

Minutes FOR HCSA [Executive] COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday 27 April 2015 5.30pm – 7.30pm State Library SA

Welcome:

Present:

Susan Marsden, Wilf Prest, Richard Venus, Annette Mills, Annmarie Reid, Greg Slattery

Apologies:

1. Minutes of previous meetings

a. Executive meeting minutes (9 February) confirmed. Annmarie sought clarification about how long the Wakefield Prize winners will present for at the AGM and Susan confirmed 10 minutes each. Wilf will follow up about the Wakefield Prize Book vouchers. Minutes moved for acceptance by Annmarie and seconded Greg.

b. Business arising from the Minutes will be discussed as points of business at this meeting.

2. Update to Cultural Gifts Registration

The application has been sent. As part of the foundation Susan and Michael are setting up (Marsden Szwarcbord Foundation, to support history and music), Susan has discovered there are two status of DGR – DGR 1 and DGR 2. We will have to wait and see what the ATO advises in regards to our application and then investigate further what this means in practice. On the surface the status of both DGRs appears to be connected to an organisation's functions.

3. Administrative matters

a. Sue Coppin has resigned from the executive. Susan has emailed Sue thanking her for the excellent advice and support she has provided as the ASA representative. All agreed it would be great to have this useful knowledge Sue provided and would like to approach the ASA for another representative.

b. Greg has posted out some receipts and distributed some this evening.

c. E-newsletter is going well and Annmarie has received some great feedback. Sue has published the President's Newsletter (March) and was mindful of not putting large images in it re Annmarie's feedback that often it makes the file too big and people can't receive it. Susan asked Annmarie if she could ask the History/Cultural studies people at UniSA to put a brief piece together for the e-news. Sue asked the same of Wilf for the University of Adelaide – Wilf said he would try but feels Paul Sendziuk maybe too busy.

d. Susan has spoken to several people about succeeding her as President, but none have been able to do so (they have included Margaret Allen, Peter Donovan, Peter Bell, Brian Samuels, Paul Sendziuk, and current HCSA general committee members). The executive agreed that she could also ask Peter Monteath, and Wilf also suggested Robert Dare. Susan will stand for a fourth term if required.

4. HCSA advocacy and advice

- a. No updates available for Angela Allison review re State records and State Library. State Records is moving out of Department Premier and Cabinet to the Attorney General's Department from July.
No updates available re State Library reviews.
No updates available re Moss review into State Records legislation
No update available re review of Government Boards.
- b. Susan did write to the Arts Minister Jack Snelling about this and other matters including the defunding of Wakefield Press, and she received an acknowledgement of receipt of her letter but not an actual response to her letter and her request for a meeting. Greg commented that the last *Adelaide Review* had an interesting piece article on the Wakefield Press.
- c. Susan's letter to the editor was published in *The Advertiser* about the excellent article on heritage and its value to tourism. Suggested that should send a copy to the Tourism Minister and seek a meeting with him.

5. Events

- a. About time event at North Road Cemetery, to be led by Susan, is booked out.
- b. Awards night. Still waiting to hear from Government House. Plan B is the State Library's Hetzel Lecture Theatre for 30 July as that will be fee free (still have to pay for security). No nominations yet received. Susan implored everyone to contact people and encourage nominations. Annmarie will ask Lauren to re-tweet it.
John Bannon, Geoffrey Bishop and Carol Fort will be the judges and will meet at Susan's house for the judging on 30 May.
- c. Annual lecture. Confirmed with HTASA that this will go ahead. Paula Bartsch at Mt Pleasant will host the regional lecture and we need confirmation who from the executive will be going. Annmarie and Susan will discuss marketing logistics for the event, and liaise with the speaker (Dr Rosalie Triolo).
Still to hear from CAL re funding.
- d. Graduate showcase. Annmarie has contacted all 3 Universities. If possibility for 2016 need to start planning in Sept-Oct 2015.
No replies received from Adelaide University.
Flinders University could be a possibility in 2016.
UniSA in the new History/Cultural studies program does not have the third or post graduate students yet.
Decided to leave it for now.
- e. AGM will be held on 18 September as the student showcase will not occur we will just have the Wakefield Prize recipients presenting on their topics for 10 minutes each.

6. Awards and Prizes

- a. Wakefield Prize. Annmarie has already sent out information about the Wakefield History Prize. Melanie at Flinders already has a few students in mind. Adelaide University no response and Wilf will follow up directly with Paul.
- b. History Awards 2015. Touched on already. Discussion around media attention how to get some and what are we doing wrong. Wilf suggested contacting Tim Lloyd.

7. Website/communications

Annette reported that we were correct in paying extra to have the new website built with responsive design as Google has changed their search algorithm to detect what device a person is using to search on [ie if searching on a ipad those sites not built to give a good experience for ipad will be sent to the bottom of the search results list].

8. Members' report

No new members. Through Susan, Michael Szwarcbord suggested we do another membership drive in May. Susan is compiling a list of organisations who are not members such as SA Museum and Adelaide City Council.

Susan suggested we might consider a membership subscription increase. Richard said why would we do this? What would be the logic? Susan commented it would be useful to build some more funds so we can do more things, and as we're unlikely to receive any more CAL grants after this year's lecture, we'll need more money to support that. This discussion to be carried over at the general committee meeting in June.

9. President's report

Most matters covered in agenda items.

10. Treasurer's report

Balance in our general account of \$9415 is the same as last month. Greg unable to put \$3000 in the investment account as we need to wait until it has come to term then add it. Expenses coming up include \$181 for the PO Box and some stamps.

Wilf left at 6.50pm

11. Correspondence

No correspondence tabled

12. Any other business

Date of next meeting (General Committee) will be 1 June at the History Trust.

13. Date of meetings for 2015 AND for remainder of 2015

(Mondays 5.30-7pm).

Executive: *(Mondays 5.30-7.30pm at State Library meeting room).*

27 April; 20 July; 12 October

Council (General committee) (Exec members attend these also)

Times & venues: 5.30–7.30 pm, History SA Board room, Torrens Parade Ground

2 March (note change of date from 9 March); 8 June; 31 August; 23 November

14. Event dates:

- a. MAY About Time – Joint event with PHASA, 3May
- b. JULY Awards Night 30 July at Government House, Plan B is 30 July at the State Library
- c. AUGUST City annual lecture Friday 7 August at State Library Lecture Theatre, following History Teachers conference

- d. AUGUST Country Lecture Saturday 8 August at Mt Pleasant.
- e. SEPTEMBER AGM 18 September (venue TBC)