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**MINUTES FOR HCSA Annual General Meeting
Friday 29th August, 2014 State Library of South Australia – Hetzel Theatre**

Meeting opened at: 4.45pm

1. Present:

Margrette Kleinig

Michael Mills

Lyn and Chris Gill

Pauline Payne

Greg Slattery

Annmarie Reid

Richard Venus

Susan Marsden

Annette Mills

Ron Gibbs

Bridget Jolley (for Jenny Stock)

Hugh Magarey

Keira Lindsey

Adrian Rudzinski

2. Apologies: Lauren Gobbett, Sue Coppin, Geoffrey Bishop, Jenny Stock, Alison Mackinnon, Margaret MacDonald, Brian Samuels,

3. Minutes of 2013 AGM

Minutes of the 2013 AGM be accepted. Moved Greg Slattery and seconded by Richard Venus. Motion carried.

4. Business arising from the Minutes

No business arising from the minutes

5. President's Report

See attachment 1

Susan Marsden moved that the President's report be received and adopted. Moved Greg Slattery and seconded by Richard Venus.

Motion carried.

6. Treasurer's report

See attachment 2

Greg Slattery thanked Michael Swarcbord for all his work on the membership database.

\$5000 in term account some funds were used to rebuild the website.

Greg moved that the Treasurer's report be received and adopted. Moved Pauline Payne and seconded by Hugh Magarey.

Motion carried.

7. Election of Secretary

Annemarie Reid and Annette Mills (both with one year remaining) accept position of shared secretary.

8. Election of Committee members

8.1 Executive Committee

President Susan Marsden (Individual member) Her 2 year term 2012-2014 has ended and she has been nominated for a further two year term. Moved Hugh Magarey seconded Keira Lindsey

Immediate Past President Wilfred Prest (University of Adelaide). His 2 year term has ended and he has been nominated for a further two year term . Moved Pauline Payne seconded Annette Mills.

Vice President Richard Venus (Engineers Australia). His two year term 2012-2014 has ended and he has been nominated for a further two year term. Moved Hugh Magarey and seconded Greg Slattery.

Treasurer Greg Slattery (Friends of Immanuel College Archives). His two year term 2012-2014 has ended and he has been nominated for a further two year term. Moved Adrian Rudzinski and seconded Pauline Payne.

Member of the Executive Committee Geoff Roe Philips has been nominated by Genaology SA for a two year term to be a member of the Executive Committee. Moved Greg Slattery and seconded Richard Venus.

8.2 General Committee

Nominations received from:

Lauren Gobbett (Australian Library and Information Association)

Norman Etherington (National Trust)

Adrian Rudzinski (Flinders University)

Jenny Stock (Professional Historians Association SA Branch)

Michael Mills (Museums Australia SA Branch) succeeded Alexis Tindall in 2014 prior to the AGM.

There being fewer nominations than positions vacant all above nominees were declared and elected.

8.3 The 2014-2015 Committee is composed of the following (excluding executive)

(a) Members elected 2014 for a two year term (expires 2016 AGM)

Norman Etherington (National Trust)

Michael Mills (Museums Australia, SA Branch)

Adrian Rudzinski (Flinders University)

Jenny Stock (Professional Historians Association SA)

Lauren Gobbett (Australian Library and Information Association)

(b) Members elected 2013 for a two year term , with one year remaining (expires 2015 AGM)

Melanie Oppenheimer (Flinders University, History)

David Albano (History Teachers Association SA)

Geoffrey Bishop (Historical Society of SA)

Kiera Lindsey (UniSA Hawke Research Institute)

Heidi Ing (Friends of SA Archives)

c) Executive (also members of General committee)

Susan Marsden - President (2 years expires 2016)

Wilf Prest – Immediate past president (2 years expires 2016)

Richard Venus Vice President (2 years expires 2016)

Greg Slattery Treasurer (2 years expires 2016)

Annamarie Reid Secretary (1 year remaining expires 2015)

Annette Mills Co Secretary and web controller (1 year remaining expires 2015)

Sue Coppin (Australian Society of Archivists, SA Branch) (1 year remaining expires 2015)

Geoff Roe Philips (Genealogy SA) (2 years expires 2016)

Note: Ex officio membership secretary Michael Szwarcbord (individual member)

8.4. Total membership of General Committee

This brings the total membership of the General Committee (including executive) to 18 (20 maximum). Susan thanked retiring members Margaret Anderson (History SA), Hugh Magarey (National Trust SA - Coromandel Valley And Districts Branch) and Alexis Tindall who was succeeded earlier by Michael Mills.

9. General Business

Susan talked around some of the issues with the recent review into the amalgamation of State Records and State Library SA and the review into State Records Act the outcomes of which are unknown at this stage.

Susan announced that people were welcome to stay on for the History Council Annual Lecture which is following the AGM.

10. Meeting closed at 5.15pm

Attachment 1:

History Council of South Australia - President's Report AGM 2014 (Susan Marsden, 29 August 2014)

I'm pleased to present this annual report to the 12th AGM of the History Council of South Australia at the end of my second year as your President. I'll keep this brief, as the AGM will be followed tonight by the Annual Lecture. The printed report will also be available on our website, by email (or on request, by post).

We persevered with our work through 2013-14, planning events and awards and undertaking advocacy. As outlined in my first *President's Newsletter* (May 2013), our work falls broadly into two parts:

1 Maintaining and consolidating current activities: promoting members and history, including media articles; arranging events; website update and email newsletter; services to members; and awards.

2 Helping develop HCSA activities: enlarge and consult with membership; speak with general committee members; extend advocacy, liaison and lobbying; meet with or write to key staff, agencies and ministers.

