



General Meeting 1997

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING

Held at the University Centre, University of Tasmania
4th February 1997, commencing at 5.30pm

1. Present

There were 40 members of the Society present.

2. Apologies

Michael Guilhaus, Jim Morrison, Malcolm Thompson

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting (1998 AGM)

The [Minutes of the Annual General Meeting](#) held on Wednesday 12th June, 1996 had previously been circulated. Moved K. Fisher/G. Willett that these be accepted as a true and correct record.

4. Business Arising from the Previous Meeting

Nil

5. President's Report

[See attached](#)

Following the presentation of the report J. Traeger/K. Shaw moved a vote of thanks for the retiring Treasurer Ray Lidgard.

6. Treasurer's Report

CURRENT ASSETS

Westpac (ACT) Term Deposit	\$35,003.92
-matures 22/4/97, @7.25% interest	
State (UNSW) Term Deposit	\$15,000.00
-matures 7/5/97, @7.2% interest, to be closed on maturity and transferred to Westpac Cheque Account	
State (UNSW) Cheque Account	\$426.80
-balance as of 31/1/97, to be closed on presentation of two outstanding cheques	
Westpac (ACT) Cheque Account	\$10,228.51
-balance as of 24/1/97	
ANZSMS16 Seeding Loan	\$5,000.00

EXPENSES DURING 1996

1996 ANZSMS Interim Lecturer (Prof. Graham Cooks) expenses	\$3,961.53
Logo Design	\$800.00

ANTICIPATED EXPENSES DURING 1997

Student Travel - 16th ANZSMS	\$6,225.00
Student Prizes - 16th ANZSMS	\$400.00

Moved R. Lidgard/J. Bowie that the report be accepted.

7. Conference Convenor's Report

The Conference Convenor Noel Davies reported that the conference had been highly successful. There were 152 registrations, 49 oral presentations and 46 poster presentations. Some of the new features this year included the use of the WWW to post the provisional program. He thanked all the committee for their support and also the Professional Organisers, Mures. The use of the organisers

added \$50 to the cost of the each registration, however, the committee thought this was very good value for money.

8. Conference Treasurer's Report

As of 3/2/97 the total expenses were \$71,576.85 and the income \$71,300. So a small loss of \$276,85 was anticipated.

J. MacLeod then moved a vote of thanks for all the efforts of the organising committee.

9. Venues for ANZSMS17 and ANZSMS18

M. Sheil gave a presentation outlining the proposed venue of Thredbo for ANZSMS17 with a committee comprising delegates from Canberra and Wollongong. It was agreed that this was a suitable venue. The dates for the Thredbo conference will be Sunday 31st January to Wednesday 3rd February 1998.

It was agreed that ANZSMS18 will be organised by Brisbane in mid-year 2000 or early 2001.

10. Membership Fees

Moved J. Traeger/K. Watkins that the fees remain at the present level of \$15 for members and \$30 for companies.

11. Appointment of Regional Correspondents

The following regional correspondents were ratified:

Victoria	John Traeger
QLD	Graham MacFarlane
NSW	Alan Duffield
SA	Malcolm Thompson
Tasmania	Noel Davies
ACT	Mike Lacey

WA, and NZ correspondents to be confirmed by the Central Committee.

12. Nominations for Central Committee Office Bearers

The Secretary has received the following nominations:

President	John MacLeod
Vice President	Michael Guilhaus
Secretary	Richard O'Hair
Treasurer	Karina Watkins
Committee	John Traeger
Committee	Roger Summons
Committee	Kevin Shaw

13. ANZSMS Logo

The vote for the new ANZSMS Logo was overwhelming in favour of the logo used by ANZSMS16.

14. Registry of MS Facilities

All delegates can pick up a disk containing these at the registration desk.

15. Future Publication of Conference Proceedings

A majority of members supported the publication of proceedings including 2 page extended abstracts.

16. Other Business

J. Traeger reported on WWW that the ANZSMS page now has an Australia Wide Bulletin Board.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.20 pm.

Margaret Sheil
Secretary