



Australian and New Zealand Map Society

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting Tuesday 28 April 2015

Training Room 3-4, Level 4, National Library of Australia, Canberra A.C.T.

16.00 AEST

Attendance: Michael Cleary, Karen Craw, Kay Dancey, Greg Eccleston, Andrew Eliason, Bronwyn Foott, David Fraser, Les Isdale, David Jones, Robert King, Maggie Patton (Chair), Michael Pearson, Effe Rees, Roger Rees, Judith Scurfield, Julie Senior, Jennifer Sheehan, Denis Shepherd, Brendan Whyte, Barbara Wojtkowski, Martin Woods (21)

	Item	Discussion
1.	Apologies	Mark Bagnall, John Cain, Margaret Cameron, Robert Clancy, Phillip Clarkson, Brian Marshall, Dorothy Prescott, Larry Robbins, Frank Urban.
2.	Previous AGM minutes and matters arising	<p>The Minutes of the 2014 Annual General Meeting were distributed to the meeting. Moved Jennifer Sheehan and Seconded Kay Dancey, that the Minutes of the 2014 Annual General Meeting as distributed be accepted.</p> <p>CARRIED</p> <p>Matters arising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scanning back copies of the AMC Newsletter: Des Cowley of the State Library of Victoria can provide a set of newsletters for scanning, to expedite this project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Action: Maggie to follow up with Judith Scurfield
3.	President's report (tabled)	<p>President Maggie Patton spoke to her report which was distributed to the meeting</p> <p> President's report 2015 .docx</p> <p>Maggie expressed her appreciation to the Committee for their dedicated efforts since the last AGM. Her main concern is that of attracting new members as membership of ANZMapS is diminishing; Members who use social media such as Twitter can contribute to active promotion of ANZMapS.</p> <p>Maggie talked of the last Conference in Auckland which was well attended with many good papers presented. The Dorothy Prescott Prize for the best paper was awarded to Ruth Watson; her paper will appear in a future issue of <i>The Globe</i>.</p> <p>The Patricia Alonso Memorial Prize for 2013 was awarded to Laura Jelfs; Judith Scurfield attended the award ceremony on behalf of ANZMapS.</p> <p><i>The Globe</i> is now available as a digital journal via ProQuest, but voiced disappointment it was classed as a Library Sciences journal, not with Arts & Humanities, which may obfuscate its readership potential.</p> <p>Maggie commented on other notable achievements including the bi-centennial commemorations of Matthew Flinders' circumnavigation of Australia, and Catherine Akeroyd (Australian National University) as a recent recipient of a J.B. Harley Research Fellowship.</p>

