



Geography Teachers Association of South Australia

Minutes: **AGM**

Friday, 16 May 2014 – GTASA Conference, EDC, Milner St, Hindmarsh

1. Introduction and Welcome

Greg Way, GTASA President officially opened proceedings

2. Acceptance of previous minutes – Friday 31 May 2013

Moved: Peter Melnyk and second, Alex Piggott

3. Treasurer's Report - Peter Melnyk

Copies of the financial report (profit and loss statement) were circulated. GTASA Treasurer, Peter Melnyk, summarised the report which indicated some changes.

One major change the GTASA have implemented is with the \$10,000 bequest that no one knows what that sum of money is about. This is not money we actually have and we've asked to take it off our cash equivalent. Other than that, in terms of our finances, the association maintains a strong financial position and members funds are at \$180,000, close to 2013.

Motion to accept the report and have BDO accountancy firm as our auditors next year was moved by Ross Johnson and second, Rita Shepherd

Motion passed and accepted.

4. Secretary's Report - Yolanda Hyde

Not offered

5. President's Report - Greg Way

Greg provided a report and summarised it for everyone.
Some key points he made are as follows:

Geography is at the forefront and SA are leading innovation

CEASA staff (Sarah and Jess) have been a fantastic support for the GTASA in recent times

GTASA have 88 financial members registered for the 2013/2014 school year

This number has increase from previous membership

Time is a factor

New people were encouraged to join the executive

Peter Melnyk, Alex Piggott, Rita Shepherd and Simon Miller and others were acknowledged for their influential contribution to the association.

Malcolm McInerney and John Butler really are the face of GTASA and fantastic ambassadors



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Alrich Maud was mentioned

Publications – roger has continued to produce SA Geographer journal on CD hopefully last to go on CD and the next one will be electronic form – change to the style with an interactive PDF

Roger Smith was officially thanked for his work on the journal, SA Geographer

Malcolm McInerney is the web-manager and disseminating the information to date
Andrew Penny, Sandy Stuart and Jules Cousins are supporting

Year 12 Geography evening featuring John Tibby - 5 degrees (climate change discussion) was highlighted.

Problems –

Progressing curriculum across all year levels in senior schools especially at Years 9 and 10 to foster growth of the subject and sequential flow into Stage 1 and 2 or other senior geography disciplines

People and school to 'get on board' with the curriculum
Primary engagement is one thing and support beyond the conference is required.

Support and encourage each other in primary, middle and high schools to move in the direction that the impetus is taking us.

WA was the first state to have a primary conference so maybe we (SA) can work toward offering one as a GTASA.

6. Call for nominations and the election of new Executive members 2014-15

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Moved, Alex Piggott and second, Julian Cousins

These new members were voted in unanimously by all present.

7. Business Arising

Not offered

Meeting closed 10:35am



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