AUSTRALIAN ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION Inc.
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Kondari Resort, Hervey Bay, Queensland
Friday 7 December 2001, 7:30pm-9:30pm.

1.Present/Apologies

Tam Smith, Jack Golson, Huw Barton, Donald Pate

2. Minutes of previous AAA AGM (Beechworth Victoria, 1 December 2000, 5:00pm)

Motion: That the minutes of the previous AGM be accepted as a true record of the meeting.
Moved Colin Pardoe, seconded Peter White and passed unanimously.

3. Confirmation of office bearers, editorial team and representatives 2001

This item was moved to item 6: Election of office bearers, editorial team and State/Territory & Indigenous representatives

4. Business arising from previous minutes

4.1Maintaining AAA membership (Richard Fullagar)

(Richard's presentation will be provided separately to the 2002 AGM)

4.2 AAA Logo revisited (Colin Pardoe)

Colin presented an overview of the logo debate during 2000 and the rationale for revisiting the matter again.

Louis Warren advised Colin that 33 AAA members attended the 2000 AGM, which was a quorum.

Motion: That AAA change its current logo. Proposed John Clegg, seconded by Annie Ross.

John Clegg advised that the logo images were of Majorie Sullivan chasing Phil Hughes and asserted that it was clearly a 'rip off' or appropriation of an indigenous art style.

Ken Mulvaney asserted very strongly that the logo was neither a 'rip off' or appropriation although it was obviously construed and designed to look similar to an indigenous art style.

Dan Witter agreed with Ken's view

Iain Davison advised that the style was from Arnhem Land and the logo designed and executed by Ian Brown

Val Attenbrow stated that she was a strong traditionalist and would prefer to keep the logo 'as is' and isn't concerned about the present logo.

Judith Field also thought that the Association should keep the logo, if for no other reason than it has historical importance to the association and its origins.

John Richter suggested that the Association hold a competition to design a new logo.

Jo McDonald suggested, in light of the significance that arguably pertains to the existing logo, that rather than change the entire logo that perhaps only the items that they are holding could be changed.

Sue O'Connor advised that in if it was to change then considerable caution needed to be taken to avoid it ending up as some slick corporate designed that has no real identifiable meaning to any of the members.

Maria Cotter thought that given it represents all humanity it is arguably generalised sufficiently to represent all the varied archaeological sub-disciplines and interests.

Roger Luebbers felt that if symbols are important, as this one seems to be, then arguably it needs to be thoroughly considered by all AAA members and not just those at the AGM.

Colin Pardoe recommended that if members agreed then the matter could be taken up the incoming AAA executive over the course of 2002.

Amended motion: Iain Davidson requested to amend an earlier motion to one that reads: "That the AAA executive make available a range of logo proposals to members and publish these in a future edition of *AA* and requesting that they vote on these options"

Robin Torrence supported Iain's revised motion provided that the existing AAA logo was included as a voting option.

Iain Davidson's amended motion was further amended with Robin's suggested amendment.

Motion: That the AAA executive make available a range of logo proposals to members, including the current logo, and publish these in a future edition of the *AA* and arrange a vote by members on these options.

Motion proposed by Iain Davison and seconded by Cate Mitchell.

A show of hands was 64 in favour of the motion, 5 against and 5 abstaining.

4.3 Australian Archaeology on-line (Pam Smith)

Pam Smith reported that, as announced in the Editors' Report (AGM 2000) and published in *AA* 53, *Australian Archaeology* is now available on-line. Members agreed at the 2001 AGM that the Editors should negotiate the on-line agreement with Copyright Agency Limited, this agreement has now been signed and the journal is available through tertiary institutions subscribing to the Australian Public Affairs Full Text service. The Editors has also been approached by Journals Australia to use them to provide an on-line service (abstracts only).

Richard Fullagar suggested that the arrangement to have the *AA* journal go 'on line' in full text through Journals Australia include a link between the AAA web site.

Pam Smith advised that although the editors had not considered such a link it would look into it and report back to the executive.

John Clegg voiced a concern that AAA membership would fall as a result of *AA* going 'on line'.

Pam Smith advised that this is not likely, as only subscribing libraries as opposed to individuals, will have access to the *AA* Journals.

Annie Ross argued that as of the last AAA AGM meeting in Beechworth, individuals were supposed to have access under any arrangement to go 'on line'.

John Clegg supported Annie's views and asked that the editorial officers be reprimanded for their actions and directed to fix the matter up.

Louis Warren advised that the matter Annie was referring to in the minutes of the last AGM was in fact material presented as part of an overview of discussion that appear in AUSARCH-L in the course of the year 2000 and was not moved to be voted on.

