

MINUTES FOR HCSA [GENERAL] COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday 31 August 2015 5.30pm – 7pm
History SA, Parade Ground

Present: Annette Mills, Lee Amoroso, Jenny Stock, Melanie Oppenheimer, Wilfrid Prest, Greg Slattery, Richard Venus, Mandy Paul, Peter Monteath, Lauren Gobbett, Heidi Ing, Annmarie Reid, Susan Marsden, Elspeth Grant, Michael Mills

Apologies: Geoffrey Bishop, Norman Etherington, Kiera Lindsey, Geoffrey Bishop

1. Minutes of previous meetings

- a) Wilf noted that a correction should be made to the 1 June minutes regarding the spelling of Philip Paton to Payton (under 2A of the 1 June minutes).
Minutes confirmed by Richard and seconded by Greg.

2. Business arising from the Minutes

- a) Peter Monteath will stand as President.
- b) Melanie won't continue as Peter will be representing Flinders University. There was a general discussion from those present about those who were continuing on or not. Wilf won't continue and will find another University of Adelaide representative. Susan has made some approaches to increase our number of regional members some of which are considering.
- c) Main business for the AGM are the constitutional changes see item 2.d. Other business for the AGM includes the 2 students awarded the Wakefield Prize giving 10 minute presentations. Melanie will contact Yianni to determine if he is back in the country. Melanie will be away and Peter has agreed to mentor him in powerpoint if required.
- d) Richard spoke about the changes required for DGR explaining the history and conditions we 'borrowed' from HCNSW.
Richard had a look at the model clauses in the model constitution and suggests that we use the AGM to have a quorum and we pass a special resolution to change the constitution and pass a second motion that we hold onto and act upon until we hear from the Attorney General's Department. If Attorney General's says no then the first resolution would hold.
Wilf proposed the motion and Michael seconded
ACTION: Give notice out with the AGM about the proposed changes

3. HCSA Advocacy and advice

- a) Lee representing the ASA on the HCSA was pleased with of the outcome and pointed out that due to the move of State Records to the Attorney General's Department the whole issue of amalgamation became somewhat redundant however the ASA believes that this issue of amalgamation maybe something which comes up again in the future. Jenny asked about the co-location arrangement and Lee commented that that is a separate issue.

Susan asked should we be advocating for the Mortlock Wing to be re-instated. Lee raised the point that the state library was consulting with the wider research community in their buildings and spaces review and were these views to be made accessible.

- b) Susan wrote to the minister seeking a meeting about reviewing the decision about Wakefield Press funding. There was no acknowledgement to the letter. In the last week the Chief of Staff Peter Louca will become head of ArtSA. Susan sent him an email and obtained a meeting in which Paul Rees and Jennifer Layther attended also. Upshot is that ArtSA is communicating directly with Wakefield Press to reapply for funding with the support of guidelines to help support a successful application.
- c) Other issues raised General Committee members include:
 - 1. Wakefield Press
 - 2. SA History Fund - it is underfunded
 - 3. Premier's Prize for History
 - 4. ArtSA – support administration of volunteer organisations > internships, training (Mandy pointed out that History SA already offers training but would require more funds).
 - 5. Improve State Records services for country members ie Open Gepps Cross again
 - 6. Reopening the Mortlock Wing as a centre for research
 - 7. Peter mentioned the Adelaide Museum - however those attending the meeting thought this was not a priority.

For the next meeting it would be useful to have an update from HistorySA about potential museum projects and proposals ie history of health, storage etc.

4. Events

- a) Standing room only for History Teachers conference and poor attendance for the 2 lectures. A number of factors including it was very cold and wintry, clashed with the HSSA meeting, Mt Pleasant itself is a small place and for future regional partnerships it is more advantageous to partner with a larger regional council. Also it is felt that the topic of WW1 is becoming wearing. Need to start talking very soon about a speaker for the 2016 lecture.
- b) Awards for 2016 need to think about an alternative venue as the rules have changed at Government House. To keep workload to a minimum some discussion around combining the awards with the AGM or annual lecture. Those present agreed this would be a sensible approach.

Susan thanked John Bannon, Carol Fort and Geoffrey Bishop for judging the awards and all three have said they would be happy to be approached again.

State Library has been very good however are there other venues which also allow eating and drinking that people can suggest.

Annmarie suggested that if combined later in the year ie nominations close in June but the actual awards are awarded in September it could work quite well. Wilf suggested checking what dates we've had the awards in the past to determine what might work best.

Mandy left at 6.35pm

Melanie asked if council can contribute nominations and Susan said yes they can. Susan encourages each organisation to nominate their people as they know them best. Susan

acknowledged Melanie's idea about including the Wakefield Companion Prize with the awards.

- c) VolunteerSA are advertising funds. Would it be worth considering re applying for funds for the Caring for Archives training proposed for Jamestown working with History SA. All present agreed.
- d) HTASA working with primary school teachers. Elspeth suggests this could be a way for History organisations to become familiar with what is in the curriculum. Elspeth needs to run this past the HTASA committee and will publicise through the HCSA. Greg suggested that it could be two sessions – one pitched to teachers and a separate event for community history groups. Melanie suggested that Melanie Lawless the History Inspector for schools in NSW would be quite good to be part of such a session if she was funded to come over.

Some discussion about the curriculum and particularly un-crowding the curriculum and getting rid of jurisdictional bent.

5. Awards and prizes for 2015

With thanks to the three judges for the awards (17 nominations) John Bannon, Carol Fort and Geoffrey Bishop

On 30 July at Government House the Governor presented certificates of recognition to people nominated for the awards as well as to the joint Wakefield Companion essay winners, and presented the annual HCSA awards to:

South Australian Life-long History Achievement Award – jointly awarded to Tom Gara and Graham Jaunay

South Australian Historian of the Year - Peter Donovan

South Australian Regional History Award - John Mannion

Emerging South Australian Historian of the Year - Carly Osborn

Media release sent to newsletters and media; articles in *Advertiser* 1 August 2015, although no mention of HCSA

6. Website/Communications

- a) Website is ticking along. Please advise of any errors or updates required.
- b) 900 followers. Please keep sending through any interesting things. Lauren would like to get followers up to 1000.
- c) Annmarie had nothing specific to report. It was acknowledged around the table how useful the fortnightly e-news is.

7. Membership Report-

Please ensure you are financial before the AGM.

8. President's Report –

Susan talked about preparing her last President's newsletter. At the AGM she will do retrospective and would like to thank everyone for their support during her presidency. Susan's newsletter update/report was tabled in her absence.

Jenny left @7pm

9. Treasurer's Report.

Greg confirmed that there is \$8000 in the general account.
Investment account has \$5000 in it now.
Copyright Agency grant will no longer fund catering. Transport, speaker fees and accommodation costs are ok.
History Teachers half of Rosalie's costs is \$425.
Greg will go through with Michael S to reconcile membership with finances.

Wilf left at 7.05pm

10. Correspondence – Secretary's Report. Since June 1 300 emails have been sent out including e-news.

Written correspondence in: Newsletters from organisations

Written correspondence out: Susan's letters to *The Advertiser*

Richard's correspondence re DGR

Susan's letters to Ministers

11. Any other business

No other business raised.

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

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

12 October

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

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

23 November

14. Event dates:

SEPTEMBER AGM 18 September at State Library Lecture Theatre

Meeting closed at: 7.05pm