



Australian Regolith Geoscientists Alliance (ARGA)
Annual General Meeting 11 February 2021 (via Zoom)

Minutes

Meeting opened 6:30pm AEDST

1. **Present:** Carmen Krapf (Chair), John Keeling (Treasurer), Savannah McGuirk (Committee Member), Ignacio Gonzalez-Alvarez (Nacho; Committee Member) Anna Petts (Committee Member), Nadir de Souza Kovacs (Committee Member), Savannah McGuirk (Committee member, student representative), Helen Waldron, Leah Lynham, Mehrooz Aspandiar, Marina Costello
2. **Apologies:** Ian Roach (Secretary and Webmaster)
3. **Previous minutes:** Anna accepted the minutes of the previous meeting (21 Feb 2020), Nadir seconded.
4. **Chair's Report (Carmen)**
Since the last ARGA conference 11th April 2018, ARGA has finalised the merger with GSA as a Specialist Group in 2019.
ARGA has currently 37 members

Row Labels	Financial	Non Financial	Grand Total
Graduate		1	1
Member	21	5	26
Retired	4		4
Student	5	1	6
Grand Total	30	7	37

Instead of a standalone biannual conference in 2022 it was planned to hold a one-day Symposium at the AESC 2020 in Hobart to celebrate the merger with GSA. As the AESC was not going ahead in 2020 as a face to face conference due to Covid and moved to a virtual conference taking place from 9th-12th Feb 2021 the ARGA committee decided to go ahead with a virtual and live Symposium instead at the AESC 2021.

The ARGA Symposium went successfully ahead on 11th Feb 2021 as part of the AESC 2021. The committee put together three live sessions with a keynote each and eight Fast Fact talks. The Keith Scott Memorial Award was awarded to Paulo Vasconcelos for his excellent keynote. The student prize went to Leah Lynham. Both winners will

receive GA's Geology of Australia. Carmen to organise with Ian Roach to get it send to the recipients.

One newsletter was sent to members in 2020. Thanks to Anna for compiling it and to everyone who contributed.

Carmen attended two of the quarterly meetings of the GSA Specialist Group Chair meetings in 2020.

5. ARGA Financial Statement 8th February 2021 (see attachment)

John gave the financial statement.

Account Balance as at 20 February 2020:

Westpac Community Solutions Cash Reserve	\$492.17
Westpac Deposit Account	\$644.47
GSSA Specialist Group Account	\$28,660.72
TOTAL	\$ 29,797.36

Financial statement be accepted: moved by Carmen, second by Nadir - agreed.

6. Election of Office Bearers and Committee Members

Carmen Krapf (Chair) called for nominations for the Committee.

Chair: Ignacio Gonzalez-Alvarez (unanimous)

Secretary: Anna Petts (unanimous)

Website: Ian Roach (unanimous)

Treasurer: John Keeling (unanimous)

Committee Members: Carmen Krapf (past chair), Nadir De Souza Kovacs, Leah Lynham (student representative), Savanna McGuirk

It has been suggested that the committee is reaching out to the current ARGA members to 'recruit' one more committee member, preferably from the eastern States and from academia.

7. Correspondence

Nil to report.

8. Any other business

Nacho, as the new ARGA chair, gave a short overview for his vision for the next year and suggested a committee meeting for the first week of April.

Carmen thanked the ARGA committee (old and new) for their support and hard work during the last three years.

Meeting closed at 7:15pm AEST

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Statement of Financial Position As at 8 February 2021

Note	ARGA (GSA) 8 Feb 2021 \$	ARGA Inc. 20 Feb 2020 \$
Current Assets		
Cash		
Westpac Community Solutions cash reserve account	492.17	27,487.98
Westpac deposit account	644.47	2,142.61
GSA ARGA Specialist Group	28,660.72	0.00
	29,797.36	29,630.36
Non Current Assets		
Property, investments etc.	0.00	0.00
TOTAL ASSETS	29,797.36	29,630.36
Current Liabilities		
Payables	0.00	0.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	0.00	0.00
NET ASSETS	29,797.36	29,630.36

Statement of Income and Expenditure As at 8 Feb 2021

Note	8 Feb 2021 \$	20 Feb 2020 \$
Income		
Membership	110.50	1.00
Conference registrations	0.00	2,250.00
Bank Interest	56.50	179.16
Donations	0.00	0.00
Net operating income	167.00	2,430.16
Expenditure		
Administration, website	0.00	0.00
Conference expenses Wallaroo	0.00	4,393.83
Student bursaries	0.00	0.00
Mail box	0.00	205.00
Audit and account fees	0.00	0.00
Net operating expenses	0.00	4,598.83
NET PROFIT (LOSS)	167.00	(2,168.67)
Opening cash	29,630.36	31,799.03
CLOSING CASH	29,797.36	29,630.36

Treasurer: _____ Date 8 Feb 2021

President: _____ Date 12 Feb 2021