

Australian Map Circle Inc.

Minutes of the 2000 Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 2 February 2000, National Library of Australia, Canberra

1. Attendance.

Present at the meeting:

Greg Eccleston	Effie Rees	Frank Urban	Victor Prescott
Marie Morden	Roger Rees	Graham Baker	Richard Miller
John Cain	Lean Jackson	David Jones	Les Isdale
Brendan Whyte	Joanne McLachlan	Paul Treloar	Maura O'Connor
Judith Scurfield	Gayle Young	Bill Cartwright	Denis Shephard
Adelle Edwards	Don Somerville	Dorothy Prescott	Jeanette Condon

Apologies were received on behalf of: Joe Lines, David Hancox, Stuart Duncan, Margaret Eva, Chandra Jayasuriya, Ian O'Donnell, Stephen Waite.

2. Minutes of the previous AGM.

The minutes of the 1999 AGM were circulated with the *AMC Newsletter* and available at the meeting. The minutes were accepted by the meeting.

3. Matters arising from the minutes.

- 1999 Conference Resolutions – see President's report.

4. President's Report.

Copies of the President's Report were distributed at the meeting and may also be published in the *Newsletter*. Greg Eccleston spoke to the report. Major matters included the establishment of the Estelle Canning Memorial Prize, donated by Victor and Dorothy Prescott, in memory of our Vice-President who passed away on 20 September 1999. The prize is an award of \$250.00 for the author presenting the best paper, as judged by the AMC President, at each conference for the next ten years. The President's Report was accepted by the meeting.

5. Business Manager's Report.

The audited financial statement was distributed at the meeting and may also be published in the *Newsletter*. Marie Morden spoke to the report. The balance of the AMC accounts as at 31 December 1999 was \$31,385, excluding the AMC99 accounts (1998, \$21,708). This represents a surplus for 1999 of \$9,677. It should be noted that this includes surpluses of \$2181 from the 1998 conference (see 1999 AGM minutes) and \$5000 from the 1999 conference; and that only one issue of *The Globe* was paid for during 1999. The accounts were audited by Mr. Ewan Smith, CPA. The accounts were accepted by the meeting.

6. Report of *The Globe* Editors.

The report of the Editors was distributed at the meeting and may also be published in the *Newsletter*. Two issues of *The Globe* were prepared during 1999, numbers #48 and #49, however publication of these has been delayed. The Editorial Committee apologized for this delay in publication, which is due to a variety of reasons including in particular a very long delay in receipt of permission to reproduce an illustration; and

then in receipt of a copy of the illustration suitable for publication. *The Globe* #48 is currently at the printers and #49 is in final proof-reading. The Editors' report was accepted by the meeting.

7. Branch reports.

7.1 Brisbane: Les Isdale reported that there is no demand for an AMC branch in Queensland.

7.2 Sydney: Apparently the Sydney Map Group has met on several occasions.

7.3 Melbourne: Greg Eccleston reported that the Victorian Branch met three times during 1999, at the University of Melbourne Library (maps and atlases of China), the University of Melbourne (Trench mapping by Steve Kelly) and a Christmas function, with an average of 15 members at each meeting.

8. Returning Officer's report.

The Returning Officer, David Jones, reported that one nomination had been received for each of the four Executive positions. The following were therefore declared elected:

President:	Greg Eccleston	Secretary:	John Cain
Vice-President:	Brendan Whyte	Business Manager:	Marie Morden

The meeting congratulated Brendan Whyte on his election as the new Vice President.

9. Next AMC Conference.

Greg Eccleston reported that negotiations are currently underway regarding a venue for the next conference and it is hoped that the State Library of Tasmania will agree to host this in Hobart in Jan/Feb 2001.

10. Other Business.

10.1 Memento of 1999 Conference: Les Isdale presented a photo album of the 1999 conference to the Executive, this will be placed on file. It was suggested future conferences may wish to produce similar memento's.

There being no further business, the meeting was then closed.

End-of-Conference Resolutions.

At the conclusion of the conference resolutions were taken from the floor to allow members to discuss issues arising during the conference. The following motions were approved:

- **Revision of National Mapping:** That the AMC Executive write on behalf of the Circle to the Federal Minister to congratulate him on the allocation of \$2 million for map revision during 1999, and express our hope that this program will be continued in future years as much work remains to be done.
- **Deposit of Census Mapping in State Libraries:** That the AMC Executive write to the Federal Minister and the Australian Bureau of Statistics to request that a hard copy of Census Collection District maps for the 2001 Census be deposited in each of the State Libraries, to improve access to these materials for researchers, bearing in mind that digital census mapping products are likely to become obsolete and unuseable after several years.
- **Map to Commemorate Centenary of Federation:** That the AMC Executive write to kindred organizations, such as MSIA, ISA and AURISA, to express support for the production of a map to commemorate the Centenary of Federation.