

Australian Regolith Geoscientists Association (ARGA) Committee Meeting

4.00 pm AEST Wednesday November 5th 2014
Phone Conference

Minutes

1. Welcome and apologies

Meeting opened at 4.05 pm AEST.

Apologies were received from Matilda Thomas, David Gray, Nathan Reid, and Carmen Krapf.

Present – Vanessa Wong, Stephanie McLennan, Margi Sweeney, John Keeling, Ian Roach, Jon Clarke, and Martin Smith.

2. Adoption of Minutes of previous Committee meeting

M. Sweeney moved for the minutes to be accepted, V. Wong seconded.

3. Matters arising from Minutes not dealt with elsewhere

Nil.

4. Correspondence

New members – Gabby Yates, Naomi Cassilles Southgate, Adam Carmichael, Philip Bean, Cornell Hanxomphou, Michael Short, and Chris Harris-Pascal.

5. Finances

\$29,764.34 as of 04/11/2014

Outgoings - \$199 – Ian Roach (website charges) – the committee approved the cost in retrospect

Income - \$8 for new memberships

Interest - \$200.61

6. Conference planning

Matilda Thomas absent from meeting, report held off until the next meeting.

Date and conference location to be finalised by next meeting (2015).

There do not appear to be any potential conference clashes with early December 2015.

7. Website

The website is still working. Ian Roach has put publications for the Australian Regolith Studies on the ARGA website.

Ian to write a request and send to David Gray/Nathan Reid to forward to CSIRO IT for a link to the ARGA website on the CRC LEME archived website.

Facebook page – members are encouraged to keep posting interesting links, articles, videos, and photos to the facebook page. **Vanessa Wong and Steph McLennan to be made administrators on the facebook page.**

8. 'Future of Regolith Discussion' and UNCOVER

Ian Roach has written a document to demonstrate the value of regolith geoscience from ARGA and it has been passed on to Vanessa Wong who will work on it and circulate to the committee.

The idea of running field trips in collaboration with other societies like the AIG and GSA was raised. This would require some sort of proposal to be written to present to the societies. To be discussed in early 2015.

Leah Moore is in the process of writing a field guide, a field trip to 'launch' the guide was suggested. **Committee to keep an eye on field trips being run by other societies or state-based events to see if ARGA could play a role, rather than trying to organize a field trip on our own. Committee to also think of potential ideas for ARGA being involved in National Science Week in 2015.**

9. Other business

It was suggested to have flyers printed for distribution at conferences – containing website, logo, purpose, and some nice photos.

The idea of re-introducing the CRC LEME 'Code Breaker' (regolith mapping codes, brief definitions, link to regolith glossary) with the ARGA logo on it.

Jon Clarke to draft a flyer. Jon to also look at the cost of a banner/poster for ARGA and getting some 'Code Breaker' cards printed. If done in time, Margi Sweeney to take them to ANZGG.

The next meeting will be in February 2015. Steph McLennan to send out an email with the next meeting dates.

10. Close of meeting

Meeting closed at 4.50 pm AEST.