

# **Minutes of the Geographical Society of New South Wales 92nd Annual General Meeting**

*Monday, 26 August 2019 at 6.00pm in the Geosciences Conference Room 449, Madsen Building, University of Sydney.*

## **1. Present and apologies**

- 1.1 Present: Jesse Doolan (JD), Robert (Bob) Solomon (RS), Andrew Burrige (AB), Rae Dufty-Jones (RDJ), Josephine (Jo) Gillespie (JG), Kevin Dunn (KD), Garth Lean (GL), Emma Waterton (EW), Phil McManus (PM), Bronwyn Bate (BB), Laura Hammersley (LH).
- 1.2 Apologies: Stephen Codrington (SC), Susan Caldis (SCaldis), Sophie Webber (SW), Chris Gibson (CG), Meg Sherval (MS), Mary Pilkinton (MP), Heather Rushton (HR), Matthew Kearnes (MK), Bruce Ryan (BR), Davina Jackson (DJ), Natascha Klocker (NK), Geoffrey Patterson (GF).

## **2. President's Welcome to Members**

- 2.1 The meeting was opened, and a welcome was extended to all present.
- 2.2 This meeting marks the completion of RDJ's first year as President.
- 2.3 RDJ thanked past President PM for his excellent leadership which she attributes to a smooth transition and a Society that has gone from 'strength to strength'.
- 2.4 Thanks was extended to BB for preparation of the papers for the AGM.

## **3. Minutes 91st Annual General Meeting held Monday, 27th August 2018. See Appendix I attached.**

- 3.1 There was time provided to review the minutes.  
Moved: RS  
Seconded: EW  
Carried

## **4. Business arising from the Minutes**

- 4.1 There was no business arising from the minutes.

## **5. Presentation of Annual Report of the Society. See Appendix II attached.**

- 5.1 There was time provided to review the contents of the report.
- 5.2 Key points are outlined below:
- 5.3 Australian Geographer:
  - 5.3.1 Editor-in-Chief CG sends his apologies for tonight's meeting. RDJ presented the Australian Geographer report. See item 1 in Appendix II attached.

5.3.2 Thanks was extended to CG who has worked hard on building the impact factor of the journal as outlined in the report.

5.3.3 Thanks was also extended to Editors NK and CG for making the journal so readily available to Early Career Researchers.

#### 5.4 Travellers Club

5.4.1 Travellers Club Convenor RS provided an overview of the Travellers Club. See item 2.4 in Appendix II attached.

5.4.2 RS stated his concern about the declining numbers attending the Travellers Club events. RS believes some new speakers might help spark new interest. He asked for active Geographers, particularly members of the Society to volunteer their time to speak.

5.4.3 RDJ thanked RS for his time preparing the report.

#### 5.5 Postgraduate Events

5.5.1 Student Representative CL spoke about the Postgraduate Events. See item 2.5 in Appendix II attached.

5.5.2 Special thanks to past Student Representative Sophie-May Kerr for building these events.

#### 5.6 Writing Retreat

5.6.1 Nothing has been included in the Annual Report about the writing retreat.

5.6.2 BB and RDJ to include something before sending the report to members.

5.6.3 RDJ noted that to date, there has been two papers published from the writing retreat. In the papers' acknowledgements both authors made mention of the Society's writing retreat.

5.7 Motion to accept annual report of the Society once information about the 2019 writing retreat has been included.

Moved: KD

Seconded: JG

Carried

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

6.1 Assistant Treasurer EW presented the report. Treasurer SC sent his apologies.

6.2 A surplus of \$46,479.66 was made during the 2018-2019 financial year.

6.3 RDJ thanked EW, SC and BB for compiling the report.

6.4 Motion to accept Annual Financial Statement.

Moved: KD

Seconded: PM

Carried

### **7. Election of Officers for 2019–2020 (See Appendix III)**

7.1 There are currently 2 x vacancies on Council for 2019-2020. A Councillor position and a Student Council Representative position.

7.2 The Society received interest from 2 x Members (Susanna Clement and Davina Jackson) for one of the 8 Councillor positions. It was decided that Susannah Clement (who was in contact with the Society first) would be elected into one of the 8 x Councillor positions. Davina Jackson would be co-opted onto Council.

- 7.3 JD and Thomas Levik expressed interest in the Student Council Representative position. It was decided that JD would be elected into the Student Representative Position. Thomas Levik was co-opted onto Council to replace MP. MP will be on exchange for a year.
- 7.4 RS would like to step down from his role as the Society's representative for the Geographical Names Board. Alanna Kamp was approached about being nominated for this position and has accepted. Council extended their thanks to RS for his work.
- 7.5 Thanks was extended to departing Councillors Andrew McGregor, Fiona McKenzie, Martin Pluss, Mary Pilkington and Sophie-May Kerr as outlined in Appendix III. They will be formally thanked for their work on Council at the 2019 Awards Night on 27 November 2019.
- 7.6 JG asked if we need representation from the GTANSW now that Martin Pluss has left. SCaldis would be a good person for this job and is probably already doing this. Council agreed that the position should be formally acknowledged on the list of Council Nominations. BB to make this change.
- 7.7 Motion to accept Council Nominations for 2019-2020  
Moved: LH  
Seconded: EW  
Carried

## **8. Other business**

- 8.1 There was no other business.

Meeting closed: 7:00pm