

**Minutes FOR HCSA [Executive] COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday 9 February 2015 5.30pm – 7.30pm State Library SA**

Welcome:

Present:

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

Apologies:

Sue Coppin

1. Minutes of previous meetings

- a. General Committee minutes (1 December) were noted
- b. Executive meeting minutes (27 October 2-014) confirmed. Moved Greg seconded Richard.
- c. Business arising from the Minutes including Constitutional changes will be discussed as points of business at this meeting.

2. Update to Cultural Gifts Registration

Richard sent through a checklist prior to the meeting.

To complete the process we need to identify 'responsible persons' (the application guidelines suggest at least 3) and a contact person (Richard Venus has agreed to be that person).

Richard suggests that the 3 be the first three presidents of the HCSA these being:

Bernard (Bernie) O'Neil

Alison Mackinnon

Wilfrid (Wilf) Prest – who agreed to be one of the responsible people.

Discussion ensued about what the role or 'responsible persons' is – Wilf confirmed that they may administer the fund.

**[Action – Susan to contact Alison and Bernie if they are willing to do undertake this.
Richard then to complete and lodge application and act as contact person]**

3. Administrative matters

- a. Bernie O'Neil has been approached by Susan and is willing to remain the HCSA Public Officer
[Action Annette to add Bernie and his role to the HCSA website]
- b. Susan mentioned that some people have said to her that they have not received receipts – Greg confirmed that he has small backlog of these to print and post. Susan suggests that we add 'Tax Invoice' to the online form - look to the HSSA for wording **[action Annette to update and amend]**
- c. Annmarie suggested changing the weekly newsletter (eNews) to fortnightly. All present agreed.
- d. Genealogy SA will be represented by David Barber on the general committee as he is currently acting Executive Officer.

Susan has asked HTASA to nominate Elspeth Grant to represent them at the HCSA, succeeding David Albano – is still waiting for confirmation from Paul Foley [subsequently confirmed].

- e. An additional item to the agenda regarding incoming President for 2015-6 as Susan will not be standing for another term. She is already canvassing for interest. Discussion ensued.

4. HCSA advocacy and advice

- a. No updates available for Angela Allison review re State records and State Library
- b. Susan will contact Alan Smith about the State Library reviews **[action Susan]**
- c. Abolition of Government boards Susan says this is still pending further investigation
- d. An additional item added to the agenda by Susan was the Planning Review. The deadline has passed but comments can be made on the recommendations.
- e. An additional item added to the agenda by Greg was Country groups. History SA have regional workshops and are pleased to deliver one in the mid-north somewhere but need funding from VolunteerSA. Could Laura or Jamestown host it and HCSA can complete the application with guidance of History SA – all present agreed that this sounded sensible.
[Action Greg will follow up]

5. Events

- a. Awards night. Susan has approached Government House and we are waiting confirmation. SLSA Treasures wall could be plan b if Government House falls through. Must make sure for the regional workshop that nomination forms are available. The HSSA approach is good and that is they actively nominate one or two of their members for the awards each year – encourage other member organisations to do the same.
- b. Annual lecture. Shared speaker with HTASA – still awaiting confirmation from Paul Foley.
[Action: Susan; subsequently confirmed]
- c. Annual lecture - Regional lecture will need to wait until we hear from Paul Foley about the speaker. Port Pirie is doable as we haven't delivered there yet and is a manageable distance. Susan suggested an alternative could be where the Regional Historian of the Year comes from – for this year that could be Mt Pleasant (last year's award).
- d. Annual lecture – shared with other History Councils. Susan has forwarded an email from Margaret Birtley, Executive Officer, History Council of Victoria (18 January 2015) re closer ties between History Councils, and the concept of co-hosting a visiting international speaker perhaps biennially. We agreed this seems a good idea, although possible only every few years; although there are already many historians being brought to Australia to speak and so History Councils should if possible connect up with them (perhaps as suggested in the email, via the AHA conferences). Wilf said that significant speakers often expect business class fares which are beyond our budgets. It was suggested that speakers be sought who can illuminate historical methodologies (for example as in Australian Generations speakers at 2014 annual lecture) or the roles of historical groups in society, rather than just on a particular history topic. All present happy to pursue this further. Maybe next phase is to discuss types of speakers ie the digital turn in the humanities. All concur for this high calibre type of lecture there would have to be a charge. **[Action: Susan to forward to HCV]**
- e. Graduate showcase is a good idea but Wilf thinks it could take a lot of time to organise, and may duplicate seminars universities already arrange. **[Action: Annmarie will follow up re interest and support from the Universities].**

- f. AGM will be held on 18 September (on the evening of student seminar, if that goes ahead or else standalone) and Wakefield Prize recipient will give a 20 minute presentation.
- g. Additional item to agenda: Susan has agreed to lead a tour of the North Road Cemetery, during 'About Time' month on 3 May - it will be a joint event between HCSA and PHA.

6. Awards and Prizes

- a. For the Wakefield Prize there were 7 entries – 2 were considered outstanding. Recommendation that the prize be split between the two.

The two winners are:

Carmel Pascale from The University of Adelaide wrote about: 'Chinese Immigration Restriction and the Pursuit of Nationalist Ideals in Colonial South Australia.' Judges commented that her essay displayed a close and intelligent reading of primary and secondary sources.

Yianni (John) Cartledge from Flinders University wrote an essay titled 'Ikarians in South Australia: the origins of the Pan-Ikarian Brotherhood of SA "Ikaros Inc", and its connections with the community.' He was also commended for use of a wide variety of source material, including oral and graphic ones."

[Action: Annmarie will send letters to the people and will let Annette know who they winners are to add to the website; Wilf to follow up re Wakefield Press book vouchers.

Judges were Brian Dickey and Jenny Stock.

- b. Discussion around judges for next year – for HCSA awards and for Wakefield Companion award - include Geoff Bishop, John Bannon, Carol Fort and Jenny Stock.

- c. Marketing the awards – this was not discussed in any detail at the meeting.

7. Website/communications

- a. Awards nomination forms updated on the Website
- b. Minutes up to October 2014 have been added. All up to date with President's newsletters.
- c. Member organisations have been updated.

8. Members' report

Only one new member since our last meeting. Richard commented that Engineers Australia can no longer be a corporate member as it can't afford it. He will maintain personal membership

9. President's report

Most matters covered in agenda items. Susan will put President's letter together early next month.

10. Treasurer's report

Wakefield Prize money from Adelaide University has arrived and gives us a balance in our general account of \$9415. Greg suggests that we put \$3000 in the investment account - all present agree.

11. Correspondence

Nothing really to note apart from 2 brochures from the Hawke Research Institute.

12. Any other business

Wilf commented on the Muriel Matters development – did we want to write to the Government about this. All agreed that a meeting with the relevant minister to discuss this development would be better. **[Action Susan to arrange]**

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, 3 May
- 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 Friday 8 August (TBC)
- e. SEPTEMBER Showcasing of Graduate/emerging historians 18 September (TBC)
- f. SEPTEMBER AGM 18 September (venue TBC)