

Minutes for AGM 2002

1. Present

Merrilyn Goos, Judy Mousley, Peter Grootenboer, Kay Irwin, Helen Forgasz, Gilah Leder, Shirley Yates, Tracey Smith, Andy Begg, Ian Putt, Kay Owens, Jeanette Berman, Kim Clements, Mal McLean, George Booker, Elizabeth Warren, Steven Nisbet, Carmel Diezmann, Alistair McIntosh, Kath Truran, Mike Thomas, Philip Clarkson, Peter Sullivan, John Malone, Ken Milton, Mohan Chinnappan, Colleen Vale, Bill Barton, Max Stephens, Gary Asp, Vicki Steinle, Robin Lane, Gloria Stillman, Jan Thomas, Peter Galbraith, Di Siemon, Helen Chick, Marj Horne, Rosemary Callingham Judith Falle, Steve Thornton, Glenda Anthony, Tom Lowrie.

2. Apologies

Robyn Zevenbergen.

3. Confirmation of minutes from AGM in Sydney 2001

Motion: That the AGM confirm the minutes of the 2001 AGM.

Moved: Ken Milton Seconded: Phil Clarkson

4. Matters arising from minutes

At the 2001 AGM several members noted that the cost of membership for individuals in developing countries was relatively expensive. The VP (Membership) generated the following motion to address this issue.

Motion: That the subscription rate for members from developing countries be set at two thirds of the standard membership rate. These will be considered on a case-by-case basis. The VP (Membership) will have the discretion to further discount the rate where appropriate.

Moved: Helen Chick Seconded: Judy Mousley Motion carried without dissent.

5. Correspondence

No Correspondence was forwarded to the secretary.

6. Matters arising from Policy meeting

The following four motions, discussed and formulated at the Policy Meeting, were posed to the members present at the AGM.

- 6.1 Motion:** That the Institutional Membership rate be set at three times the individual membership rate. This will commence from 2003 but will be conditional on intended issues of MERJ being delivered on time.

Moved: Helen Chick Seconded: Helen Forgasz Motion carried.

- 6.2 Motion:** That the "Student Travel Allowance" be increased up to a value of \$800 to support a student to attend an annual MERGA conference. This award will now be called the "MERGA Student Bursary". The total amount awarded in any one year will not exceed \$4000.

Moved: Peter Grootenboer Seconded: Helen Chick Motion carried.

- 6.3 Motion:** That up to \$500 be awarded to support new doctoral and research masters graduates to attend the conference following successful completion of the degree. This support would be granted only if the graduate presents a refereed paper at the

conference held within the 12-month period following the award of the degree. (For 2003, the period will be January 2002 to June 2003). The total amount awarded in any one year will not exceed \$2000.

Moved: Helen Forgasz

Seconded: Tom Lowrie

Motion carried.

- 6.4 Motion:** That members who have attended 10 or more MERGA conferences be awarded a certificate acknowledging their contribution to the association.

Moved: Peter Galbraith

Seconded: Ken Clements

Motion carried.

7. Reports

With the exception of the President's report all reports were published in the conference Program Booklet. The President's report was disseminated during the conference and will be published in the next newsletter.

7.1 President

Written report received.

7.1.1 The President highlighted the significant contribution the Association has made to mathematics education both in Australasia and Internationally over the past 25 years. He welcomed members who had attended the first MERGA conference and commented on the fact that the Association had grown from strength to strength.

7.1.2 The President indicated that two long-standing members of the Association had passed away during the past twelve months. The President formulated the following motion.

Motion: That the MERGA membership express its sympathy on the passing of John Truran and Jack Briggs and remember with affection their involvement and contribution to MERGA activities.

Moved: Peter Galbraith

Seconded: Andy Begg

Motion carried.

7.1.3 The President thanked the Executive and the members of the association for their support over the past three years and commented that he had enjoyed the challenge of working with an enthusiastic group of individuals.

The President's report was:

Moved: Peter Galbraith

Seconded: Andy Begg

Motion carried.

7.1.4 Judy Mousley thanked Peter Galbraith for the significant contribution he had made to the Association over the past three years in his role as President. Judy commented that the Executive valued Peter's leadership qualities, his meticulous attention to detail, and his ability to involve all of the Executive appropriately in decision-making and the range of Executive activities.

7.2 Treasurer

Written report received.

The Treasurer's report was:

Moved: Merrilyn Goos

Seconded: Andy Begg

Motion carried.

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7.3 VP (Research)

Written report received..

The VP(Research) alerted the meeting that the MERGA statement on research has been updated.

Motion: That the Membership of MERGA formally thank the Key Centre for Science and Mathematics Education for its long and continued support for the Practical Implications Award. MERGA regrets that this support can no longer be available.

Moved: Helen Forgasz *Seconded:* Gilah Leder Motion carried

The VP's report was:
Moved: Helen Forgasz *Seconded:* Ken Milton Motion carried.

7.4 VP (Membership) Written report received.

The VP's report was:
Moved: Helen Chick *Seconded:* Glenda Anthony

7.5 VP (Conferences) Written report received.

There was a call for Expressions of Interest for hosting the 2005 conference (MERGA28).

The VP's report was:
Moved: Peter Grootenboer *Seconded:* Di Siemon

7.6 VP (Teaching) Written report received.

The VP's report was:
Moved: Judy Mousley *Seconded:* Marj Horne

7.7 VP (Publications) Written report received.

The VP's report was:
Moved: Gloria Stillman *Seconded:* Bill Barton

8. Election of Officers

Nominations for the election of five Executive positions were conducted. The President informed the membership that these positions would be vacated through a number of email correspondences during 2001 and 2002. With the exception of the VP (Conference) position, each election was required because the individual had completed a three-year term. There was only one nomination for each position and consequently no elections (formal vote) were required. Thus, the Treasurer, Secretary, and VP (Membership) were elected for a second term.

8.1 President Phillip Clarkson

Moved: Peter Galbraith *Seconded:* Tom Lowrie

8.2 Treasurer Marilyn Goos

Moved: Tom Lowrie *Seconded:* Peter Grootenboer

8.3 Secretary Tom Lowrie

Moved: Judy Mousley *Seconded:* Peter Grootenboer

8.4 VP (Conferences) Peter Grootenboer

Moved: Gloria Stillman *Seconded:* Tom Lowrie

8.5 VP (Membership) Helen Chick

Moved: Marilyn Goos

Seconded: Helen Forgasz

9. New Business

9.1 The dates for the Geelong Conference (MERGA26) were announced: 6-10 July, 2003.

9.2 It was announced that the 2004 Conference (MERGA27) will be held at James Cook University, Townsville