

MINUTES FOR HCSA [GENERAL] COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday 2 March 2015 5.30pm – 7pm
History SA, Parade Ground

Welcome: to two new members David Barber (Genealogy SA) and Elspeth Grant (HTASA)

Present: Susan Marsden, , Richard Venus, Melanie Oppenheimer, Jenny Stock, Mandy Paul, Greg Slattery, Sue Coppin, , Norman Etherington, , Kiera Lindsey, Elspeth Grant, David Barber

Apologies: Annmarie Reid, Lauren Gobbett, Geoffrey Bishop, Wilfrid Prest

1. Minutes of previous meetings

- a) Confirm: General Committee minutes (1 December)
Motion to accept minutes by Kiera Lindsey
Seconded by Melanie Oppenheimer
- b) Note: Executive meeting minutes (9 February 2015). The minutes were noted.

2. Business arising from the Minutes

a) Next President

Susan raised the issue that her term as President is coming to an end in September
[Norman Ethrington arrived 5.40pm]

b) Wakefield Prize

Susan formally thanked the Wakefield Prize judges. Melanie commented that one of her students won the prize and is thrilled. The prize is to be shared between Yianni Cartledge of Flinders University and Carmel Pascale from the University of Adelaide.

c) DGR application

Richard updated the committee on the DGR status application. Bernie O’Neil, Wilf Prest and Alison Mackinnon have been approached about being ‘responsible persons’ for the fund. In principle each has agreed

[Heidi Ing arrived 5.45pm]

Richard expanded upon the notion of what the ‘responsible persons’ do and his interpretation is that they are in affect trustees of the fund but do not necessarily administer the fund. The executive committee will operate the fund and Richard anticipates that the committee will formulate a proposal for use of the funds and the responsible persons will oversee discussion to ensure funds are used with probity and sign off proposal for use of the funds.

David commented that a similar structure operates at Genealogy SA with the library fund. The responsible persons don’t manage the fund but oversee appropriate expenditure that fit with the objectives of the society.

Keira asked if the funds were mismanaged who is actually responsible David suggested that is the responsible persons and they need to be appraised of this before taking on the role.

Genealogy SA has policies and guidelines on the use of these funds.

d) Application for community history program with HistorySA

Greg talked about Amanda James approaching HCSA about a History SA/Artlab workshop in a regional area – possibly Jamestown. Funding in the past has come from a VolunteerSA grant. HistorySA cannot apply for the grant so ideal if HCSA can. Amanda is willing to help with the application process and we will need to add a copy of our Certificate of Incorporation. The grant needs to be submitted by Friday 13 March.

Kiera asked what the workshop was about Richard said it was “Maintaining Archival Material”. Greg asked if there was anyone willing to help pull this together – Annette volunteered.

[Action Greg to email details to Annette]

Mandy commented that this process has happened before and Amanda has it worked out how many can be afforded over the year.

Greg added that the HCSA contribution might be to fund the catering for the workshop All present agreed that HCSA would support up to \$500 for catering to show in kind support.

3. HCSA Advocacy and advice

- a) We don't know what is happening regarding the amalgamation of State Records and the State Library in spite asking. Susan wants to arrange a meeting with the Arts Minister and discuss this. Susan commented that the ASA has lodged an FOI request for the Allison Report.

- b) Apart from a preliminary report the future of the cultural boards future is still now known. Again this is an issue Susan wants to raise with the Arts Minister.

Susan asked all members to email her with anything specific to raise with the Minister. Heidi commented that the Friends of SA Archives received a verbal assurance that they would receive a copy of the Moss Report on the State Records Legislation. They would like a copy of the Alison Review also and Heidi asked what she could do to obtain them on behalf of FSAA.

- c) University of Adelaide has de-aggregated History and Politics. Jenny confirmed that this has happened.
Kiera asked about heads of history HASA survey of courses and students as she has been nominated to the role. She thinks that a lot of useful information could be in the documents and has the makings of a longitudinal study on the teaching of history in Universities.
Melanie suggests advocacy on history taught in high schools as she has been quite surprised at the difference between NSW and SA. Susan also commented on the cohort of Professional Historians in SA who are becoming less and less.
Elspeth suggests that it would be useful to have a conversation with the SACE Board as the National History Curriculum will be implemented in SA in 2016. Elspeth, Keira and Melanie agreed that it would be useful to have a three way discussion looking at fostering history across the generations starting with broadening the range of history offered in high school. Kiera asked if at the HTASA conference this year will some-one from SACE be there – Elspeth will talk to the committee about this – Kiera suggested at Q and A panel session where SACE Board, HTASA and University are represented. Kiera said she would be happy to participate.

