

Australian Map Circle Inc.

Minutes of the 2003 Annual General Meeting

4:15 pm, Wednesday 5 February 2003, Macquarie University, Sydney

1. Attendance.

Present at the meeting:

John Cain	Marie Morden	Brendan Whyte	Victor Prescott
Adella Edwards	Judith Scurfield	Effie Rees	Roger Rees
Don Somerville	Majorie Somerville	Les Isdale	Richard Miller
Frank Urban	Barbara Wojtkowski	Maura O'Connor	Dorothy Prescott
Greg Eccleston	Bill Stinson	George Antonijevic	Damian Cole
Dan Jaksa	David Johnson	Ron Furness	Jim Bowden
Bernie Joyce			

Apologies were received on behalf of: David Jones, Stuart Duncan, David Hancox, Chandra Jayasuriya

2. Minutes of the previous AGM.

The minutes of the 2002 AGM were circulated with the *AMC Newsletter* and available at the meeting. The minutes were accepted, after noting the incorrect spelling of Marjorie Stone's name.

3. Matters arising from the minutes.

- Re: 3. Pronunciation field in the Australian gazetteer. Daniel Jaksa of Geoscience Australia says National Mapping is likely to take this on for the Gazetteer in 2004. John Cain reminded the meeting that David Blair's conference presentation on Monday 3rd on the Australian National Placenames Survey, had indicated that that project would also include a pronunciation field.
- Re: 10.2. It was noted that the conference presentation by Daniel Jaksa of Geoscience Australia had updated this item, such that revision of the 1:100,000 scale mapping of Australia was on hold due to funding shortages, after completion of 70 sheets. It has not been discontinued as was earlier feared.
- Re: 10.3. after the 2002 AGM, John Cain contacted Ian O'Donnell, Director of Mapping and Maritime Boundaries, National Mapping Division, Geoscience Australia. Mr O'Donnell agreed that conference organisers should contact him, or Peter Holland, Head of the National Mapping Division, to ensure representation, if not a speaker, from Geoscience Australia attended each conference.

4. President's Report.

AMC President John Cain noted that two executive meetings had been held since the previous conference last July: one immediately after that conference, and one immediately before the present conference.

5. Business Manager's Report.

The audited 2002 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 2002 was \$30 092 (2001: \$32 585) comprising \$10 092 cash at bank and \$20 000 term deposit NAB. This represents a deficit for 2002 of \$2493 (2001: \$2964 deficit). This deficit includes the 2003 conference seeding funds which have yet to be recovered, and does not include the \$2590 profit of the 2002 Cairns conference, so in fact the AMC achieved a slight surplus overall. It was clarified that the final entry "less deficiency for you" should read "less deficiency for year". The 2002 accounts were audited by Mr Douglas McQualter of Law Little & Associates, CPA, and cost \$425. Marie Morden asked if anyone knew of cheaper auditors. The 2002 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*, #53 had just been returned from the printers, and copies were distributed to members at the conference to save time and postage. The remaining copies would be posted the next week. Several papers are already in hand for #54, which it is hoped to publish mid-year. The Secretary, Brendan Whyte, prepares the *Newsletter* and only one issue has been produced since the last

conference six months ago. The AMCircle email list continues to prove an excellent way to redistribute surplus maps between libraries and individuals, as well as to communicate events and news items of interest, and to help map librarians obtain answers to patron queries. The AMC website at <http://australianmapcircle.org.au> has also proved popular, with conference details and back issues of the Newsletter available. The publications report was accepted by the meeting.

Dorothy Prescott asked is a listing of members' publications collected by the Secretary in 2002 would be available on the website. Brendan Whyte replied that the list had been circulated on the AMCircle list, and would be included in the next newsletter, and that the newsletter would be available on the website.

7. Branch reports.

7.1 Sydney: Bill Stinson reported there have been one meeting of the Sydney Map Group since the Cairns conference, organised by Robert Clancy in a room kindly provided by the State Records Office.

7.2 Melbourne: Marie Morden reported three Victorian branch meetings since the Cairns conference: two visits to State Library exhibitions (Flinders, and Bourke and Wills), and the annual Christmas dinner and quiz.

7.3 John Cain reminded the meeting that the executive encouraged the formation of local branches and was happy to help with mailouts or seeding funds.

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 entire executive was returned unopposed.

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

9. Next AMC Conference.

2004: Members expressed their continued commitment to the joint AMC/NZMS conference to be held at Waikato University from Monday 9 to Wednesday 11 February 2004. An initial information sheet sent by John Robson, the Map Librarian at Waikato, and conference organiser, was distributed to conference attendees in their conference satchels. About two-thirds of AGM attendees (15 of 26) indicated their intention to travel to NZ for the conference. It was noted that Freedom Air flies direct to Hamilton from several Australian cities.

2005: The State Library of South Australia had indicated a couple of years ago their willingness to host a conference once earthquake strengthening of their building was completed. This work has been finished, and John Cain will chase up this offer.

Bill Stinson said Joanna Lee of UNSW was also interested in hosting a conference, but this would be several years away given the present conference was in Sydney.

Jim Bowden suggested a Brisbane conference and was to supply Marie Morden with contact names after the AGM.

10. Other Business.

10.1 Motion re Placenames Frank Urban proposed that the following resolution be sent by the AMC. John Cain suggested it also be addressed to the director of the Australian National Placenames Survey. The motion to send the resolution was carried.

Resolved:

Noting that field surveyors of Land and Property Information [the NSW govt agency] and numerous other agencies, the royal Australian Survey Corps, councils, forms and the general public in New south Wales have systematically collected geographic names information for many decades,

Noting that LPI has published over 1000 rural topographic/cadastral maps and continues to revise them, and has produces over 2000 urban maps,

Noting that the Geographical Names board has been meeting regularly since 1966 and has assigned over 80,000 place names in New south Wales which it makes freely available on the internet,

The Australian Map Circle commends the organisations involved for undertaking this fundamentally important work,

Urges that there be no diminution of this effort in the future, and

Requests that this resolution be forwarded to the Head of DITM [NSW Department of Information Technology and Management], Surveyor General of NSW, and Chairman of the Geographic Names Board, Mr Warwick Watkins; and to the Director of the Australian Place Names Survey, Mr David Blair.

10.2 Visit of David Woodward. John Cain raised the forthcoming visit of cartographic historian David Woodward to Sydney and Canberra, hosted by Robert Clancy, in September. Robert has proposed the AMC and others could invite David to give workshops or presentations in other Australian cities. The AMC Executive has decided to pay the airfare for David and his wife to two other Australian cities, if these are arranged by local AMC members. Proposals should be presented to the executive via John Cain or Brendan Whyte by the end of February. The local members would be responsible for the Woodward's food, accommodation and topic of talk. David's CV with ideas for possible presentations can be obtained from Robert Clancy or John Cain. Applications will be processed in the order received. George Antonijevic suggested members could club together their frequent flier points to obtain free tickets for the Woodward's, although this cannot be done in all frequent flier programmes.

10.3 1:100,000 mapping Daniel Jaksa suggested that David Hocking, the CEO of ASIBA (Australian Spatial Information Business Assoc) in Canberra would be a good lobbyist to enlist regarding renewed funding for revision of 1:100,000 topographic mapping of Australia.

10.4 Australian Standard for bibliographic elements on maps: John Cain said the proposed new standard would be raised on the AMCircle email list due to lack of time at the AGM.

There being no more business, the meeting was then closed at 5pm.

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