

Australian Regolith Geoscientists Alliance AGM Tuesday 27/06/2023, Meeting Room two, Perth Convention Centre, 5pm

Anna Petts, acting chair:

- Thank you to the outgoing committee, especially Nacho for his vision over the last couple of years in creating a collaborative specialist group to reach a broader audience. Thank you for the support of me in the position as acting chair since Nacho stepped down from his position.
- We're a small specialist group within the GSA, and currently have around 50 paid members and "friends" of ARGA on top who are not paid GSA members but are on our mailing list.
- As a part of the GSA we held our last AGM online at the end of the prior AESC and now hold committee meetings every 2-3 months.
- We have a newsletter that gets our communications out, including summaries of activities. We also have Instagram and Twitter accounts to promote the deeper and lighter side of regolith as well as a new LinkedIn account. Our facebook group is fantastic and is very interactive.
- We have recently started a seminar series, collaborating with researchers across Australia and beyond to deliver talks and informal networking on all regolith topics. If you have any ideas about who may be keen to collaborate please reach out and let us know.
- Nacho brought in the ARGA strategy and approach, which promotes international collaboration as well as intersociety collaboration.
- Trying to get back to the cohesive CRCLEME support style of collaboration.
- Ongoing project- Google layer for Regolith Road Trips (collaborative with members and committee and will also be able to be edited by members with access to spreadsheet). Citizen Science Geotrail type approach.
- Can we utilize ChatGPT or similar AI to summarise CRCLEME reports and make them more widely available?
- ARGAnauts shirts please
- Thank you John Keeling for the Treasury report. \$29927

Leah Lynham and Verity Normington

- Summary of governance meeting
- More organization of smaller societies
- Non-professional involvement
- Membership category Associate member (non science degree)
- Don't need to join GSA to become an Associate (qualification is on the website)

General Discussion

- YouTube video- competition for high school students, prizes, ARGA offering support as regolith isn't typically supported in schools
- Make connections like old CRCLEME, commonality, let's link up

Incoming Committee:

- Anna Petts as Chair
Leah Lynham as Secretary
John Keeling as Treasurer
Ian Roach as webmaster
Nadir De Souza Kovacs as our Newsletter editor
And Savannah McGuirk, Anthony Dosseto Juraj Farkas and Owen Missen as general committee members!