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MATHEMATICS EDUCATION RESEARCH GROUP OF AUSTRALASIA, INC.

AGM MINUTES

Brisbane, Monday, 30 June, 2008.

1. **Present:** Vince Geiger, Joanna Higgins, Bobbie Hunter, Jenni Way, Linda Galligan, Peter Grootenboer, Judy Mousley, Gaye Williams, David Ellemor-Collins, Steve Thornton, Sandra Frid, Jan Thomas, Gloria Stillman, Kathy Brady, Merrilyn Goos, Julie Clark, Kim Beswick, Tracey Muir, Jill Brown, Anne Bennison, Vicki Steinle, Kaye Stacey, Linda Cheeseman, Naomi Ingram, Mary Coupland, Gilah Leder, Colleen Vale, Helen Forgasz, Raymond Brown, Trevor Redmond, Patricia Cretchley, Kai Kow Joseph Yeo
2. **Apologies:** Ken Milton, Kay Owens, Peter Galbraith, Robyn Zevenbergen, Tracey Smith, Brenda Bicknell, Tom Lowrie
Motion: That the apologies be accepted
[Moved from the Chair, Carried]
3. **Minutes of the AGM in Hobart July, 2007**
Motion: That the minutes of the 2007 Annual General Meeting held in Hobart be accepted
[Moved from the Chair, Carried]
4. **Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes**
All matters arising dealt with in the reports
5. **Reports:**
 - 5.1 **President's Report:** Judy Mousley
 - Thanks to the executive committee for their work. Particular thanks to the members leaving the executive committee at the end of the year – Linda Galligan, Jenni Way and Peter Grootenboer.
 - The VP(Research) position has been discussed by the executive and an election for that position will be held again today.
 - Thanks to the editors of MERJ who have now completed their term – Margaret Walshaw, Gloria Stillman and Gail FitzSimons.
 - New editors of MERJ are Robyn Zevenbergen, Raymond Brown and Peter Grootenboer.
 - Thanks to the continuing editors of MTED – Merrilyn Goos, Sandra Frid and Len Sparrow.
 - Two big changes ahead:

- Politicization of teaching with new levels of accountability and a new national curriculum in Australia and in New Zealand.
- Politicization of research with more accountability and debate around ‘what is counted and how it is counted’.

Motion: That President’s report be noted

[Moved from the Chair, Carried]

5.2 Treasurer's Report: Linda Galligan

Report published in the conference handbook.

Draft audited statement attached. Final audited statement will be available once the financial year is complete.

Motion: That the draft statement be accepted.

[Moved: Linda Galligan, Seconded: Colleen Vale, Carried]

Motion: That the final audited statement be accepted by the executive committee subject to any alterations.

[Moved: Linda Galligan, Seconded: Merrilyn Goos, Carried]

The draft 2008 budget shows a significant loss unless we put up membership fees. This has been due to an increase in costs (e.g., \$10 per member to AAMT to manage the database, journal costs have risen).

Motion: To increase individual membership fees and institutional subscriptions to:

PERSONAL MEMBERSHIP	
Student	45.0
Australia/NZ	100.0
Overseas	120.0
Retired	70.0
INSTITUTIONAL SUBSCRIBERS	
Australia/NZ	280.0
Overseas	300.0

[Moved: Linda Galligan, Seconded: Bobbie Hunter, Carried]

Motion: To incorporate a two yearly individual membership fee option at discounted rate set by the executive committee.

[Moved: Linda Galligan, Seconded: Jill Brown, Carried]

Motion: That Treasurer’s report be noted

[Moved: Linda Galligan, Seconded: Jill Brown, Carried]

5.3 VP (Publications) Report: Colleen Vale

Report published in the conference handbook.

Motion: That VP(Publications)’s report be noted

[Moved: Colleen Vale, Seconded: Judy Mousley, Carried]

5.4 VP (Communications) Report: Jenni Way

Report published in the conference handbook.

Motion: That VP(Communications)’s report be noted

[Moved: Jenni Way, Seconded: Jan Thomas, Carried]

5.5 VP (Developments) Report: Gaye Williams

Report published in the conference handbook.

Motion: That VP(Development)'s report be noted

[Moved: Gaye Williams, Seconded: Linda Galligan, Carried]

5.6 VP (Conferences) Report: Bobbie Hunter

Report published in the conference handbook.