Peter White urged caution. Although stating he thought it was good idea he suggested that membership should be watched as membership, although arguably not all, was still open to be challenged in going 'on line'.

Luke Kirkwood thanked the editorial staff for putting *AA* on the world wide web and asked that AAA executive consider facilitating greater web access in the future for AAA members to *AA* journals and perhaps consider a facility 'on line' where members could communicate.

Peter White apologized for interrupting the flow of the discussion but wished to advise AAA members that the AAA web site management service previously provided by the Sydney University was now be provided privately by Ian Johnson.

Colin Pardoe wound up discussion on the matter and moved on to the next agenda item.

5. Reports

5.1 President's Report (Colin Pardoe)

Colin Pardoe's report will be distributed to members at the 2002 AGM

5.2 Secretary's Report (Louis Warren)

One formal executive meeting and a number of informal meetings of executive officer members were held during the year.

The organisation received 7 student requests for information. Most of these were secondary school students.

The organisation was involved in two disputes concerning professional reputation. One letter was written as a result and considerable discussion was undertaken by the President for both.

The Association, through the President, sent letters of thanks to three State heritage agencies thanking them for attendance at last years AAA conference. The correspondence noted that it was important for their members of staff to attend this conference, not just to bone up on the latest finds, but to liaise, keep track of developments in other states, particularly in the area of heritage and related legislation and administration etc. The Association received two replies

The Association also entered into correspondence with the Australian Research Council, Qld Heritage Council (regarding nominations), Ausheritage (this was a fact finding survey) and the Australian Honours Secretariat.

The secretary logged approximately 70 items of other correspondence which generally dealt with finalising involvement in last years conference and contributions to that years AGM minutes, drafting AAA meeting agendas, membership and back issue enquiries, AAA 2001 conference organisation, AAA office and representative position nominations. (this correspondence has been retained and an abbreviated list of details has been maintained).

The AUSARCH-L continues to be an important vehicle for archaeologists, both members and non members of AAA, for the raising and discussion of matters that have in some cases included a call for AAA involvement. Unlike the previous year the number of matters that fall into this category has reduced. This year the what has been called the 'state of the discipline' debate has been the only one calling for AAA's attention, in this case raising it as an item both at the AAA conference and AGM.

Unlike previous years AAA has not been engaged or called upon by members and other interested parties to make any submissions to government regarding heritage legislation at either the state and territory or Federal level.

5.3 Treasurer's Report (Huw Barton and presented by Richard Fullagar)

The Treasurer's Report will be distributed to members at the 2002 AGM

5.4 Membership Secretary's Report (Richard Fullagar)

The Membership Secretary's Report will be distributed to members at the 2002 AGM.

5.5 Editors' Report (Pam Smith)

Two volumes of the journal were produced during 2001 and Pam thanked her Co-editor, Donald Pate, who is currently overseas, the Editorial Committee and Graham Sporn at Flinders Press for their efforts in ensuring that the journal achieved the production deadlines.

As reported above, *Australian Archaeology* is now available on line through an agreement with Copyright Agency Limited (the Editors report from the 2000 AGM were read in order to confirm that members had previously agreed to this arrangement). Copyright Agency Ltd is a partner with the National Library of Australia and, with RMIT Publishing, produce the Australian Public Affairs Full Text service.

Two cheques have been received from Copyright Agency Ltd during the current year, one for $6,356.63 and one for $7.98 and the Association will now continue to receive regular royalty payments from Copyright Agency Ltd. The amount will be calculated on the number of times *Australian Archaeology* is accessed on-line and/or articles are photocopied and the appropriate copyright declarations are completed.

Now that the journal is available on-line and we receive royalty payments, it will be necessary for the Association to enter into agreements with authors, particularly in relation to the payment of royalties. Amy Roberts, Assistant Editor, has researched this issue and will discuss our recommendations for an appropriate Author Agreement under Other Business.

The cost of producing the two volumes of *Australian Archaeology* during 2001 was $16,500. Flinders Press will not provide an advance quote for 2002, but the cost of producing *AA* is not expected to increase. Four hundred and fifty copies of *AA* 52 were produced and four hundred and thiry copies of *AA* 53 were produced (membership was 378).

Motion: That the financial statements be accepted (NB: financial statements WERE NOT presented at the AGM)

Motion: That the annual reports be accepted (both moved by Colin Pardoe)

Both seconded by Annie Ross and through a show of hands were passed overwhelmingly.

6. Election of Office Bearers, editorial team and State/Territory & Indigenous representatives

Louis Warren read out the list of officer bearers, editorial staff and state, territory and indigenous representatives for 2001 and thanked everyone for their contribution over the year.

