



AGIA (Inc.)

2009 Annual General Meeting

Minutes

Minutes of the AGIA Inc. Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 22nd September 2009 at The Brass Monkey Hotel, James and William Streets, Northbridge WA

The meeting commenced at 6:05 p.m.

Present: Margaret Ellis, Anne Phillips, Lyn Trouchet, Camille Peters, Liz Amann and Bonnie Rae Bruce.

Apologies: Deborah Talbot, Anthea Harris, Sue Grennan, Bernadette Waugh, Jenny Mikucki, Kerry Smith, Ray Smith and Sande Hayward.

Minutes of the previous AGIA AGM:

Noted. Margaret Ellis moved to accept the minutes of the AGIA Annual General meeting held Tuesday 16 September 2008 at the Brass Monkey hotel, Northbridge, WA. Seconded by Camille Peters.

Reports:

Anne Phillips tabled a summary of the current financial situation and bank balances. The accounts for the 2006/7 and 2007/8 financial years were being audited at the time of the 2008 AGM and the figures presented at that AGM were yet to be signed off. The Independent Audit for the books for the financial years 2006/2007, 2007/2008, 2008/2009 have been completed and signed off by the Auditor, Gary Kong, FCPA. All three reports were tabled at the meeting.

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) (currently in recess) accounts once the financial records have been audited. The audit for AGIA (WA Branch) has not been completed to date.

Lyn Trouchet noted that the \$5,000 from the National accounts earmarked for the *Access to Geoscience Information Project* has yet to be paid.

Margaret Ellis moved to accept Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Liz Amann.

President's Report (Margaret Ellis - Vice President)

Sue Grennan is currently out of the country on urgent personal business and the President's report was tabled by Margaret Ellis, Vice President. The Vice President spoke to her report and thanked the National Committee individually as well as a group. Liz Amann moved to accept President's Report. Seconded by Camille Peters.

The Vice President then tabled the report prepared by Grant Jacquier from the SA Branch on their activities for the year.

Anne Phillips moved to accept report. Seconded by Liz Amann.

Election of Office Bearers

President: Currently Vacant - Sue Grennan is presumed to apply when she returns from overseas

Vice-President: Camille Peters - elected unopposed

Secretary: Lyn Trouchet – elected unopposed
Treasurer: Anne Phillips – elected unopposed
Committee Members: Jenny Mikucki - editor
Kerry Smith – membership
Liz Amann
Bonnie Rae Bruce

Margaret Ellis handed over to the new Vice President and vacated the chair.

Camille congratulated and welcomed the new committee, particularly new member Bonnie Rae Bruce.

Other Business:

- Anne Phillips raised the issue of opening a Business Online Savings Account (with a 3% interest rate) and transferring \$10,000 from the cheque account (interest rate 0.5%). This account can be set up, if approved by Committee at the next meeting. Two authorised signatories would be required to be 'Online' in the same room to be able to transfer funds from the Cheque Account to the Online Saver Account. Drawing funds from the Online Saver Account could then be done by one authorised person as funds can only be drawn down back to the Cheque Account. This type of account has a very good audit trail, and no fees. One issue that needs to be resolved is who are to be the signatories. With the temporary absence of a President this issue will remain on hold until the next committee meeting. Also the term deposit matures in March 2010 and a timely decision will need to be made as to the future of these funds as they automatically rolled over in May 2009 with only a 1.5% interest.
- Anne Phillips noted that the annual subscription cheque to AGC for \$165.00 has been drawn up and signed.
- Margaret Ellis raised the issue of the future of AGIA. Membership numbers appear to be falling. Options include disbanding AGIA which involves either transferring all AGIA funds to another incorporated association having objects similar to those of the Association or for charitable or benevolent purposes (AIG may be a possible contender) or giving them to charity (see section 25 of the constitution) or investigating the AGIA becoming an Associate Sub-Group of the AIG. AIG has a structure to accept Associate membership (currently \$75.00) and an interest in geoscience, opportunities for adding value to the membership including supporting geoscience dissemination information. Discussions covered a range of issues including AIG is industry based, possible loss of autonomy, continued viability of AGIA, what exactly is involved in becoming a Special Interest Sub-group and AIG's focus on minerals to the detriment of petroleum, Margaret Ellis is charged with investigating the options and reporting to committee.
- AGIA has entered a relationship with the ARK Group who run a variety of conferences & seminars. When pertinent/relevant conferences are upcoming AGIA is requested by ARK to be a sponsor of the event. AGIA advises members of the upcoming relevant conference/s and in return receives branding on the conference brochure, discounted prices for members and one free pass. Committee is to formalise procedures where the free pass is offered to AGIA members. The process needs to be both open and transparent.

The meeting concluded at 7:25 p.m.