

Australian Map Circle Inc.

Minutes of the 2002 Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 14 July 2002, James Cook University, Cairns

1. Attendance.

Present at the meeting:

John Cain	Effie Rees	Don Somerville	Maura O'Connor
Marie Morden	Roger Rees	Majorie Somerville	Bill Richardson
Brendan Whyte	Peter Griggs	Tony Baker	Dorothy Prescott
Victor Prescott	Dave Small	Les Isdale	Greg Eccleston
Adella Edwards	Nevenka Clarke	Richard Miller	Bill Stinson
Brad Duncan	John Robson	Frank Urban	
Judith Scurfield	Michael Roach	Barbara Wojtkowski	

Apologies were received on behalf of: David Jones, Stuart Duncan, David Hancox, Michael Ross, John Stone, Nancy Stone.

2. Minutes of the previous AGM.

- The minutes of the 2001 AGM were circulated with the *AMC Newsletter* and available at the meeting. The minutes were accepted.

3. Matters arising from the minutes.

- The question was raised as to whether item 10.2 from the 2001 minutes had been completed (Exec to write to CGNA requesting inclusion of a pronunciation field in the Australian gazetteer). [A subsequent check shows a letter was written to CGNA].

4. President's Report.

Victor Prescott spoke briefly, announcing he was not standing for re-election. He thanked Adella Edwards and Peter Griggs for their efforts in organizing the conference. He mentioned the conference attendance support policy instituted by the Executive, details can be found on the AMC website; two delegates are attending this conference under these provisions. With regards to *The Globe*, two issues have been produced recently, and Michael Ross' prize winning paper from AMC 2001 will appear in the next issue.

5. Business Manager's Report.

The audited 2001 financial statement was distributed at the meeting. The Business Manager, Marie Morden, spoke to the report. The balance of the AMC accounts at 31 December 2001 was \$32 585 (1999: \$35 549) comprising \$12 585 cash at bank and \$20 000 term deposit NAB. This represents a deficit for 2001 of \$2964 (2000: \$4164 surplus). This deficit is mainly due to the 2001 conference deficiency of \$3257. It was clarified that the "Donation to State Library" item in the accounts was a donation to the State Library of Victoria foundation to support inclusion of colour maps in a special issue of the State Library journal commemorating our deceased vice-president, Estelle Canning. The 2001 accounts were audited by Mr Douglas McQualter of Law Little & Associates, CPA. Marie Morden moved and Greg Eccleston seconded that the accounts be accepted. The 2001 accounts were accepted by the meeting.

6. Publications Report.

John Cain spoke briefly to the Publications Report, which covered *The Globe*, the *Newsletter*, the AMC Web Site and the AMCIRCLE list. With regard to *The Globe*, since the Hobart AGM three issues have been posted to members; no.50 in March 2001, no.51 in January 2002 and no. 52 in June 2002. The Vice-President, Brendan Whyte, prepares the *Newsletter* and four issues have been produced since the last conference. The AMCIRCLE list has proved a successful forum for communication between members and discussion of issue; as of June 2002 the list has 81 subscribers and over 600 messages have been distributed since January 2001. The new AMC website was established at <http://australianmapcircle.org.au> in February 2001 and there have been over 35 000 visitors to the site since that date. The publications report was accepted by the meeting.

7. Branch reports.

7.1 Sydney: Bill Stinson reported there have been two meetings of the Sydney Map Group so far in 2002, organized by Robert Clancy.

7.2 Melbourne: John Cain reported that the Victorian Branch met twice in 2001.

8. Returning Officer's report.

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

President:	John Cain	Vice President:	Adella Edwards
Secretary:	Brendan Whyte	Business Manager:	Marie Morden

The outgoing President, Victor Prescott, congratulated the new Executive. The new President, John Cain, thanked Victor for his service as President over the last 18 months.

9. Next AMC Conference.

2003: The 2003 AMC conference will be held at Macquarie University in Sydney, 2-5 Feb 2003.

2004: Ideas of a joint conference in NZ had been rejected by the Kiwis. However, discussions during the conference with John Robson resulted in John offering to review these options, with a response to the Executive due by December.

10. Other Business.

10.1 Auditors: The question was raised from the floor as to whether the appointment of auditors should be approved by the AGM. The meeting agreed the current auditors should be reappointed.

10.2 Defence Mapping: Roger Rees reported that defence has contracted all its mapping (topo and defence, not hydro) to Geoscience Australia. Also Geoscience Australia has discontinued 1:100 000 mapping of Australia.

10.3 Geoscience Australia: Dorothy Prescott noted that there was no representative of G.A. at the conference and asked the Executive to write to Geoscience Australia to express our disappointment and request they send a representative to future meetings.

10.4 Conference Organization: Adella Edwards suggested compilation of a mailing list of map libraries to assist conference organizers. Richard Miller suggested conference organizers get speakers from government map producers from their region.

10.5 Thanks: The meeting thanked Adella Edwards, Peter Griggs and their spouses for all their work in hosting an enjoyable and informative conference.

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