

The Geographical Society of New South Wales
93rd Annual General Meeting

Friday, 28 August 2020 from 10:00am to 11:00am

Zoom meeting link: <https://uws.zoom.us/j/92580193667?pwd=NllxV2NGeEVHZHnkZEo0ZDFYWtBrUT09>

MINUTES

1. Present and apologies

Present: Rae Dufty-Jones, Phil McManus, Andrew Burrige, Susan Caldis, Matthew Kearnes, Garth Lean, Craig Lyons, Kathy Mee, Geoffrey Paterson, Susan Caldis, Bronwyn Bate

Apologies: Stephen Codrington, Kevin Dunn, Richie Howitt, Bruce Thom, Ryan Jones, Alanna Kamp, Bob Solomon, Emma Waterton, Martin Pluss, Bruce Ryan

2. President's welcome to members

2.1 Acknowledgment of Country.

2.2 President, Rae Dufty-Jones welcomed members.

3. Minutes 92nd Annual General Meeting held Monday, 26th August 2019 (see Appendix I attached)

3.1 Members and Council were given time to review the minutes and were asked if they would like to make any changes and/or additions. No comments were made.

Motion: To accept the minutes as a true and accurate reflection of the 2019 AGM.

Moved: Davina Jackson.

Seconded: Phil McManus.

No votes against or abstaining.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Business arising from the minutes

4.1 There was no business arising from the previous minutes.

5. Constitutional Changes (see Appendix II attached)

5.1 The Editorial leadership structure of Australian Geographer has evolved over the last two decades. Reflecting these changes and in order to allow a degree of flexibility for future changes the following amendments (see attached) to the Constitution were proposed.

5.2 There were no questions/comments made about these changes.

Motion: That the changes made to the Constitution be accepted.

Moved: Laura Hammersley.

Seconded: Susannah Clement.

No votes against or abstaining.

Motion carried unanimously.

6. Presentation of Annual Report to the Society (see Appendix III attached).

6.1 Rae Dufty-Jones provided an overview of the Annual Report and thanked all those who contributed to the report.

6.2 Rae Dufty-Jones then provided the opportunity for any Chairs to speak to their work.

- 6.3 Kathy Mee provided a verbal report for the Australian Geographer. Kathy will provide a written report (reflecting her verbal report) in the next few weeks and this will be included in the Annual Report attached.

Motion: To accept the draft report pending Kathy Mee's Australian Geographer edition.

Moved: Sophie Webber.

Seconded: Laura Hammersley.

No votes against or abstaining.

Motion carried unanimously.

Presentation of Annual Financial Statement (**Note to members: the financial statement is available to any member upon request**).

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7.1 In the absence of both the Treasurer Stephen Codrington and the Assistant Treasurer Emma Waterton, Executive Officer Bronwyn Bate presented the Annual Financial Statement.

7.2 Bronwyn made mention of the differences in surplus from last financial year (2018-2019) compared to this financial year (2020-2021).

7.3 In 2018 – 2019 the Society had a surplus of \$46,479.66 however, this financial year the surplus was \$18,652.63. Payment for the Australian Geographer Editor was carried from the previous financial year into this financial year. Further, the 6 monthly Office Manager remuneration was only paid once in the 2018-2019 financial year because the first payment was made in the 2017-2018 financial year. Further, the Society spent \$6050.00 on new contracts related to changes in Editors at the Australian Geographer in 2019-2020.

Motion: That the Annual Statement of Accounts be accepted.

Moved: Davina Jackson.

Seconded: Andrew Burridge.

No votes against or abstaining.

Motion carried unanimously.

7.4 Rae thanked Stephen, Emma and Bronwyn for their work on the Annual Financial Statement.

8. Election of Officers for 2020 - 2021 (see Appendix IV attached)

8.1 Rae thanked previous Councillors, Meg Sherval and Joe Gillespie, and previous Editor-in-Chief, Chris Gibson for their work.

Motion: To accept the election of Councillors.

Moved: Sophie Webber.

Seconded: Susan Caldis.

No votes against or abstaining.

Motion carried unanimously.

9. Annual Membership Dues for 2020 – 2021

9.1 The council recommends that the Society continue their existing fee structure (outlined below) for 2020 – 2021:

- Ordinary \$60
- Corporate \$60
- Retired \$30

- Student \$15
- Associate \$15

9.2 Rae suggested that given the current economic climate (due to COVID-19) the membership dues remain unchanged for 2020-2021. There were no objections.

Motion: To accept the Annual Membership Dues for 2020-2021.

Moved: Susan Caldis.

Seconded: Laura Hammersley.

No votes against or abstaining.

Motion carried unanimously.

10 Other business

10.1 Rae welcomed other comments.

10.2 Phil McManus (Past President) thanked Rae, Council and Australian Geographer Editors for their work.

Meeting closed: 10:25am