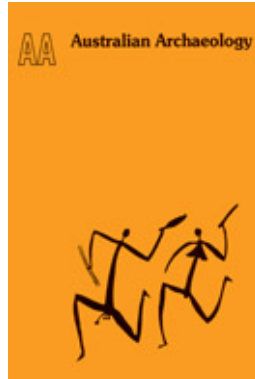


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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE AUSTRALIAN ARCHAEOLOGICAL
ASSOCIATION - THE MINUTES IN BRIEF

The meeting was held at Howman's Gap National Fitness Camp, Victoria, on 19 November 1979 at 9.30am. Forty-two members were present.

In the Chair: Rhys Jones, President.

Main agenda items were:

1. Ratification of document containing resolutions passed at Contract Archaeology Workshop.
2. The participation of Aboriginal people in archaeology.
3. Invitation to AACA to become affiliated to AAA.
4. Submission of unpublished papers to AIAS library.
5. Election of AAA Executive Committee for 1980.

1. RATIFICATION OF DOCUMENT CONTAINING RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT
THE CONTRACT ARCHAEOLOGY WORKSHOP, KIOLOA, AUGUST 1979.

During the Workshop on Contract Archaeology several resolutions were passed concerning the organisation and practice of contract archaeology. Three of these were included in a document drawn up by three members of the executive (R. Jones, L. Haglund and S. Sullivan) on behalf of the membership. This document was to be sent to the Australian Heritage Commission and all relevant State Authorities for consideration and action. The resolutions contained therein are:

1. 'That the Australian Archaeological Association Contract Archaeology Workshop recommends that as a matter of urgency the Australian Archaeological Association write to the Australian Heritage Commission and appropriate State Authorities advising them of our concern to establish a repository for consultants' reports relating to historic sites, and requesting that they suggest Federal and State locations for such a repository'.
2. 'That the Australian Archaeological Association Contract Archaeology Workshop recommends that as a matter of urgency the Australian Archaeological Association write to the Australian Heritage Commission and appropriate State Authorities advising them of our concern to establish a repository for material and artefacts derived from work in connection with historical

archaeological contracts, and requesting that they suggest Federal and State locations for such repositories'.

3. 'That this meeting recommends that the Australian Heritage Commission and the relevant State Authorities employing archaeologists, establish an Interim Register of Consulting Archaeologists, and where practicable circulate all consultants when calling for work to be carried out. The Association of Consultant Archaeologists, when formed, will forward its own Register to these bodies'.

It was moved that this document be ratified by the AAA membership.

Proposed: A. Bickford

Seconded: S. Sullivan

Motion carried nem. com.

2. THE PARTICIPATION OF ABORIGINAL PEOPLE IN ARCHAEOLOGY.

The outcome of a long discussion on the previous day concerning Aborigines and their participation in Australian archaeology at all levels, was the following motion:

'The Association strongly urges its members to:

1. Take all opportunities to involve Aborigines in every stage of research.
2. Encourage Aborigines to become involved in the discipline at all levels.
3. Take steps to facilitate processes whereby Aborigines can become fully qualified archaeologists'.

Proposed: S. Sullivan

Seconded: P. Hughes

Motion carried nem. com.

3. AAA MEMBERS ATTENDING THE WORKSHOP ON CONTRACT ARCHAEOLOGY AT KIOLOA FORESHADOWED THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE NEWLY-FORMED AACA BECOME AFFILIATED WITH AAA.

After a brief discussion it was moved:

'That the Australian Archaeological Association invite the Australian Association of Consulting Archaeologists to become formally affiliated with it'.

Proposed: John Campbell

Seconded: J.V.S. Megaw

Motion carried nem. com.

4. WAYNE ORCHISTON EXPRESSED SOME CONCERN ABOUT THE FACT THAT
NUMEROUS PAPERS WERE BEING DELIVERED AT CONFERENCES AND
SEMINARS BUT NEVER PUBLISHED.

To alleviate the problem of accessibility to such information he
proposed the following motion:

'That the members of AAA be encouraged to forward to the
library of the Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies
copies of their seminar or conferences papers that have not
been submitted for publication within one year of their
presentation'.

Proposed: D. Wayne Orchiston

Seconded: Rhys Jones

Motion carried (for:12; against:9)

5. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE FOR 1980.

Following a suggestion made by our president at an informal meeting
held on 17 November the membership decided to elect the new
committee on a regional basis. Regional 'tickets' comprising
nominations for President, Secretary and Treasurer were proposed and
voted on. The other members of the executive were then elected from
a pool of nominations which represented regions of the country not
covered by the incoming 'triumvirate'.

The adoption of this system resulted in the election of the
Brisbane-Armidale Axis 'ticket' and four other officers representing
widely spread regions. Thus, the AAA Executive Committee for 1980
is:

President: Sandra Bowdler (Armidale)
Secretary: J. Hall (Brisbane)
Treasurer: Harry Lourandos (Armidale)
Committee: John Campbell (Townsville)
 Josephine Flood (Canberra)
 David Frankel (Melbourne)
 Betty Ross (Adelaide)

Note: The Editorship of AA remains in the capable hands of Ron
Lampert and Alan Thorne for another year following a unanimous
decision by the membership.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Newsletter: Some members were inclined towards an upgrading of AA from newsletter to journal status. However, after some discussion about the function of AA at present and the costs involved in any major change, the majority of the membership felt that AA should retain its informality. Regarding the number of issues to be published annually, the membership felt that it was better to receive two (or more) volumes per year than a single large volume.

Motion of thanks: The President forwarded a motion of thanks to Laila Haglund for her untiring efforts during the year. He also thanked the organisers of the conference at Howman's Gap - the Prehistory Division of La Trobe University - for such an excellent meeting.

The President, after a short outgoing speech which highlighted the general success of the Association over the past year since the first conference at Kioloa, passed the gavel to incoming president Sandra Bowdler who, after a brief word of acceptance, promptly called the meeting to a close.

J. Hall
(Secretary)

P.S. Should any member require a detailed transcript of the minutes, please contact John Clegg, University of Sydney.