

Australian Regolith Geoscientists Association (ARGA)

Committee Meeting

4.00 pm AEST Thursday April 7th 2016

Phone conference

AGENDA

1. Welcome and apologies

The meeting was opened by President Leah Moore at 4.05 pm. Apologies received from Carmen Krapf.

2. Adoption of Minutes of previous meeting (AGM – February 10th 2016)

Minutes of the 2016 AGM were accepted with no modification (moved by Nadir; seconded by Andrew).

3. Matters arising from Minutes not dealt with elsewhere

No business

4. Correspondence

- Anna Petts (member) advised via email (23 February 2016) of an updated contact email address. Membership list details have been amended accordingly.
- ARGA was contacted (24 February 2016) by Accounts Receivable at the Commonwealth Department of Agriculture and Water Resources, who had incorrectly sent a reminder for multiple overdue invoices attributable to the Australian Rubus Grower's Association. A response was by sent pointing out the incorrect attribution and requesting that the Department's records be updated.

5. Finances

- John provided an update on finances following finalisation of accounts after the 2016 Conference in Thredbo.

ARGA Balance as at 7 April 2016: \$30,494.05

Provisional Conference costs: \$6,980.27

Registrations: \$5,830.00 plus total \$2,000 donations from GA and CSIRO (\$1000 each)

Provisional Conference profit: \$849.73

6. Conference planning

ACTION: Carmen to provide a briefing at next Committee Meeting on plans for the 2018 conference.

- Leah passed on a suggestion from Ken McQueen that Mal Sheard (SA DSD) might be able to provide overlap with colleagues in the soils sphere. The point was made that Mal had not operated in those circles for some time. As Victorian Branch President of the Australian Soil Science Society (ASSSI), Vanessa has agreed to initiate some discussions through the ASSSI about shared interests between ASSSI and ARGA.

ACTION: Vanessa to liaise with Carmen Krapf and Paul Shand regarding the ARGA 2018 conference and to assess possible collaborations or combined events with ASSSI and other relevant professional societies.

7. Website

- Andrew noted that the Committee page is several years out of date with regards to Meeting Minutes. Committee agreed to update this component of the web page to the best of our ability (i.e. acquire and make available as much previous material as possible).

ACTION: Andrew to collate and provide previous minutes, etc. to Ian for upload.

- Andrew raised the issue of a centralised online facility (e.g. Dropbox) for document storage and exchange.

ACTION: Andrew and Ian to explore possibilities associated with existing web account.

- Andrew sought clarification of use of Rundle Mall postal address for correspondence. Treasurer confirmed that as most correspondence was electronic these days the weekly check of the mailbox usually only contained correspondence from the bank.

8. Other business

- The Committee unanimously agreed to formally acknowledge Matilda Thomas for her hard work in organising and successfully executing the 2016 ARGA Conference in Thredbo.
- Leah sought an update on the Australian Journal of Earth Sciences (AJES) Special Edition emanating from the 2016 ARGA conference. Vanessa confirmed that papers were due by April 30, and that she has a list of titles and some short abstracts. The normal AJES submission process for electronic publication will be followed, but the hardcopy version will not be published by AJES until all papers are available. Leah requested a list of paper titles to be circulated.
- Ian passed on information from a conversation with Anita Andrew (AJES), recording the fact that she had no concerns about ARGA conference abstracts being 'recycled' for publication in AJES, subject to remodelling of content and modification of any figures.

ACTION: Vanessa to circulate a list of current paper titles.

- Discussion of timing of future meetings for 2016 resulted in agreement that the next meeting will be held sometime in the week starting Monday 18 July, with the subsequent meeting to be set for a date in late October/early November.

ACTION: Andrew to schedule July meeting.

9. Close of meeting

Meeting closed by the President at 4.35 pm.