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4.	Business Manager's report (tabled)	<p>Andrew Eliason spoke to his report which was distributed to the meeting</p>  <p>2015_BusinessManagersRpt.docx</p> <p>Society membership is down from last year; New Zealand membership especially is reduced. Expenditure and revenue from the last (jointly held) conference is reported as nil. The main expenditure this FY has been <i>The Globe</i>, and an award made to the Editor, Brendan Whyte. Online banking was set up at the end of 2014.</p> <p>Comment from Greg Eccleston: The independent auditors received an honorarium in 2013, as did Brendan in 2014; are these becoming annual financial commitments? Andrew stated they are discretionary.</p> <p>Comment from Michael Pearson: What does the Committee think are the causes for the drop in membership? Discussion: The AGM was promoted to the Membership via email, a posted letter, and with a flyer in <i>The Globe</i>; it is assumed that online access to <i>The Globe</i> via subscription bundles usually means that corporate subscription to hardcopy is dropped. Also, as map libraries close, there are fewer people working in the field and therefore less interest in renewing subscriptions.</p> <p>Comment from Barbara Wojtkowski: The move to add <i>The Globe</i> to ProQuest may not be such a good idea. Discussion: Subscription bundles reach different audiences; some bundles offer full PDF access, others text only (i.e. no illustrations).</p> <p>Moved Roger Rees and Seconded Karen Crow, that the Report as distributed be accepted. CARRIED</p>
5.	Report of the Editor of The Globe	<p>Brendan Whyte as Editor of The Globe spoke to his report which was distributed to the meeting</p>  <p>2015 Globe editors report.doc</p> <p>There have been 2 issues since the last AGM with a waiting list of papers to publish. The planned refreshment of the cover will utilise otherwise unused space.</p> <p>Comment from Karen Crow: Will the cover remain recognisable and consistent from issue to issue. Brendan stated that it is part of the design brief to do so.</p> <p>Comment from Michael Cleary: A high standard is always achieved; the Membership offered their congratulations to Brendan for his consistent work.</p> <p>Moved Greg Eccleston and Seconded Karen Crow, that the Report as distributed be accepted. CARRIED</p>
6.	Regional reports	<p>a) National Library of Australia The main service point has changed when the Maps Reading Room closed; viewing is by appointment in the Special Collections room. Maps and aerial photography are to be re-housed as all the old compactor shelving is being replaced. The Library is replacing its digital infrastructure in 2015, including tools for importing, managing and preserving map imagery.</p> <p>b) State Library of Victoria Sarah Ryan is the Coordinator, Collection Development & Discovery, looking after "Australiana" including the Map Collection. SLV First World War exhibitions are very successful, including displays of WWI objects</p>