Colin Pardoe advised that the current AAA executive was not standing for renomination for a further term and asked the floor if there were any nominations, either by way of an entire executive team or for individual positions.

Louis Warren advised that to date the Secretary had received only one nomination for an executive position, this was for the position of AAA Secretary and was received from Dr. Bruce Veitch.

Sean Ulm was nominated for the position of AAA President by Annie Ross, which was widely applauded. Sean accepted the nomination on condition that the entire AAA executive consists of Queensland based members. Some discussion ensued over this request and Bruce Veitch graciously forfeited his nomination so that a Queensland based executive might be pursed.

Sean Ulm presented the nominations for the Queensland AAA executive positions: Sean as President, Ian Lilley as Secretary, Catherine Westcott as Treasurer and Michael Haslam as Membership Secretary. Colin Pardoe asked that the entire nominated team be put to a vote. The proposed AAA executive team was accepted unanimously.

Louis Warren advised that the Public Officer position was vacant and Colin Pardoe called for nominations for any members residing in the ACT. Sue O'Connor was nominated for the position, which she accepted and which was passed unanimously by the members.

Louis Warren advised that the current *AA* editors (Pam Smith and Donald Pate) and the editorial assistant (Amy Roberts) wished to retain their positions for 2002. Colin Pardoe called for any nominations and as none were forthcoming asked the members if they supported the current editors and the editorial assistant retaining their positions. There were no objections raised.

Louis Warren advised that one nomination had been received from Bryce Barker for the position of Short Reports editor. Colin Pardoe asked if there were any further nominations and as to whether Keryn Walshe was still interested in retaining the position for 2002 and if so whether both she and Bryce would consider sharing the position. Keryn advised that she wished to retain the position and was happy to share the position, as did Bryce. Colin Pardoe asked the members to vote on the matter and it was unanimously accepted.

Daryl West and Melissa George were unanimously accepted as AAA Indigenous Reps, replacing Shane Coghill and Badger Bates.

The other following changes to state and territory AAA representation was also voted on and passed: Judith Field (for NSW), Bruce Veitch (co – representative with Jo-Anne Thompson for WA), Darren Griffin (for SA), Michael Westaway and Debbie Argue (for the ACT), John Tunn (for Victoria) and Martin Gibbs (co-representing with Annie Ross for Queensland).

Those who retained their positions were Ken Mulvaney (for the NT), Robin Sim (for Tasmania), Annie Ross (for Queensland) and Jo – Anne Thompson (for WA).

AAA office bearers, *AA* editorial team and AAA representatives for 2002 are listed below:

President:	Sean Ulm
Secretary:	Ian Lilley
Treasurer:	Catherine Westcott
Membership Secretary:	Michael Haslam
Public Officer:	Sue O'Connor
Editors	Donald Pate & Pam Smith
Editorial Assistant	Amy Roberts
Short Reports Editors	Keryn Walshe & Bryce Barker
Review Editors	Jo McDonald & Alistair Paterson
Indigenous Reps	Darryl West & Melissa George
State Reps	
NSW	Judith Field
WA	Bruce Veitch & Jo - Anne Thompson
NT	Ken Mulvaney
SA	Darren Griffin
QLD	Martin Gibbs & Annie Ross
ACT	Michael Westaway & Debbie Argue
VIC	John Tunn
TAS	Robin Sim

7. Other business

1. Matters Arising from the State of the Discipline Workshop

Ian Lilley reiterated the outcome of the workshop, summing up that overall there was a disappointing lack of expected interest and no motions moved. He advised that he was personally interested in taking on a review of the discipline, believing that there is both support for this and a need to take action.

Iain Davidson moved that the Association should at the very least have a media liaison or a public affairs person and nominated Anita Smith.

Peter Veth felt that it was very worthwhile suggestion and the AAA should actually pay for the position, using some of its quite substantial financial savings.

Peter White nominated Peter Veth to be the media/public affairs officer.

Robin Sim disagreed on the need to create this new position. She thought that such activities were really the role of state and territory representatives.

Annie Ross felt that this role was not really the domain of state and territory reps. It can be an extremely demanding role and gave a number of examples of this and how it could be to onerous a task.

Ian Lilley felt that the solution was to have the state and territory representatives report to the proposed media officer.

Colin Pardoe, furthering the debate around Iain Davidson's motion, asked that the new AAA executive form a subcommittee to review the proposal for a media officer position and take appropriate action.

2. Confirmation of AAA Inc. Conference Prizes as Recurrently Funded (Sean Ulm)

Motion: that AAA fund recurrent prizes/awards for the categories of best overall paper and best student paper.