4. Annual Lecture shared speaker with HTASA

Rosalie Trioli from Monash University will be the speaker this year and will deliver the regional lecture at Mt Pleasant. Rosalie's talk will be about education in SA during WW1:

'What types of schools existed in South Australia during the Great War? What did students learn about the British Empire, its Allies and enemies? What sorts of values were expected of, and activities practised by, teachers and students in different school types? What were some of the war's short-term and long-term consequences for teachers and students? Why did some teachers and pupils enlist directly from schools, and how did school communities respond to the death and wounding of those people they knew? Using copies of the DVA resource, 'Schooling, Service and the Great War' and additional 'primary sources' drawn from different South Australian collections and school histories, this workshop will provide classroom-ready investigations about a breadth of experiences as well as provide advice by which teachers and pupils may research their own school's or local community's experiences of the time'.

Dr Rosalie Triolo lectures in History Education, and is an HTAV Past President and Life Member. She has authored scholarly works and professional learning and classroom resources for primary/secondary/tertiary audiences, including DVA's 'Schooling, Service and the Great War'. Her book, *Our Schools and the War*, was 'Commended': Victorian History Publication Award, 2012.

Paula Bartsch is helping coordinate the Mt Pleasant event.
Annual Lecture is on 7 August and the Mt Pleasant lecture will be on 8 August.

5. Shared international speaker with colleague interstate History Councils

Raised by HCNSW and Victoria one every few years – we have agreed in principle. Susan added it would be good to coordinate with either the Society of Australian Genealogists or the Federation of Australian Historical Societies.

6. Awards and Prizes 2015

a) Presentations

30 July Wakefield Prize 2014 and History Prize will be presented. Awaiting confirmation from Government House. SLSA venue has been booked as a back-up.

2015 History Award judges have been approached and awaiting response from them.

HSSA does a great job in formally nominating members for awards - can all please think about this approach. Deadline is 29 May. Susan asked Norman if the National Trust could add something about the awards – Norman suggests send an email to the National Trust.

[Action Susan to email National Trust about adding the awards to the newsletter]

Susan has asked the HSSA and asked David about adding to the Genealogy SA newsletters

b) 18 September will be the AGM and to coincide with this will be possible showcase of graduate work and also presentations by the Wakefield Prize 2014 winners.

7. Website/Communications

a) Website has been updated. If there is anything else that requires updating please let Annette know. Annette asked about the closing date for 2015 Wakefield Prize winners all agreed First Monday in December (7 December).

b) Lauren asked Annette to report that twitter has approximately 750 followers. We won a prize from State Records publicising their collections using their hash tag. The prize consists of some high quality postcards. Annette conveyed on Lauren's behalf that she would like to run

a similar competition using the post cards as a prize. Something along the lines of share your SA History tidbit at hashtag?? (something catchy and brief).

Kiera suggested that this should be held off until History Month – share your favourite History Festival event or geocaching with history places. Susan suggested tying it in with the North Road Cemetery tour she is running jointly with HCSA and PHASA – something along the lines of Which well-known South Australians are buried at North Road Cemetery

- c) Heidi reported that the e-news has been very well received by members of the Friends of SAs Archives.

8. Membership Report

We have 99 members would be good to get 100. Discussion around how many people this actually represents for as our organisational members are the bulk of our members.

9. President's Report

All matters covered in above agenda items. Susan added that she is negotiating with the Conservation Council regarding South Australia's Grand Plan - it fails to mention the natural or cultural environment.

10. Treasurer's Report

No activity to report. \$3000 to be transferred from the General Account to the Investment Account when it the Investment account is renewed on 26 June. Greg investigated a higher interest account called Incentive Saver but does not look viable for our purposes. Current balances are \$9919.27 in the general account and \$2000 in the Investment account.

11. Correspondence

Nothing to report. Mainly correspondence with Government House regarding the awards.

[Susan and Norman left at 6.55]

12. Any Other Business

Mandy highlighted that the call for papers for the State History Conference close on 20 March. History Month currently has 513 registered events from 300 organisers. It will not include Open House Adelaide this year as there is a new Festival of Architecture and Design. Migration Museum will have a new exhibition called *Losing the plot* opening in September

13. Dates of 2015 meetings

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 (change of date from 9 March); 15 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)

Meeting closed at: 7pm