Motion: That VP(Conferences)'s report be noted

[Moved: Bobbie Hunter, Seconded: Steve Thornton, Carried]

5.7 VP (Research) Report: Gloria Stillman

Motion: That MERGA establish a Research Award. The executive committee to prepare and document the details.

[Moved: Gloria Stillman, Seconded: Jill Brown, Carried]

Motion: That MERGA initiate a new research award for recent research. The executive committee to prepare and document the details.

[Moved: Gloria Stillman, Seconded: Jill Brown, Carried]

Report published in the conference handbook.

Motion: That VP(Research)'s report be noted

[Moved: Gloria Stillman, Seconded: Jill Brpwn, Carried]

6. Election of Officers

6.1 Secretary

Nominee: Vince Geiger

[Nominated: Merrilyn Goos, Seconded: Jenni Way, Carried]

6.2 Treasurer

Nominee: Katie Makar

[Nominated: Linda Galligan, Seconded: Merrilyn Goos, Carried]

6.3 VP (Communication)

Nominee: Julie Clark

[Nominated: Tracey Muir, Seconded: Kathy Brady, Carried]

6.4 VP (Research)

Nominee: Gloria Stillman

[Nominated: Linda Galligan, Seconded: Jenni Way, Carried]

7. Other Business

7.1 Life Membership

Motion: That Peter Galbraith be awarded life-membership of MERGA

[Moved from the Chair, Carried unanimously]

7.2 Early Career Award: The winners this year are Naomi Ingram and Tracey Muir

The meeting closed at 5:13pm

Report on MERGA Annual Accounts for year ended 30 June 2008

INCOME

Subscriptions	Subscription income has increased marginally in 2007-08.
Conference	The Hobart conference held in July 2007 will have a net surplus of about \$13100 (audited report not in yet).
Publications	Income from sales of normal publications fairly low, and we received EUR2000 in Jan 2007 as advance payment for Globalisation book (this year 109 copies sold: about EUR1430).
Copyright Distributions	MERGA joined the Copyright Agency Limited (CAL), as a Publisher Member in February 2001. A distribution of \$1426.29 was received.
Bank Interest	The three term deposit accounts mature every 3 or 4 months to take advantage of higher rates available for shorter term investments. \$4172.70 was received this year.

EXPENDITURE

Auditing and Accounting fees	This represents fees for auditing the 2006-07 accounts.
Awards and Grants	This category includes seven bursaries (\$3500) to support conference attendance in Hobart in 2007; and two (\$500) Early Career Awards.
AMSC fees	We pay membership to FASTS based on Australian individual membership only
Journals	In 2007-08 expenditure on journals related to 3 extra payments for journals plus the normal 4 editions: MERJ 19(1), (2) & (3) special edition; MERJ 20(1); two editions of MTED and one special edition of MTED.
Production and purchase of publications	\$3074 was for editing of the latest Mathematics Education Review book. The conference publications to all (inc library subscriptions was paid by MERGA (\$8156).
Administration	These expenses are associated with postage and stationery costs incurred by the AAMT Sales Office, AAMT charge to administer subscriptions & administrative assistance in updating the membership database.
Sales Office Expenses	Expenses are associated with sales and distribution of MERGA publications by AAMT.
Teleconferences	A teleconference meeting between AAMT and MERGA was held in late 2007. Other teleconferences costs were not charged to MERGA
Travel and accommodation	In 2007-08, travel and accommodation expenses were incurred by Executive members representing MERGA at Science Meets Parliament Day, in attending Executive meetings in July (Hobart) 2007, March (Melbourne) 2008; FASTS and a one off meeting to review 2008 MERGA conference proceedings (\$8376).
Web	We pay for web hosting, a web server (changed from Studio Coast to MD web hosting) and someone to update and upload material on the web.

CURRENT ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Term Deposit	\$15 000 was withdrawn from one of the term accounts in anticipation of extra costs this year (extra journals and review of conference papers expenditure).
Subscriptions due but not received	This represents half the estimated current-year subscriptions likely to be paid at any time in the future (<i>half</i> because only half of the current membership year falls into the current financial year.) The estimate is based on an analysis of payment patterns in the second half of the last three years.
Conference advance (other sundry debtors & advanced payments)	An advance was paid to Brisbane (\$4000) and Massey (\$2000).
Unexpired subscriptions carried forward	Half of the current year subscriptions already received

Linda Galligan
Hon. Treasurer