

MINUTES FOR HCSA General Committee MEETING
Monday 23 November 2015 5.30pm – 7.30pm
History SA

Present: Jenny Stock, Christeen Schoepf, Greg Slattery, Lauren Gobbett, Jenni Caruso, Elspeth Grant, Lee Amoroso, Richard Venus, Peter Monteath, Michael Mills, David Barber, Heidi Ing, Annmarie Reid, Annette Mills, Adrian Rudzinski,
Apologies: Susan Marsden

1. Minutes of previous meetings

- a) Noted
- b) General committee meeting minutes 31 August 2015 accepted. Moved Jenny and seconded Lauren.
- c) Noted
- d) Covered in the following agenda items.
- e) Covered in the following agenda items.

2. Cultural Gifts Application – update from Richard

Richard provided some background on the application process thus far. His precis covered an outline of the criteria to be able to receive donations. HCNSW has DGR status and has very similar aims and objectives so we aligned the wording in our constitution paraphrasing their aims and objectives. This first application was rejected and at this year's AGM we made changes to our constitution adopting word for word the aims and objectives of the HCNSW and also created the account with BankSA in which to receive donations. After the AGM Richard resubmitted the application with the amended wording and the application was rejected suggesting that we don't qualify as it appears we are primarily for history and not culture.

[Adrian Rudzinski arrived 6.45]

Cultural activities are rigidly defined and it appears we are not eligible however we will appeal to the Minister on grounds that History is a form of culture and that also there is an equity issue. If the HCNSW is eligible for it why aren't we? HCNSW became eligible for DGR status in 2012.

Greg asked if we have a contact person at the ATO and Richard confirmed we do. Richard stated that we have followed the process and an outcome has been arrived at. We need to submit the review by 22 January 2016. Richard asked the committee if we should lobby the Minister for the Arts at this point. Lee suggested a South Australian Senator might take an interest. Peter asked what the process is and Richard confirmed it is to advise the department in writing – an email will do and he will ask our contact Sherridan about what we should include in our supporting reasons.

Action: Richard to go ahead with the process and seek advice from an appropriate SA Federal Minister.

Lee asked is there a list of other History organisations that have this status on the register and if there are identifying them would highlight the equity issue more.

3. Literary Trail

Greg talked to the group about promoting literary people in South Australia. He gave the group a copy of a draft brochure he has put together and is looking for sponsorship and endorsement from the HCSA and possibly HistorySA to take the idea a bit further. At this stage Greg is looking for the moral support of the HCSA to leverage support from other groups.

The literary trail is looking at literary works ie poetry and fiction not history books and non-fiction.

Lee suggested that support may be forthcoming from the Minister for Regional Development and also the organisers of Writers Week and the SA Writers Centre.

Peter asked what the anticipated outcome would be and Greg suggested a map first, then a booklet, a tourist trail and or an app.

Peter thinks that the idea has a lot of merit and could establish and trial it in the North and follow the trail to the South ie establish the northern trail and use it as a model and then build on it and connect it up. Greg said that he has approached Penola and Port McDonnell groups and they are quite excited about the idea.

Greg would like to keep the trail to historical fiction writers however would like include some selective contemporary authors such as Barbara Hanrahan and Sean Williams as he believes their inclusion in the trail would hold more interest.

All present agree that the History Council should give Greg the moral support he seeks to progress the project to pilot northern and southern maps.

Action: At the next executive meeting we discuss what financial and /practical support the HCSA can provide.

Richard asked can we add this to our website Annette confirmed that we should be able to.

Greg will write correspondence on HCSA letterhead and Christeen will add this item to her Port Pirie newsletter.

4. Vacant position on the executive

Peter asked for people to nominate for this vacancy by emailing him or to send him a suggestion.

5. HCSA advocacy and advice

Peter urged the group to let him know what matters to you or your organisation and how the HCSA can help.

Lee asked if we had a clear idea at this point what our groups are advocating for at the moment. Heidi commented that Friends of SA Archives are advocating for a reading room where the actual archival material is.

Lee commented that the ASA is concerned about the State Records Review and the fact that State Records does not have a digital archive which would allow preservation of born digital records.

