

GTA NSW AGM MINUTES 2016 MINUTES

The meeting was held on Tuesday 25 October 2016 at the Forest Room of the Novotel, Olympic Park – Sydney NSW

Susan Caldis – President’s Welcome. Welcomed members to meeting. Thanked council for their contributions

APOLOGIES: Martin Pluss and David Latimer and Sarah Menassa Rose

Minutes of the 2015 AGM: Tabled and Accepted MOVED and Seconded: Susan Caldis.

Susan Caldis: Presentation of the Annual Report 2016-2017

Particularly within the last year the goal and main priority was implementation and planning of the new syllabus and to remain active and relevant as an association. I think we have achieved these goals and planning day today has set us up for this progress in 2017

A number of events, typical events but also new events that have freshened up the program and helped bring alive the mantra of ‘Geography comes alive’. We have experienced with a 2 day conference which was very successful in terms of people that attended and also people that were left to organize this in my absence. For those that organized this, I thank you.

Regional Coffs harbor showed that we were most needed within Coffs harbor and Wagga Wagga.

HSC Review and APA together with conference. Feedback is that it went well and was well received with an authentic crowd and how important it is to be Geography teacher.

Student HSC Lectures. They are increasingly well attended and is pleasing to see that teachers also value this opportunity as part of their professional learning even though it cannot be accredited.

Stake holder’s connections. Maintained relationship with PTC and also other organisations with BOSTES and sectors. Engagement with academic geographers could be an avenue that could be explored or revisited but we have made numerous inroads with schools, cross sectoral as part of our goal of implementing the new syllabus.

Ambassadorship for Geography. Have many platforms to set this up. Bulletin is one of those platforms. Mention of Lorraine for the work she has done for the Bulletin. Fantastic job. Look forward to seeing more from her moving forward. Looking at moving forward in terms of technology, Thank you to people who managed the tech platform. I think our primary focus is starting to come into fruition and I think it is through our initiative and enthusiasm for the teaching of Geography that has finally made Primary teachers that they need help and where to go.

Awards that are GTA specific, discussed at planning day, also help promote what Geography is all about and the worthiness of being a Geography teacher, should go on. Happy to see an array of teachers being celebrated.

Last three years. What I had hoped to achieve in my time as a president, I feel has been achieved because of you (Committee). When I stepped up as a president, there was an emphasis on have a social media presence, made mention of council being a part of achieving this. Looking at ways to get courses accredited. Wanted to engage with regional NSW. Thanks to Sharon for heralding and introducing us to regional NSW. Wanted to continue to the buzz about an Australian Curriculum for geography in a NSW format. I wanted to be the ambassador for Geography and encourage us to have the positive conversations to encourage vibrancy, relevance and accessibility not that it had not been but to continue this. The new syllabus has given us a new opportunity to do that but none of what I saw as my project could have been achieved without you, the council.

Susan Thanks council for support and collegiality. Looking forward to what the New Year is going to hold.

-- End of report --

GRANT KLEEMAN – Treasurer’s report.

Tabled Auditors Report earlier in day

Closing balance was increase \$46, 266.

Grant thanks Mai Mai

SUSAN CALDIS – Election of Public Officers

Cathy Donnelly - Discussion about council members who have not shown on a regular basis or for a long period of time whether an email was to go out. Susan advised that it was something that had happened but was not in a position to be able to say for members to leave. Council decided to accept councilors but will list roles and responsibilities to make it clear to all members.

Nick asked regarding ACT representatives. Clarification to be sought to ensure ACT Council member is notified of additional responsibilities within the ACT.

Susan Caldis - Announced that Lorraine Chaffer will be President.

Lorraine Chaffer - voted on table for Susan Caldis to be Vice-President: Voting: Unanimous / Moved.

Grant Kleeman – Representation of GTA NSW on AGTA Board.

Moved for Susan Caldis for GTA Representative on AGTA Board.

Milton Brown: *Seconded*

Clarification on Honorary Secretary for minutes, Milton Brown. Susan Caldis, in her time as President, understood roles that Minutes secretary is different to the Honorary Secretary Role.

John Lewis – Requests clarification on roles of secretary and minute secretary. Is the President now Secretary and will minute’s secretary will be separated?

Susan – Past experiences; the minutes were completed but Paul, then went to Susan to distribute. Honorary secretary was separate for minute’s secretary.

Lorraine – advised to keep minute’s secretary separately.

John Lewis – Confirmed that minute's secretary will be separate but president will take on the honorary secretary role.

Agreed that when the meeting came to look at roles and responsibilities that it would be revisited and nuted out.

Editor – Lorraine has asked for assistance with this. Council have offered support.

Milton Brown has offered to edit articles.

Suggestions made regarding teachers sending through article. Concern about time to edit and format but also time poor. Lorraine suggested to incorporate this in next meeting about roles and responsibilities.

John Lewis – mentioned to council to put out feelers to schools for Primary teacher representation.

Membership prices to remain the same.

OTHER MEMBERS (Primary): Agree on the reduced rate \$50 for memberships.

GRANT – Propose \$23,000 Primary Focus: Voted on council. Unanimous. Moved. Accepted.

Life Memberships: will be discussed at next meeting.

Life Members

Grant

Nick

Susan Bliss

Paul

Barbara Heath

Motioned: Lorraine. *Seconded:* John Lewis.

Will be acknowledged at conference and bulletin.

Presentation of life members at annual conference

Geoff Connelly awards were supposed to be go Susan and Lorraine at AGM but did not eventuate. Asked if it was OK to be awarded at Conference.

Sharon Mclean expressed thanks to Susan for her time and expertise as president.

- 4.55pm End of AGM -