



GTASA Annual General Meeting

Friday 27 May 2016, EDC

1. Welcome

Joanne Wegener officially opened the meeting.

- o Attendance/Apologies
Attendance as per the Registration sign on sheets

2. Acceptance of previous minutes

Moved, Julian Cousins and second, Alexandra Piggott

3. Business arising from previous minutes

Not offered

4. Treasurer's Report – Alexandra Piggott

10-15 copies of the financial statement (released this week) were made available to people
We (the GTASA) are in a good financial position for a voluntary organisation
This position has been supported by the generous bequest from DD Harris. We strive to maintain a healthy sum whilst meeting the needs of the members and supporting geography teaching.

Some of our events such as the Spatial Workshops held in July and attended by 25 people was offered at an attractive cost but represented the value of the product that Mick Law offered.

The AGTA Roadshow ran in March 2016
GTSASA 1.5 days

Annual conference – over 100 attendees, this ensures our membership and viability

Financial statements – last year we made a decision to invest the bequest in an investment program that will generate significant income and allow us to produce resources, services and run conferences into the future.

We Invested \$100,000 through our registered accountant and we are hoping that the 2-3 year long term investment will see benefits

We do have access to \$80,000 that we can use if needed that will enable us to respond to something quickly if and when needed.

Instead of accruing or putting in a debtors figures our statement reflect a small loss – our conference income was gained in the year it occurred so it's recorded in previous years statements

We aim to generate income to maintain services and grow resources and provide products. As an organisation we are 100% volunteer based and CEASA provides secretarial services that we pay for.



Membership is important

Alexandra commented that it was great to see everyone in attendance at the conference this year and she encourage all present to support future conferences. Thus, lock in term 2 2017 for next year's conference.

Keynotes have been (and will be) VG and this year they have offered interesting information.

Alexandra gave a plug for the PD on spatial technology at Pedare on Saturday, ensuring that people are aware it is reasonably priced giving tips and tricks for the classroom.

Alexandra also highlighted some other products like the Mapping Kit that Andrew and Sandy produced on the Sampson Flat Fires.

As an organization, we would love to hear from the geography community about resources you'd like. Alexandra encouraged people to please let us know and please feel free to talk to her about anything.

Alex motioned to:

- Appoint BDO as our accountants for the next financial year.

Moved, Jo Wegener and second, Evan Jones

CARRIED

- Accept the Financial statement

Moved, Jenny Howard and second, Joanne Wegener

CARRIED

5. President's Report - Joanne Wegener

- o Membership
Presently we have approximately 100 financial members (half individual and half school)
There are 15 life members
- o Committee
We farewell members – Sandy Stuart, Dan Crane and Yolanda Hyde
The Executive Committee have and are working with CEASA to proactively put on workshops and presentations, such as the January seminar run by Michael McQueen which was very powerful, interesting and engaging. The session also challenged people on their role in the association. Our goal is to continue to explore that.
The committee will continue with Strategic planning, social media workshops and connecting with the community.
- o Professional Development
Professional development over the last 12 months has seen a few events take place -
There was a full day in July where Mick Law presented at Concordia and in which, there was and still is an identified need to support teachers in the area of spatial technologies – hence Mick is back today and tomorrow focusing on this.

The AGTA Roadshow was attended by about 40 people

The Annual Conference in which Ian Johnson works hard at putting together for us is on at present.

Also, as the NEW SACE Geography is rolled out this year we (the GTASA) are going to make support available to people.

- Publication and products
Publication and products, The (new) Mapping Kit and interactive resource are a new initiative and available for purchase \$50.

Held in August in 2015 was the Year 12 geography night at Adelaide University: Helen Feist and John Tibby spoke – this is on again in August, 2016.

Working with Universities and helping to promote geography to pre-service teachers is something we will work on.

Joanne recognised 3 pre service teachers that were in the room (today) and offered a formal welcome to them, stating that we're happy to see them and especially thanking them for making the time to attend.

Joanne announced that SACE Stage 1 Geography released 2017 and Stage 2 2018

- Action for promoting geography
Geography numbers we struggle with and need to be active in our own spheres at promoting.
- Curriculum Development
We are omitted to supporting our sister association in NT and we will endeavor to do something similar to what we did last year, sending people to their region.

As a final point of note, Joanne made a public acknowledgement of the fact that she has thoroughly enjoyed her role in GTASA as president so far and thanked the Executive team, especially for their responses to her emails, ideas and leadership directives. Joanne hopes that we can continue doing things that are really important in supporting you – those in the geography community.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

- Call for nomination and the election of Executive members 2016-2017
The following people are called to nominate for a period of 2 years to serve on the Executive: 2016-2018

Michael Vickery
Michael Pretty
Deb Lasscock
Melissa Mulholland
Andre Penny
Elise Walker
Clynton Oakley
Daisy Ashby

Moved, Julian Cousins and second, Alexandra Piggott all in favour, CARRIED
The new faces were especially welcomed - Michael Vickery, Michael Pretty, Clynton Oakley and Daisy Ashby

7. NEW BUSINESS

- GTASA Membership Fee Restructuring for 2017 onwards

A copy of the proposed structure was handed out

Please note that there is no increase in membership fees.

Our purpose for changing the structure is so we have a better idea of who makes up our membership



Geography Teachers' Association of S.A. Inc.

A brief discussion regarding the structure ensued.

In response to discussion, Bruce Scott brought forth a motion and moved that that membership for retired teachers be \$40. This was seconded by Fran Slattery. Only 4 people in the room were in favour of this and the rest were against.

Motion NOT CARRIED due to the lack of support from the majority

A motion was then put forward to accept the suggested proposal (that had been distributed) with the fees listed for various types of membership.

Moved, Joanne Wegener and second, Alexandra Piggott

CARRIED

8. AOB

Not offered

9. CLOSE

Meeting formally concluded at 10:33am