All of those activities have been followed up, as detailed in the President's Newsletters and in the e-news. In summary, our calendar has included two public events during May's *About Time* History month, two Annual Lectures, and a 'gala event' for invited guests when the Governor presented the HCSA's 2014 Historians' Awards. We increased communications with members and other supporters by personal contact, with weekly e-news, and on Twitter, and completed updating our website. We developed advocacy and history-promoting activities, and to truly represent a wide constituency, with the help of my husband Michael Szwarcbord, updated the membership database, compiled a long list of potential members and contacted them by post and email. This and other actions doubled membership to around 80, including 30 rural organisations and individuals.

HCSA Operations

I'm grateful to all members of the HCSA Committee for the wide range of contributions they make, and in particular thank long-term retiring members Hugh Magarey and Margaret Anderson, as well as Alexis Tindall (succeeded earlier in 2014 by Michael Mills). I am exceedingly fortunate also in enjoying a supportive and active Executive: Richard Venus, Wilfrid Prest, Greg Slattery, Annmarie Reid, Annette Mills and Sue Coppin (David Albano retired for a time due to illness). Annmarie's weekly e-news has drawn a warm response from our members – as also expressed in person at the annual lecture in Clare on 28 August. I also thank Michael Szwarcbord for his membership secretary work.

Our income derives from membership subscriptions, which have remained unchanged for several years. We gained a third grant (\$2000) from the Cultural Fund of the Copyright Agency Ltd towards the costs of mounting our Annual lecture. The Council (General Committee) met on 25 November 2013; and in 2014 on 17 March, 16 June, and 25 August.

The Executive met on 21 October 2013, and in 2014 on 2 February, 5 May, and 21 July. The 11th AGM was held on 20 September 2013 and the 12th AGM on 29 August 2014.

Awards

In Writers' Week we made two public announcements: that, for the first time an outstanding regional historian would be honoured in the HCSA's annual award ceremony; and that Walter Marsh had won the Wakefield Companion to South Australian History Undergraduate Essay Prize 2013. Four historians were honoured with the Awards at the ceremony held on 17 July at Government House. His Excellency Rear Admiral the Honourable Kevin Scarce AC CSC RANR presented the Awards to: Ms Christeen Schoepf - Emerging South Australian Historian of the Year Award; Dr Brian Dickey - South Australian Lifelong History Achievement Award; Ms June Edwards - South Australian Historian of the Year Award; and Ms Paula Bartsch - South Australian Regional History (inaugural). We congratulate them, and thank His Excellency and staff for hosting the Awards, the three judges: John Bannon, Carol Fort and Susan Marsden, nominators and nominees, who were all invited to the event. Photos were taken by Richard Venus with the help of Pam Venus, and can be accessed on our website.

Events (2014)

21 March: Joint State Library of SA and HCSA workshop, at Port Pirie Public Library.

29 May and 31 May: SA Film Corporation's 1970s films on 'The changing role of women', co-hosted with Flinders University Library, with talks by film experts and historians, including HCSA committee member Professor Melanie Oppenheimer. Audiences of around 60 appreciated the refreshments supplied by HCSA.

17 July: Governor's presentation of HCSA 2014 Awards.

28 and 29 August: Annual History Council Lecture -, on '*Colonial South Australians, 1836—1900: who were they?*' Both country lecture (at Clare Town Hall) and Adelaide lecture presented by *Ron Gibbs*. Co-hosted with Clare Regional History Group & Clare Library Service (28th), supported by State Library of SA (29th)

29 August: HCSA 12th AGM.

Advocacy and consultation

Consulting with members and advocacy has involved meetings with member organisations, media interviews and letters, campaigns (including membership of History SA's campaign group for a Museum of Adelaide; and with archivists, opposing the integration of State Records with the State Library), submissions (including: review of State Records Act; review of proposal to integrate State Records and State Library; review concerning reform or abolition of government boards), and meeting with MPs. These included a meeting on 22 October 2013 with Hon Ian Hunter (Minister for Environment & Conservation) and confirmed for 2 September with Hon Geoff Brock (Minister for Regional Development), for which we consulted closely with rural members.

Members and other supporters

I'd like to record our gratitude to members, sponsors and other supporters. For vital financial support, thanks to our members and the Cultural Fund of the Copyright Agency Ltd. We also greatly appreciated support in kind from our sponsors Brick Kiln Wines and Scorpillion Wines, Graphic Designer Alison Fort and Ursh Richards at onlineiq and Wakefield

Press. The publisher Wakefield Press generously provided vouchers for \$400 worth of their books, presented to the four HCSA Award recipients (that is, for an additional award). We're also grateful to host venues - for our regular meetings and events, the State Library of SA and History SA - and for other events: Dr Gillian Dooley and Flinders University Library, Government House, Clare and District Historical Society and Clare Library Service.

Last year I asked: Have we raised the profile of history in SA? Of the HCSA? Have we helped to defend the concept of history and heritage? Are members and supporters being usefully informed? The answers have been 'Yes' from members, guests and other interested people, in media interviews and published letters, and in correspondence with MPs and others. But we can always do more, and ask your advice on what that might be, and how a small, voluntary member-funded organisation can most effectively do so. I believe that our collective work is significant not only because of its contribution to the cultural life of the State, but the HCSA as a non-government organisation plays a vital role in our democracy.

This is YOUR History Council, please circulate our brochures and newsletters, encourage new membership, advise HCSA representatives about issues you want to raise, and send notice of your own history events to our co-secretary and editor, Annmarie Reid, for emails and tweeting. I look forward to engaging with a much-increased membership and speaking on your behalf as 'the voice for history in South Australia'.

***Thankyou,
Susan Marsden***

