



Geography Teachers Association of South Australia

GTASA 2015 AGM

Minutes: **Friday, 29 May 2015 – EDC**

1. Welcome

Greg Way, GTASA President officially opened proceedings

2. Acceptance of previous minutes

Moved: Alex Piggott and Second: Peter Melnyk

3. Business Arising

Not offered

4. Treasurer's Report - Peter Melnyk

Copies of the financial report (Profit and Loss Statement as approved by the auditors) were circulated.

Peter Melnyk summarised the report highlighting that the association has accumulated a surplus at the end of the financial year (31 March 2015). We have over \$3,044, which is better than in 2014. The GTASAs current assets are at approximately \$188,500.

The Association invested in a few new ventures last year (2014) such as a new-look website and e-production of the journal.

Peter Mann was acknowledged for his contribution, time and effort in driving the new website venture and Joanne Wegener and Alex Piggott were commended for their initiative with the new format of the Journal, the SA Geographer.

Motion to accept the report and have BDO accountancy firm continue auditing for us in the next financial year, proposed by Greg Way and the motion went to a vote and was accepted and passed by all those present.

Motion carried.

5. Secretary's Report - Yolanda Hyde

Not offered due to Greg Way covering most of the correspondence in his report.

6. President's Report - Greg Way

Greg Way provided a summary of his report and encouraged members to access the full report via our website if they would like to peruse it further.

Some key points he made are as follows:

Changes to the Executive – Greg is stepping down and we required a new president, vice president and treasurer.



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There are three Executive members who are not re-nominating for the committee - Clive West, Kate Johnson and Peter Melnyk (treasurer for past decade)

On behalf of the association, Greg presented Peter with a nice wine and large framed certificate awarding him for his outstanding service and contribution to GTASA over the years.

Due to their absence Clive and Kate will have their certificates given to them at a later date.

Greg acknowledged Ian Johnson for his work as conference convener and praised his organisation.

GTASA are partnering with Mick Law to run a workshop on 27 July at Concordia so please see the flyers and register for this opportunity to attend.

As an association we are looking to ensure that members get good benefits and pay less than non-members PD opportunities that the association supports or runs.

GTASA is also planning to co-present the AGTA Road show later in the year so members were encouraged to keep an eye out (via website and other avenues) for details.

Peter Mann was again praised for doing a great Job as manager of the website.

Other ventures such as contributing funds to the SSSI initiative were highlighted.

Rita Shepherd was named for organising the Year 12 Geography night.

Sarah Warner and Jess Green from the CEASA office were acknowledged for their great support to GTASA.

Issues/priorities:

GTASA have incurred some cost in the last 12 months due to introducing the new electronic journal and developing the new website.

Providing direct funding toward professional learning opportunities for teachers will be the association's priority throughout the remainder of the next year.

GTASA need to increase membership and improve financial position.

Greg acknowledged that this is his last official duty (this conference and his president's speech) Upon conclusion of this meeting the association should have elected a new president and vice president.

7. Call for nominations and the election of new Executive members 2015-16.

Most current Executive members have re-nominated:

John Butler

Dan Crane

Julian Cousins

Yolanda Hyde

Ross Johnson



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Deb Lasscock
Peter Mann
Malcolm McInerney
Melissa Mulholland
Andrew Penny
Alex Piggott
Rita Shepherd
Liam Sloan
Sandy Stuart
Elise Walker
Greg Way
Joanne Wegener

A motion to accept the above named people as members of the Executive was moved and voted upon by all present. The motion was accepted.

Motion carried.

A motion to accept the following people as president and vice president of the GTASA was put forward by Greg Way and all members present had an opportunity to vote.

Joanne Wegener
President

Peter Mann
Vice president

Both motions were accepted and carried.

8. **Motions to be voted on** – Greg Way

Motion 1.

That the GTASA members and GTASA Executive support the project that is providing a digital record of past copies of *Taminga* and *SA Geographer* which is being carried out by Life Members Roger Smith and Barrie McElroy to ensure that GTASA has an accurate and permanent digital record of all the journals of the Association.

Motion 2.

That the GTASA members and GTASA Executive support the project that is providing a digital record of past copies of *Taminga* and *SA Geographer* which is being carried out by Life Members Roger Smith and Barrie McElroy and agree that they should be recompensed for their work by the payment of \$1500 shared between Roger Smith and Barrie McElroy.



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David Butler, as a representative for Roger Smith and Barrie McElroy stood to speak to the motions.

Alex Piggott as a representative of the Executive stood to speak against the motions.

Motion 1: Although put forward to members has effectively already been passed and agreed to by the Executive.

Motion 2: This is new business and not usual protocol to be brought up at an AGM.

Members of the Executive don't get paid for their roles and thus, financial commitments such as this are not the norm. The project was initially supported with financial means to purchase materials to enable motion 1 to take place but the GTASA don't see the continuation as something that is in line with immediate future priorities, especially as it comes at a cost.

Members had an opportunity to vote by ballot, these votes were tallied. Results are as follows:

Of the 49 members who voted:

Motion 1 received: 38 Yes and 11 No

Motion 2 received: 16 Yes and 33 No

Motion 2 has not been passed.

Official notification to Life Members Roger Smith and Barrie McElroy will need to take place.

9. AOB

Not offered