Heidi suggested that the ASA and the Friends of SA archives could work more closely together as it appears both organisations have written separately for the release of the Moss Report.

Jenny suggested that keeping an eye on Tim Lloyd's column we could support some of the issues he highlights.

Greg commented that the Museum of SA was mentioned on the radio again.

Peter declared this is an open agenda item and if there is an issue the HCSA may be able to support and advocate for please get in touch.

6. Events

a) Local person for 2016.

Copyright Council funding criteria have changed ie catering will no longer be funded but funding criteria will still cover advertising and promotion.

For the regional lecture Philip Butters will deliver it and we will work with Greg to enable this.

Lauren suggested depending on timing we could coincide this with library and information week.

Peter suggested for the city lecture Peter Goston on Big History – SA the first 10million years

For 2017 Elspeth suggested Hieu Van Le going back to the Riverland

Action: Approach Phil Butters for regional lecture in Laura.

Christeen asked about catering and Annmarie said that it has worked well in the past that the local group we partner with provides the catering and we provide the speaker.

Action: Executive meeting in February to discuss further

- b) Annette talked about the History Month program with a workshop on digital humanities. Peter asked about adding this to the History Month Program and Annette confirmed that she would follow up and do this. She asked about asking people to pay? Greg commented that people seem to have more respect for an event if they have to pay something. Peter suggested a compromise if you are a member of the HSCSA it is free and if you join the HCSA you come for free.

7. Awards and Prizes

- a) Flinders University has a high school SA prize and there is potential for it to become a joint prize with HCSA. Peter has discussed the potential of this with Matt Fitzpatrick and Paul Foley and both are supportive. Paul Foley recommends that the prize is restricted to Year 12 Independent Research > History Teacher submits the essay.
- b) Wakefield Prize – as Annmarie will be away all submissions will come through the PO Box and not email this year. Peter has contacted all relevant people so they know about it.
- c) Noted.

8. HCSA records

Annette talked about depositing records with the State Library and suggested an embargo period of 10 years for records containing contact details – ie names and addresses. Lee suggested 20 years.

All agreed for Annette to send the box list around to the committee for discussion and decision for the March meeting.

Action Annette to circulate box list with March agenda.

9. Website/communications

Noted that Susan is writing a history/chronology to be added to the website

10. President's report

Peter reported that he is still going through a handover process with Susan. He is consulting with stakeholders as much as possible. Had a meeting with Kevin Jones who is acting CEO. He will act in the position until the position is recruited permanently.

Contacted David Peacock regarding the Martindale Hall sale and wrote a letter to *The Advertiser* on 30 October which was published.

Peter intends to follow the tradition of publishing a quarterly newsletter and the first will be in early December.

11. Members report

Members now over 100. All present please check you are financial.

Thank you to Michael Schwarzbord for this work and submitting the report.

12. Treasurer's report

We have \$11,268 in the general account.

Greg suggests we could put some funds in a term deposit which already has \$5000 and with an additional \$5000 would give us \$10,000 in term deposit.

Greg proposed transferring \$5,000 to term deposit. Richard seconded.

Motion passed.

[Jenny left meeting at 7pm]

13. Correspondence

In: Letter from Jack Snelling

Email received commending Peter on his letter published in *The Advertiser*

Out: Various

14. Any other business

Elspeth mentioned the HTASA being recognised as an innovative organisation for providing workshops, speakers at national level, collaboration with HCSA and special mention for Sally McGuire from Mt Carmel College

[Christeen and Richard left at 7.05pm]

14. Proposed dates of meetings for 2016

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

No meeting in January;

8 February;

11 April;

11 July;

10 October

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

(Mondays 5.30–7.30 pm, History SA Board room, Torrens Parade Ground).

Tentative dates for 2016

7 March

20 June;

08 August

14 November

Event dates 2015:

Wakefield Prize nominations due 15 December 2015

Event dates 2016:

a. Digital Humanities - May

b. Awards Night - July

c. City annual lecture August

d. Country Lecture. - August

e. AGM - September

Lauren pointed out there could be a potential clash in August with the ALIA National conference and the Red Cross Archives conference which occur in August.

Meeting ended 7.10pm