Moved by Sean Ulm. Louis Warren seconded the motion

Iain Davidson proposed that AAA fund a prize for best poster that has been produced without the benefit of computer graphics and design software.

Laila Haglund suggested that there is a real need to be able to access the information/research etc presented in the posters as has been done for the papers.

Amy Roberts advised that the call for posters did not advise that publication was part of the deal.

Sean Ulm said that thought is being given to the publication of poster details.

Members were referred back to the original motion and this was passed by a majority.

3. Promotion of Archaeology

Michael Westaway wanted the Association to consider the promotion of archaeology at a national level and suggested something like England's archaeology week.

Louis Warren suggested that the matter could be referred to the Association's new subcommittee looking into the promotion of the discipline and the matters of concern to it.

This was supported Peter Veth and Sean Ulm noted that the AAA Executive would take up the matter.

Iain Davidson suggested that archaeology week be built around the birth or death of Gordon Childe.

4. AA conference is intimidating to some students

Libby Riches proposed that she has been approached by a number of students who have expressed that the AAA conference is generally unnecessarily intimidating and suggested that it consider hold workshops as an alternative.

Colin Pardoe disagreed with the suggestion that AAA is unnecessarily intimidating to students. It is quite understandable that some students find giving papers intimidating, some adults and long practising professionals also feel this way however it is not at all unusual in public forums to feel this.

Ian Lilley said that wether you like it or not, at some stage we all have to go through similar forums and/or public presentations as the AAA conference.

Dan Witter felt that workshops, irrespective of the reduced potential for feeling intimidated, have a lot to offer our conference and they should be considered for future conferences.

5. Long Term AAA memberships

Seam Ulm asked that AAA consider a proposal to have long-term memberships on offer and called for AAA member's views on the matter.

Peter White thought that it is really not going to make much of difference as far as a strategy for increasing membership revenue and reducing membership secretary and treasurer workload as only a small number will likely take it up.

Roger Luebber's agreed with Peter and thought it wasn't worth the effort.

John Clegg thought it was worth pursuing further, and should be looked into as far as the pros and cons much more thoroughly by AAA.

6. *AA* Journal's and articles 'on line' and the issue of copyright and royalties

Amy Roberts tabled a paper to the Executive to review and comment on. The paper presented a discussion, from a legal perspective, of the matter of royalty entitlements for *AA* and carefully considered models for future Author's Agreements between AAA and *AA* authors.

(Although tabled, this was not discussed).

7. *AA* editorial practice

John Clegg raised a number of concerns that he had regarding the *AA* editorial practice and was directed by Colin Pardoe to raise the matter in writing to the *AA* editors.

8. Update on Queensland heritage legislation

Annie Ross provided an update on the current state of affairs with the long proposed changes to Queensland Aboriginal heritage legislation.

9. Death of Roger Bird

Robin Torrence notified all those present of the unfortunate death of Roger Bird. She provided a brief overview of his contribution to the discipline through the application and refinement of the radiocarbon dating technique.

10 Southern Deserts Exhibition in February 2003.

Peter Veth announcement the Southern Deserts Exhibition is to official launched in February 2003.

11. Student position on the AAA executive.

Leslie Head called for there to be a student on the AAA executive.

Sean Ulm felt that as students are currently in two of the AAA Executive positions, having a student position was arguably superfluous and hence not required.

Ken Mulvaney could see no justification for a student position on AAA based on apparent intimidation felt by an unknown number of students and a perceived need to have a more 'student friendly' conference. He believed that the problems that gave rise to this apparent sense of intimidation were really the fault of educators in our Universities who have failed to give the appropriate level of support, review and guidance to students and the work they have presented.

John Clegg was flabbergasted by Ken's comments and totally disagreed. He stated that the students are adults and are clearly responsible for their actions and work.

Motion: That if students are not otherwise represented on the executive then at least one student needs to be co-opted.

Motion proposed by Leslie Head and seconded by Val Attenbrow and passed by a voted of hands 46 for and 3 against.

Motion: that future conference organising committees include at least one student representative.

Motion proposed by Annie Ross and seconded by Peter White and passed overwhelming by a show of hands.

8. Next meeting

Peter Veth reiterated the proposal made at last years AAA Conference for the 2002 Conference to be hosted by James Cook University in conjunction with the Australasian Institute for Maritime Archaeology (AIMA) and the Australasian Society for Historical Archaeology (ASHA).

The ANU was suggested as a possible host for the 2003 AAA Conference.

9. Close of meeting

Peter White moved a vote of thanks to the outgoing AAA executive. This was greeted by loud applause.

Peter White also moved a vote a thanks to the conference organisers, particularly the efforts of Sean Ulm and this was received by further loud applause.

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