

MINUTES FOR HCSA [GENERAL] COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday 1 June 2015 5.30pm – 7pm
History SA, Parade Ground

Welcome: Yianni Cartledge from Flinders University was welcomed by Richard Venus.

Present: Annmarie Reid, Jenny Stock, Geoffrey Bishop, Mandy Paul, Sue Coppin, Melanie Oppenheimer, Richard Venus, Lauren Gobbett, Heidi Ing, David Barber, Norman Etherington, Katherine Howard for Michael Mills

Apologies: Susan Marsden, Annette Mills, Elspeth Grant, Wilf Prest, Kiera Lindsey

The meeting was preceded by the presentation of the 2014 Wakefield Prize to Yianni Cartledge from Flinders University. Melanie Oppenheimer introduced Yianni and contextualised his research. Richard Venus presented Yianni with his book voucher and prize money. Yianni's parents will attend the award ceremony at Government House and receive his certificate on his behalf, as he will be travelling in Greece during July.

1. Minutes of previous meetings

- a) Confirmed by Melanie Oppenheimer and seconded by Mandy Paul: General Committee minutes (2 March 2015)
- b) Noted: Executive meeting minutes (27 April 2015)

2. Business arising from the Minutes

- a) Next President – no-one has yet accepted but discussion centred on possibilities such as Philip Payton who has recently returned from the UK. Richard confirmed that he will not be standing for President as he feels the role should be taken by a trained historian. Discussion to continue at subsequent meetings.
- b) Resignation of Sue Coppin from the Executive was noted and Sue was thanked for her generous service to the Executive. Sue will continue to be a member of the General Committee.
- c) A new Executive member was sought to replace Sue. No current members of the General Committee were interested in joining the Executive, so the position will remain vacant until the AGM in September.
- d) DGR Status application- news from Richard Venus. Richard provided detailed background information regarding the application and an update on progress, citing a letter he had received from Ms Chapman. Discussion followed and related primarily to the possible use of the Public Fund for publications, podcasts, archive preservation and document rescue. Richard noted members' suggestions and will follow up specific questions with Ms Chapman and the Department. Further discussion to be carried over to the Executive Meeting in July.

3. HCSA Advocacy and advice

- a) Update on amalgamation of State Records of SA with State Library SA – Allison Report has been released through FOI request by the Australian Society of Archivists. Heidi Ing spoke to this and will forward us a copy of the letter that they have sent to John Rau. Melanie Oppenheimer suggested that HCSA send a letter based on the ASA letter, listing all 100 of our member organisations/members.
- b) State Records is being transferred to the Attorney General's Department (from Department of Premier and Cabinet). Noted by members.

- c) Reform of government boards. No updates re implications from members.
- d) Defunding of Wakefield Press – Susan Marsden sent a letter to Arts Minister & request to meet regularly. No response has been received from the Minister. Several of our member organisations have also sent letters and we thank them for their input.
- e) Other updates by General Committee members. No news has been received from the University of Adelaide regarding their revived history department. History SA representative Mandy Paul answered Richard's query about a recent newspaper report regarding the creation of a Sports Museum in the new Riverbank precinct. Mandy also confirmed that the State History Conference planning is proceeding well (Robe, 23-25 October).

Melanie Oppenheimer left at 6.30pm.

4. Events: Annual Lecture (see also no 14, for all events, updated)

- a) Charging - suggest \$5 per head payable at the door – for just the city event. Several members felt that \$5 was too expensive and a \$2 entry fee payable at the door was preferable.
- b) Using Eventbrite booking system to take bookings for the event (both country and city). Mandy confirmed that this system is easy to use and free to use if your event is free; a percentage cost is incurred if you charge an entrance fee. Richard to investigate and a decision is to be made by the Executive.
- c) Application for a CAL grant for the lectures successful. Costs for Dr Rosalie Triolo's lectures in Adelaide and Mt Pleasant to be shared with History Teachers Association. Annmarie and Susan to continue organisation and liaison with HTASA and Paul Bartsch in Mt Pleasant.

Norman Etherington left at 6.45pm.

5. Awards and prizes for 2015

- a) Committee members had been requested to nominate for HCSA awards before 29 May deadline. 12 nominations were received. Geoffrey Bishop, who was one of the three judges, confirmed that all were worthy nominations. Judging has taken place. Winners will be announced at the ceremony in July.
- b) The Governor has confirmed he will host awards presentation at Government House on 30 July and GHouse will soon send out RSVP details.
- c) All Committee members will be invited. Jenny Stock and Sue Coppin confirmed that they cannot attend and so will be removed from the invitation list before Annmarie forwards it to GHouse on 9 June.

6. Website/Communications

- a) Website- no news as Annette Mills is absent.
- b) Twitter- L Gobbett reported that we now have over 850 followers and a great deal of engagement with History events such as the recent ALIA/SALIN History Quiz night.
- c) eNews – A Reid reported that members are continuing to send materials through for the newsletter, which is now sent out fortnightly. Member groups report increased attendance at their events when they 'advertise' through the eNewsletter.

Jenny Stock left at 6.55pm.

7. Membership Report- Michael's report was tabled in his absence.

8. President's Report – Susan's newsletter update/report was tabled in her absence.

9. Treasurer's Report. Greg confirmed that we still have \$9,600 in the account and are awaiting the CAL funding amount of \$2000.

10. Correspondence – Secretary’s Report. Annmarie confirmed receipt of various newsletters from member organisations and over 300 emails since the last meeting.

11. Any other business

Member Michael Mills [via Katherine Howard] has asked us to publicise the Illuminart project to be held at the Torrens Parade Ground in July, re Violet Day. Annmarie will follow-up and publicise via the eNewsletter.

12. Dates of 2015 meetings. (Mondays 5.30-7pm)

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

13 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

31 August; 23 November

14. Event dates:

- a. JULY Awards Night 30 July at Government House
- b. AUGUST City annual lecture Friday 7 August at State Library Lecture Theatre, following History Teachers conference
- c. AUGUST Country Lecture Saturday 8 August at Talunga Park Pavilion, Mt Pleasant Recreation Ground, Melrose Street (main street)
- d. SEPTEMBER AGM 18 September at State Library Lecture Theatre

Meeting closed at: 7.15pm