

Minutes of the Australian Map Circle Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 5 February 1997
Ormond College, The University of Melbourne

1. Present at the meeting:

John Cain
Victor Prescott
Chandra Jayasuriya
Pam Faragher
Maura O'Connor
Judith Scurfield
Dorothy Prescott
Margaret Eva
Greg Eccleston

Alan Jones
John Boardman
John McCarthy
Marie Morden
Kevin Cowan
Bernie Joyce
Doug MacKenzie
Janice Johnson
David Whiteford

Roger Rees
Frank Urban
Don Somerville
Estelle Canning
Les Isdale
Marijana Mirich
Bill Stinson
Stuart Duncan

Apologies were received from:

David Hancox, John Roberts, Steven Waite, Joe Lines, Terry Birtles.

2. Minutes of the previous AGM.

The minutes were circulated with the AMC newsletter and were available at the meeting. It was pointed out that Dorothy Prescott was in fact present at the previous AGM. The minutes as amended were accepted.

3. Matters arising from the minutes.

- Point 9 (Greg Eccleston proposal): this is not off the ground yet, but the Australian Heritage Commission has been contacted and the proposal has certainly not been abandoned.
- Point 12 (fate of RASC mapping): AUSLIG are now the sales agents for all RASC mapping.

4. President's report.

The report was circulated with the agenda. Victor Prescott spoke to the report. He also stated his own concern regarding the future of the AMC. There are a limited number of active members and the new executive must consider the future of the AMC, more stalwart members are required. It was agreed that the new executive should encourage the re-establishment of state branches outside Victoria, and that the membership list be made available for this purpose. It was also suggested that the Australian Map Circle consider advertising in the Historical Society Journals. Another suggestion was an Internet mailing list. The President's Report was accepted by the meeting.

5. Business Manager's Report.

The report and financial statement were circulated with the agenda. There were 159 financial members (of a total of 199) during 1996. The balance of the AMC accounts as at 31 December 1996 was \$26422, with a surplus of \$9169 for 1996. The accounts were audited by Mr Ewan Smith, CPA. The report and accounts were accepted by the meeting.

6. Editor's report.

Bill Stinson announced his resignation as editor of *The Globe*, and apologised for the lateness of the current issue (#44), which will be published shortly. The meeting recorded its great appreciation for Bill's efforts of the past several years as editor of *The Globe*. The new editorial team will be Victor Prescott, Greg Eccleston and John Cain.

7. Branch reports.

Victoria: Judy Scurfield reported. There was a meeting in early 1996 at RMIT, a mid-year dinner with Andrew and Karen Cook, and an end of year meeting at the Baillieu Library.

There are currently no other active state branches, though it is hoped the executive can encourage their re-establishment during 1997.

8. Returning Officer's report.

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

President:	Greg Eccleston
Vice-President:	Estelle Canning
Secretary:	John Cain
Business Manager:	Marie Morden

The meeting wished the new executive well.

9. Next AMC Conference.

The executive reported that as yet no firm offer had been received to host the 1998 AMC conference. John McCarthy then offered the possibility of Wollongong -- he will discuss it with colleagues and reply within a month. [This was subsequently confirmed]. David Whiteford offered Perth as a possible backup.

10. Other business.

- Incorporation: Greg Eccleston reported that, in line with the resolution of the last AGM, the Australian Map Circle was incorporated under the Victorian Associations Incorporation Act 1981, as of 25 October 1996, with Dorothy Prescott as the Public Officer. In applying for incorporation the executive found it necessary to invoke Section 4(1) of the Act, allowing the constitution to be amended without reference to members of the association. The revised constitution was circulated with the agenda. The meeting approved the amended constitution, and thanked Greg Eccleston and Dorothy Prescott for their efforts in this matter.
- AMC t-shirts: it was discussed that the President investigate production of a new run of AMC t-shirts, with an offer to go out in the *Newsletter*.

The meeting was then closed.