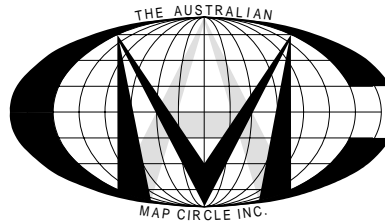


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AMC 2004 CONFERENCE

The Australian Map Circle's 32nd Annual Conference was held at Waikato University, Hamilton, NZ, from 8 to 11 February 2004. The conference was organised by John Robson of Waikato University. Besides the excellent selection of papers, delegates visited the Auckland Maritime Museum and the RNZN's Hydrographic facility at Devonport, enjoyed a guided tour of the Hamilton Gardens, and the opening of an exhibition of historic maps of the Waikato at the Waikato Museum. The executive of the AMC would like to thank John Robson for an excellent organisational job.

The Estelle Canning Memorial Prize for the best paper presented at the conference, was awarded to Brendan Whyte for his paper "Lettering or Littering the Landscape? Readymix, Guinness and a Grader".

AMC PUBLICATION NOTES

The Globe is now available on APAIS (Australian Public Affairs Information Service) Full Text. This allows users of APAIS, for example in subscribing Libraries across Australia, to read the complete text of articles from *The Globe*. This database is available for subscription on the Informit Online Internet service or on CD-ROM. For the former, see <http://www.informit.com.au> for the latter, see: <http://www.rmitpublishing.com.au> You can also contact RMIT Publishing directly on: ph: 3-99258100, fax: 3-9925 8134 or info@rmitpublishing.com.au

A draft version of *The Globe Index*, for #1-50 is now available on the AMC website at <http://australianmapcircle.org.au/> This draft is provided for comments and feedback on indexing, format, layout and any other issues apparent to readers. Feedback is most welcome and should be emailed to John Cain j.cain@unimelb.edu.au The draft index is provided in Adobe Reader (PDF) format and the document is 220kb in size. You can download Acrobat reader for free if you need to. One issue we are aware of is that the indexing for nos.1-14 does not include title entries, although these have been added to a final version that will soon be forwarded to Dorothy Prescott for a review of the subject entries. After this, a final proof-reading will be completed by Greg Eccleston. The index will then be published in both printed form (sent to all members) and electronic form (PDF, free access via AMC website). We anticipate publication will be later this year.

The Globe back issues are available at \$10.00 per copy, plus postage: #9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 22, 24, 25, 28, 29, 30, plus all issues from #33 onwards. We may also be able to supply photocopies of issues that are out of print. Enquiries to John Cain, email: j.cain@unimelb.edu.au.

The Contents of *The Globe* issues #41 on, and Notes for Authors can be found on our website <http://australianmapcircle.org.au/globe.html>

AMC Newsletter issues back to #71 are online, at <http://australianmapcircle.org.au/newsletter/>

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The Australian Map Circle's ABN is **19 046 516 617**. As a not-for-profit association with an annual turnover of less than \$100 000, the AMC is not required to register for, or charge, GST and does not do so.

This issue of the newsletter was produced by Brendan Whyte, email: bwhyte@unimelb.edu.au

UPCOMING MAP EVENTS

For a comprehensive list of talks/meetings in the history of cartography, see John Docketor's 'Calendar'

<http://home.earthlink.net/~docketor/index.htm>

THE OXFORD SEMINARS IN CARTOGRAPHY 2004

4 March 'Evolving from the classics: the geography and cartography of Sebastian Munster' Margaret Small (National Maritime Museum)

6 May TOSCA field trip - visit to the History of Science Museum, Oxford - contact the undersigned for more information - numbers restricted

17 June 'Mercator: the first modern scientific cartographer' Nick Crane (Writer and broadcaster)

All seminars commence at 5pm at the School of Geography & the Environment, Mansfield Rd, Oxford

Contact: Nick Millea, Map Librarian, Bodleian Library, Broad Street, Oxford, OX1 3BG, UK

tel : 44-1865-287119 fax : 44-1865-277139

email : nam@bodley.ox.ac.uk homepage: <http://www.bodley.ox.ac.uk/guides/maps/>

CONGRESS OF CULTURAL ATLASES: The Human Record

7-10 May, 2004 UC Berkeley, USA

http://www.ecai.org/Activities/Congress2004/congress_home.html

Under the sponsorship of the Electronic Cultural Atlas Initiative (ECAI), the Congress of Cultural Atlases offers an opportunity for those involved in creating digital atlases and digital representations of cultural heritage sites to come together for presentations, demonstrations, discussions, and training. David Rumsey, director of Cartography Associates, will be the keynote speaker. Workshops pertaining to specific issues in atlas development include:

- Digital Gazetteers for Cultural Atlases,
- Reconstructing Archaeological Landscapes Using the New Technology, a virtual reality & GIS workshop,
- Training Workshop in using GIS and other strategies for building and managing a cultural atlas.

