

The Geographical Society of NSW 86th Annual General Meeting

13th August 2013 6:00pm Geosciences Room 449 at Madsen Building, University of Sydney



MINUTES

1. Present: Duncan Cook, Kevin Dunn, Jim Forrest, Jo Gillespie, Rod Lane, Garth Lean, Fiona McKenzie, Phil McManus, Martin Plüss, Emma Power, Colin Sale, Wendy Shaw, Krishna Shrestha and Gordon Waitt
 - 1.1 Apologies: David Clifton, Natascha Klocker, Karina Luzia, Geoffrey Paterson , Bruce Ryan, Colin Sale, Meg Sherval and Bob Solomon
2. Presidents welcome to members
 - a. Noting the importance of the AGM
3. Minutes of the 85th AGM held Tuesday 14th August 2012
 - a. Error picked up in date (should be '2013–2014', not '2012–2014') – to be amended
 - b. Moved: Emma Power. Seconded: Fiona McKenzie
4. Business arising from the Minutes
 - a. Falling membership numbers
 - i. Disseminate discount membership flier
 - ii. Decision to continue 50% discount for new membership categories
 - iii. Fall in membership numbers to be discussed at Planning Day
5. Presentation of the Annual Report of the Society
 - a. Presented by Garth Lean (Office Manager) and Gordon Waitt (President)
 - i. Gordon reflected that the Council has achieved a lot in 2012–2013. It performs as small number of activities, with limited capacity, but they are done well.
 - ii. The need to discuss the development of a professional geography award.
 - iii. The list should become a check list for Planning Day
 - b. Moved: Martin Plüss. Seconded: Kevin Dunn. All in favour
6. Presentation of the Annual Financial Report Statement
 - a. Presented Jim Forest - thanks to Garth Lean for the preparation of the Report
 - i. Royalties have been combined this financial year
 - ii. A payment was made for the distribution of the Australian Geographer as there was delay with the 2012 payment
 - iii. Study tours royalties are down
 - iv. Travellers' Club has tightened its budget
 - v. The costs for the Annual Dinner have risen, however, it is still seen as a significant event for the Society
 - vi. Interest rates are down, thus interest earnings are too
 - vii. The costs of running the Society's office are well down, thank to switching to having an office based at the University of Western Sydney

- viii. The purpose versus the cost of the Storage King archives was discussed. It was again agreed that the Society needs to investigate digitizing its archive.
 - ix. There is an ongoing surplus over 2 years of \$18,000
 - x. Note 4 to be amended from three invoices totaling \$36,512 to two invoices totaling \$24,375.30
 - b. Moved: Jim Forrest. Seconded: Phil McManus. All in favour
- 7. Election of Officers for 2013-2014
 - a. Voted as a group that the table of Council Nominations presented in Annex III of the agenda be accepted. Moved: Emma Power. Seconded: Rod Lane. All in favour
- 8. Council recommendations for annual dues of members 2012-2014
 - a. Moved for the retention of existing membership dues including the 50% reduction of membership for the initial year of membership for new members. Moved: Phil McManus. Seconded: Jim Forrest. All in favour
- 9. Additional business
 - a. No additional business

Meeting Closed 7:28

Action Items

Action No	Area	Action	Who
1	Minutes 85 th AGM	Amend text to read '2013–2014' not '2012–2014'	GL
2	Membership	Disseminate discount membership flier	GL
3	Annual Financial Report Statement	Note 4 to be amended from three invoices totaling \$36,512 to two invoices totaling \$24,375.30	GL

Council Nominations for the AGM
The Geographical Society of New South Wales
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In accordance with Article 10 (10.1) of the Constitution of the Society, the Council herewith submitted its list of nominations for the offices of the Society for 2012/2013.

PRESIDENT	
Prof Gordon Waitt	School of Earth & Environmental Sciences, University of Wollongong
VICE PRESIDENT X 4	
Prof Kevin Dunn	Dean, Social Sciences and Psychology, University of Western Sydney
Mr Colin Sale	Educational Consultant
Mr Peter Herborn	Sessional lecturer in Geography, Australian Catholic University
Dr Emma Power	Lecturer, Geography and Urban Studies, Social Sciences and Psychology, UWS
HON TREASURERS	
Assoc Prof Jim Forrest	Dept of Human Geography, Macquarie University
Assoc Prof Phil McManus	School of Geosciences, University of Sydney
HON SECRETARIES	
Mr Martin Pluss	Geography Teacher & Dean of Learning Technologies, Loreto Normanhurst
Dr Natascha Klocker	School of Earth & Environmental Sciences, University of Wollongong
COUNCILLORS	
Dr Bob Solomon	Convener, Geographical Society of NSW Travellers' Club
Mr Rod Lane	Lecturer in Education, Macquarie University
Dr Karina Luzia	Lecturer, Academic Development; Project Research & Development Officer, Macquarie University
Dr Wendy Shaw	Senior Lecturer, School of Biological, Earth & Environmental Sciences, UNSW
Dr Kathy Mee	School of Environmental and Life Sciences, University of Newcastle
Krishna Shrestha	University of Sydney
Fiona McKenzie	University of Sydney
STUDENT COUNCIL REP	
Ms Alanna Kamp	PhD Student, School of Social Sciences, University of Western Sydney

Members are requested to forward additional nominations for Council 2011-2012 to the Honorary Secretary, Geographical Society of New South Wales Inc.

School of Social Sciences and Psychology, Kingswood, University of Western Sydney, Locked Bag 1797, Penrith NSW 2751 OR Fax: 02 4736 0150 no later than 10th August 2012

PRESIDENT (1 to be elected)	
VICE PRESIDENT (4 to be elected)	

HONORARY SECRETARIES (2 to be elected)	
HONORARY TREASURERS (2 to be elected)	
COUNCILLORS (8 to be elected)	
NOMINATOR(Signed)	
SECONDER(Signed)	
NOMINEE(S)(Signed)	