		<p>found on Turkish beaches and some Turkish maps drawn from the SLV collections.</p> <p>c) Monash University Main focus has been digitising the terrain studies, which is comprised of text, photographs and maps, and is the subject of a paper to be presented at the 2015 Conference.</p> <p>d) Australian National University Focus on digitising maps that have been produced in-house, successfully have placed online over 500 maps dating from the last 20-30 years; the aim is to have about 900 hard-copy maps online by the end of 2015.</p> <p>e) National Library of New Zealand Digitising programme focussed on a joint project in association with the University of Auckland and LINZ, mainly series maps covering New Zealand. In January, the Australasian Rare Books Summer School was held in Wellington, and attended by Karen Crow (Hocken Library) and Mark Bagnall (Alexander Turnbull Library, NLNZ), amongst others.</p> <p>f) Auckland War Memorial Museum Since 2013, the Museum website, digital content platform and content management systems have undergone a re-build, due to be launched to the public as Collections Online at the end of May 2015. The Library catalogue will receive its first online refresh for almost 18 months by this time.</p> <p>g) State Library of New South Wales The SL has a 3-year project underway digitising 40,000 estate subdivision plans, going through the suburbs A-Z. Klokan Technologies 🌐 Georeferencer crowd-sourcing tool is being used to georeference selected maps online. The SLNSW Sydney Map Group meets regularly with a variety of topics for discussion; next meeting is scheduled for May 2015. There are no longer any Sydney-based universities with a map collection.</p> <p>Action: Webmaster: Individual library digitising projects to be added to the ANZMapS website; acquire details from delegates</p>																					
7.	Election of Officers	<p>The President, Maggie Patton, stepped down, and the returning officer, Julie Senior, occupied the Chair. She reported that nominations for positions on the Australian and New Zealand Map Society Committee closed on Monday 27th April 2015. There being only one nomination received for each position, the nominees were accepted.</p> <table data-bbox="400 1435 1414 1659"> <tr> <td>President:</td> <td>Martin Woods</td> <td>(mwoods@nla.gov.au)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vice-President:</td> <td>Maggie Patton</td> <td>(mpatton@sl.nsa.gov.au)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Business Manager:</td> <td>Andrew Eliason</td> <td>(friormon@gmail.com)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Secretary:</td> <td>Julie Senior</td> <td>(jsenior@aucklandmuseum.com)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ex-Officio:</td> <td>Jennifer Sheehan</td> <td>(jennifer.sheehan@anu.edu.au)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ex-Officio:</td> <td>Mark Bagnall</td> <td>(mark.bagnall@dia.govt.nz)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Editor of The Globe:</td> <td>Brendan Whyte</td> <td>(bwhyte@nla.gov.au)</td> </tr> </table> <p>Moved Martin Woods and Seconded Barbara Wojtkowski, that the nominations to office are accepted. CARRIED</p> <p>Martin Woods, President, occupied the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.</p>	President:	Martin Woods	(mwoods@nla.gov.au)	Vice-President:	Maggie Patton	(mpatton@sl.nsa.gov.au)	Business Manager:	Andrew Eliason	(friormon@gmail.com)	Secretary:	Julie Senior	(jsenior@aucklandmuseum.com)	Ex-Officio:	Jennifer Sheehan	(jennifer.sheehan@anu.edu.au)	Ex-Officio:	Mark Bagnall	(mark.bagnall@dia.govt.nz)	Editor of The Globe:	Brendan Whyte	(bwhyte@nla.gov.au)
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8.	General business	<p>a) ANZMapS website Maggie Patton demonstrated the 'new look' ANZMapS website as a work in progress. The desired functionality aims to be seamless and easy for users to navigate. An online forum is also being developed, one not restricted to members - any user can create an account (login & password) to participate. As PayPal is the preferred option to be the online membership payment facility, web-hosting and security will be regularly reviewed by the Committee.</p> <p>Members are invited to offer comments either verbally or by email to Maggie, maggie.patton@sl.nsw.gov.au</p> <p>b) ANZMapS logo To tie in with the re-design of the website, a recognisable but up-to-date branding on <i>The Globe</i> masthead and cover is underway.</p> <p>c) Attracting new Membership by advertising the Society The Committee put to the Membership the need to promote the Society, and for ideas. Discussion ensued around taking out regular advertising in publications, including but not limited to, Position magazine (ANZ-wide independent publication for the spatial industries). This would be a continual expenditure of Society funds. The Society represents current and heritage interests; what competition is there from similar societies? What can ANZMapS offer as a point of difference? Could ANZMapS link with a university course, offer a scholarship, or establish a training fund for young people? Regular up-take is a difficulty – e.g. it was noted that Patricia Alonso Memorial Prize-winners (who are offered a years' free subscription to ANZMapS), often do not renew their membership after that year has expired. Digital promotion could include social media although ANZMapS is already on Facebook and Twitter; a prize of AU\$1-2k could be offered for spatial data mash-ups – tie-in with conferences, other map-making competitions (e.g. Barbara Petchenik Children's World Map Drawing Competition). To be continued.</p> <p>d) GeoSciences Australia Oral History Project Martin Woods, as a member of the Advisory Committee for this project, reported on the joint initiative between GeoScience Australia and NLA. Interviews are conducted by Patrick Lyons, Peter Redman and Fiona Rothchilds, recorded from 11 April 2014, and, hoping to capture 80 subjects, have completed 20 interviews to date. The audio files are catalogued on the NLA catalogue, http://catalogue.nla.gov.au/Record/6455816</p> <p>e) ANZMapS conference 2016 Discussion ensued about the possible location for the 2016 ANZMapS conference – Alice Springs, Perth, Tasmania and Wollongong were mooted. To be decided.</p>
9.	AOB	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To expedite the selection of the best paper from the 2015 Conference for the Dorothy Prescott Prize, a selection committee lead by Brendan Whyte was nominated from the Membership present: Judy Scurfield and David Jones. 2. Given the success and attendance of the last 2 conferences, the Committee should consider approaching other map-interest groups about holding joint conferences in the future. 3. 2015/6 is designated International Map Year (IMY), http://mapyear.org/

10.	Closing comments	<p>ANZMapS President Martin Woods acknowledged the continued generous support shown to the Society by the National Library of Australia.</p> <p>The Society Membership demonstrated their appreciation to the Committee, and to the Organisers of the conference.</p> <p>Meeting closed 17.27 hrs.</p>
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Julie Senior, Secretary
14 May 2015