. John Roberts noted there was little prospect of a NSW AMC branch at present.

## 4. Executive report.

The report was circulated with the agenda. Victor Prescott spoke to the report, which was accepted by the meeting.

## 5. Report of Working Group on Access to Digital Spatial Data.

Dorothy Prescott presented a report on behalf of Alan Jones, convenor of the Working Group. The report will be published in the *Newsletter*.

## 6. Business Manager's Report.

The report, statement of account and auditors report were circulated with the agenda. Victor Prescott spoke to the report on behalf of Chandra Jayasuriya. The Circle traded at a deficit of \$1675 for 1995, but reserves were ample. Subscriptions for 1996 would remain at 1995 prices (which had been current for many years). However if the deficit continued in 1996, subscriptions would need to increase, probably by \$5.00. Janice Johnson noted that the \$3,000 from the Armidale conference consisted of \$1,000 repayment of the conference advance, and \$2,000 surplus. The report and accounts were accepted by the meeting.

John Roberts asked about incorporation of the AMC.

Motion: The resolution: "that the executive should explore as a matter of urgency the incorporation of the Australian Map Circle" was passed by the meeting.

## **7. Editor's report.**

Bill Stinson spoke on production of *The Globe*. It is now up to date, with #43 covering the rest of the Armidale conference distributed at the meeting. *The Globe* is now peer-reviewed, although this occasionally presents some problems with some papers that are not quite up to a peer-reviewed standard. The cost of producing *The Globe* has increased due to increased size, which increases particularly postage costs as well as printing. Total expenditure on *The Globe* for 1995 was \$8,000, covering three issues, including #41 which was a double issue. Normally there would be two issues of *The Globe* per year. The editors report was accepted by the meeting, which thanked Bill for his hard work.

## **8. Branch reports.**

Victoria: Dorothy Prescott reported on 3 meetings during 1995, a very successful year for the Victorian branch. Jack Hackett spoke on Hoddle and early mapping; Andrew David spoke on the voyage of *The Herald*; and David Hancox spoke on salvaging ships at sea. All meetings were followed by dinner. There are currently no other active state branches.

## **9. Proposal for consideration from Greg Eccleston.**

The proposal, "that the AMC publishes a detailed and comprehensive catalogue book of all maps [and charts?] involving Australia, up to the year 1900, by the end of the present millennium" was outlined in a three page document circulated with the agenda. The proposal generated extensive discussion, mainly concerning the size and expense of such a project and the possibility of outside assistance and funding. Eventually a modified motion was put to the meeting. It was made clear that there was as yet no approval for any commitment of the Circle's funds.

Motion: The resolution "that the Australian Map Circle explores the possibility of publishing a detailed and comprehensive catalogue of all maps involving Australia by the end of the present millennium" was accepted by the meeting.

## **10. Report on elections for the executive.**

The returning officer, Brian Warburton, reported that one nomination had been received for each of the four executive positions. The following were therefore declared elected:

President:	Victor Prescott
Vice-President:	Greg Eccleston
Secretary:	John Cain
Business Manager:	Chandra Jayasuriya

## **11. Next conference.**

The proposal by Victor Prescott, that the next Conference be held in Melbourne in January or February 1997, was accepted by the meeting.

## **12. Other business.**

Richard Miller requested a more frequent, chatty and informative *Newsletter*, professionally and socially informative and entertaining. It was pointed out that the *Newsletter* is now produced by the executive. Victor Prescott responded that the executive would do its best to comply with this request.

The fate of surplus RASC maps was raised, Ian Miller responded that there were none but AUSLIG would look after any if there were.

Richard Miller raised the late notification of the 1996 Conference and the large late-fee (\$50). Victor Prescott responded that the 1997 organisers would try to improve these.

Richard Miller requested that future conferences have more practical sessions and tours, and less papers.

The meeting was closed.