



AGIA (Inc.)

2008 Annual General Meeting

Minutes

Minutes of the AGIA Inc. Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 16th September 2008 at The Brass Monkey Hotel, James and William Streets, Northbridge WA

The meeting commenced at 6:05 p.m.

Present: Liz, Amann, Sue Grennan, Lyn Trouchet, Kerry Smith, Ray Smith, Camille Peters, Jenny Mikucki and Anne Phillips.

Apologies: Deborah Talbot, Penny Henderson, Julie Roberts, Margaret Ellis, Lisa Kirby, Sue Cook and Grant Jacquier.

Minutes of the previous AGIA AGM:

Noted. Jenny Mikucki moved to accept the minutes of the AGIA Annual General meeting held Wednesday 20th June 2007 at the Brass Monkey hotel, Northbridge, WA. Seconded by Sue Grennan.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report (Sue Grennan)

Sue Grennan tabled a summary of the current situation reported that the Independent Audit for the books for the 2005/6 financial year had at last been completed and signed off by the Auditor, Gary Kong, FCPA, and AGIA National president Liz Amann. Sue reported that the accounts for the 2006/7 and 2007/8 financial years were currently being audited and that the figures presented in her statement were yet to be signed off.

It was noted that the national Accounts still hold an amount of \$2,286.36 which will need to be transferred to the AGIA WA Branch (now in recess) accounts. Kerry Smith reported that she believes we now have all of the documents required to finalise the WA Branch books and prepare them for audit.

Kerry Smith noted that the \$5,000 from the National accounts has been earmarked for the *Access to Geoscience Information Project*. She also noted Sue Grennan's tireless hard work as Treasurer was appreciated by the whole committee.

Kerry Smith moved to accept the Treasurers Report. Liz Amann seconded acceptance.

President's Report (Liz Amann)

The President spoke to her report and thanked the National Committee individually as well as a group. The meeting noted the absence of Rose Hockley (now in Dubai) and her much appreciated efforts organising the AGIA social events. Sue Grennan moved to accept the Presidents Report. Seconded by Kerry Smith.

The President then tabled the AESIS report prepared by the Grant Jacquier from the SA Branch. Sue Grennan moved to accept the AESIS Report. Seconded by Kerry Smith. The new President is to write an official letter of thanks to the SA Branch for following up every aspect of obtaining and maintaining the AESIS database by a small but dedicated group of people with little assistance. This database is now accessible globally, at a reasonable price being the basis of the AUSGEOREF database.

Election of Office Bearers

The President Liz Amann handed the chair to Ray Smith to conduct the elections..

President: Sue Grennan – elected unopposed

Vice-President: Margaret Ellis - elected unopposed

Secretary: Lyn Trouchet – elected unopposed

Treasurer: Anne Phillips – elected unopposed

Committee Members: Jenny Mikucki - editor

Kerry Smith – Membership

Camille Peters

Liz Amann

Ray Smith handed over to the new President and vacated the chair.

Sue Grennan congratulated and welcomed the new committee, particularly new members Anne Phillips and Camille Peters.

Special Resolutions:

1. Since there are insufficient members in other states to constitute a National Committee for the next three years, it is recommended that Western Australia continue with the National Committee for a further 3 years.

Moved by Liz Amann, seconded by Lyn Trouchet – passed unanimously.

2. It has been many years since the membership fees have been reviewed. It is therefore recommended that following fees be adopted from the 2009/2010 membership year:

Personal members \$50,

Corporate members \$150 (in accordance with the AGIA Constitution, corporate members need to nominate one contact),

Retired members \$20,

Life members no charge.

Moved by Sue Grennan, seconded by Kerry Smith – passed unanimously.

Other Business:

- It is recommended that AGIA standardise its branding allowing consistency in 'the look' of all things to do with AGIA. This is to include publications such as the newsletter, stationery i.e. Agenda and Minutes, as well as the Website. Suggestion endorsed by membership. The meeting supported this proposal.
- Membership report – there are currently 4 life members, 4 new memberships (1 corporate), 8 corporate renewals, 18 personal renewals. There are 4 corporate and 14 personal memberships outstanding that have not been renewed. One last renewal notice will be sent at the end of September and those who have not renewed, will be removed from the membership roll.
- Ray Smith made a note that discussions are underway regarding a merger of the Geological Society of Australia and AIG. Should this occur, AGIA should consider becoming a special interest group of the new body. Suggestion was favourably received.
- Kerry Smith noted that AGIA continue in the tradition of hosting a dinner at the Information Online Conference in Sydney, January 2009. Suggestion was favourably received.

Geoscience 102 Seminar has had very poor advance bookings. Is it worth cancelling? Margaret Ellis is unable to present and there is an issue with the \$10,000,000 insurance indemnity AGIA would have to provide if liquor is to be served after the event Either President or Secretary to contact Ian Fitzsimons at Curtin and Peter Cawood at UWA to identify potential student attendees. If necessary the seminar will be cancelled. This is a pity as the seminars have been very popular in the past.

The meeting concluded at 7:15 p.m.