



Australian Regolith Geoscientists Association (ARGA) Inc. Special General Meeting 2014

Minutes for the General Meeting of the Australian Regolith Geoscientists Association held at the The Singing Chef Conference facility, Cobblestone Drive, Bunbury, WA on Thursday 9th February 2012.

Meeting opened by President David Gray: 3:50pm.

Present: David Gray (President), John Keeling (Treasurer), Vanessa Wong (Conference organiser), Lisa Worrall (immediate past president), Matilda Thomas (Secretary) Stephanie McLennan (Student representative) and 20 members including: Nathan Reid, Paul Morris, Leah Moore, Margaret Sweeney, Alie Cowood, Dan Clark, Nadir de Souza Kovaks, Robert Thorne, Andreas Sheib, Matthew Cracknell, Tony Bernadi and Carmen Krapf.

1. Welcome (Chair David Gray)

The General Meeting of ARGA was opened at 3:50 pm and those present were welcomed by David Gray. The following apologies were noted:

Apologies: Ian Roach, Patrice de Caritat, Ken McQueen, Andrew McPherson, Steve Hill, Anna Petts, Ken McQueen, Tony Eggleton, Graham Taylor, Martin Smith, Mike Craig and John Wilford.

Appointment of proxy votes: Ian Roach nominated Matilda Thomas as proxy.

2. Minutes of previous AGM

Minutes of the AGM held on 14th November 2013 were presented and accepted.

3. Business arising from previous minutes not dealt with elsewhere

None

4. Reports

a. President – David Gray

David Gray thanked members for supporting the Bunbury conference and talked about the importance of the ARGA conferences to the small, but vibrant regolith community. David thanked Vanessa Wong with assistance from Matilda Thomas for the excellent conference as well as Nathan Reid for his contributions. He also thanked the Australian Clay Mineral Society (ACMS) for their role in organising the conference field trip. Ian Roach's role in establishing and maintaining the ARGA web site was gratefully acknowledged as was the role of retiring Committee Members.

b. Treasurer – John Keeling

The financial report was tabled by John Keeling. The balance held by ARGA to June 31st 2013 was \$XXX (CHECK REPORT WITH JOHN)

The treasurer spoke about the history of ARGA and the CRC LEME support “seed funding” of \$35,000 and the importance of keeping the regolith networks alive, and use of this funding through the funding and costs associated with the conference was important.

Treasurer’s report be accepted: Moved by David Gray and Seconded by Lisa Worrall - Agreed.

5. Election of Office bearers and committee members

David Gray, as retiring President, retained the Chair and called for nominations for committee from the floor.

- a. **President:** Vanessa Wong - Nominated: Lisa Worrall, Seconded: David Gray –no other nominations, elected.
- b. **Secretary:** Stephanie McLennan - Nominated: Matilda Thomas, Seconded: Vanessa Wong- elected
- c. **Treasurer:** John Keeling - Nominated: David Gray, Seconded: Matilda Thomas – elected.
- d. **Vice President:** David Gray - as retiring (immediate past President), David automatically assumed the role of Vice President, as per the ARGA rules of association.
- d. **Ordinary Committee members (3):** Nathan Reid - Nominated: Seconded: –no other nominations, elected. Carmen Krapf - Nominated: Lisa Worrall, Seconded: Nathan Reid –no other nominations, elected. Martin Smith (co-opted).
- e. **Student representative:** Margaret Sweeny - Nominated: Matilda Thomas Seconded: Leah Moore –no other nominations, elected.
- f. **Co-opted conference organiser:** Matilda Thomas – unanimously agreed.

6. Any Other Business

a. **Website:** Lisa Worrall said CSIRO would like to continue to host the CRC LEME website as it is small but very popular (one of their most popular). Charles Butt said CSIRO nearly lost/relinquished the domain name, and requested we work out how to ensure that CSIRO will be able to keep the website. Stephanie McLennan suggested a link from the old LEME webpage to the new ARGA webpage to help increase our web traffic. Lisa also added there are IP issues with transferring the website to ARGA (which would make a full transfer unlikely). David Gray suggested Matilda and/or Stephanie to contact him and Ian roach to find more information to have ready at the next meeting.

b. **Next conference:** Suggestions were made for the next conference to be held in New South Wales or the ACT, possibly the Snowy Mountains. Request that the conference be held outside of school holidays. These suggestions were referred to President Vanessa Wong and the incoming committee to take into consideration for future planning.

7. Meeting Close:

Vanessa Wong acknowledged the outgoing committee for their service to ARGA , and all the attendees and presenters for their contributions to making such a diverse and enjoyable national conference. Members present were encouraged to submit ideas for the upcoming “Regolith Future” discussion and thanked for attending, and the meeting was closed at 4.30 pm.