Other projects presented at the plenary session will include major cultural atlases already under development concerning the history and heritage of Tibet, Ireland, Korea, Italy, and more.

People who wish to present a poster or demonstration are invited to do so.

There is no cost for the Congress, however a registration of USD\$100 is required for attending the training session in cultural atlas development. Payment of the training workshop fee can be made by check or cash at the reception, plenary or workshop. We regret that credit card payment will not be accepted.

For more information, please contact ecai@socrates.berkeley.edu

SOCIETY OF CARTOGRAPHERS SUMMER SCHOOL

6-9 September, 2004 Bristol, UK

Call for papers and summer school details.

2004 Summer School Website: <http://www.ggy.bris.ac.uk/soc2004/index.htm>

The University of Bristol will host the 40th anniversary Society of Cartographers Summer School. Sessions, workshops and exhibitions will be held in the School of Geographical Sciences. The School and accommodation are located in the Georgian heart of the city in Clifton, close to the city centre and local landmarks; Isambard Kingdom Brunel's suspension bridge and SS Great Britain and many more. The Society aims to provide delegates with a stimulating and enjoyable summer school including sessions, workshops, visits and social events.

General enquiries to Drew Ellis or Jon Tooby Tel: 44-117-9545973 or email drew.ellis@bris.ac.uk or j.tooby@bris.ac.uk

All Papers, workshop topics, or exhibitions of a cartographic nature will be considered at this stage.

THE 11th SERIES OF J.B.HARLEY RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS IN THE HISTORY OF CARTOGRAPHY

The Trustees of the J B Harley Research Fellowships Trust Fund are pleased to announce the eleventh series of awards, offering support at the newly increased rate of £300 (sterling) per week. The fellowships are designed to assist research in the London map collections:

Angelo Cattaneo (European University Institute, Florence, Italy) 'Mid-15th century Venetian cartography: a comparative study of a forgotten Ptolemy's Geography (Bib. Marciana MS. CL.VI, XXIV), the Harley Codex 3686 and the Venetian Portolani of the British Library' (3 weeks).

Jessica Maier (Columbia University, Department of Art History, New York, U.S.A.) 'Imaging Rome: the art and science of Renaissance city views' (2 weeks).

Professor Dr Sylvia Schraut (Universität Mannheim, Historisches Institut, Germany) 'Comparing historic school atlases 1870-1960 (Germany, Austria, Great Britain and U.S.A.)' (3 weeks).

Professor Lindy Stiebel (University of KwaZulu-Natal, English Literary and Cultural Studies, South Africa) 'Thomas Baines, cartographer: mapping Australia (North Australian Expedition map 1856) and Africa (South African Gold Fields Exploration Company maps 1872)' (2 weeks).

A record number of 21 applications was received this time. For details of past awards, numbers of applicants, and extracts from previous Fellows' reports, see <http://www.maphistory.info/harlflws.html> [part of the 'Map History' gateway site].

For information about applying for a Fellowship (**closing date 1 November 2004**) please email or write (preferably saying where you saw this notice) to: Tony Campbell, Hon. Sec., Harley Fellowships, 76 Ockendon Road, London N1 3NW, UK. Email t.campbell@ockendon.clara.co.uk

THE HELEN WALLIS FELLOWSHIP AT THE BRITISH LIBRARY CLOSING DATE: 1 MAY 2004

This annual fellowship offers a convenient and unusually privileged working environment in the British Library. The Fellow will be treated like a member of staff (i.e. not restricted to reading room hours) and provided with their own work-station, with an e-mail account and access to the Internet. In addition, they will be entitled to £300 to spend on Library services.

The award honours the memory of the former Map Librarian at the British Museum and then British Library, Dr Helen wallis OBE (1967-1986) and confers recognition by the Library on a scholar, from any field, whose work will help promote the extended and complementary use of the British Library's book and cartographic collections in historical investigation.

Preference will be given to proposals that relate to the Library's collections and have an international dimension. The fellowship may be held as a full or part-time appointment, and would normally be for 6-12 months.

For the full terms of reference please contact the undersigned. Please tell us where you saw this notice.

Peter Barber, Head of Map Collections, Map Library, The British Library, 96 Euston Road, London NW1 2DB, UK. Email: peter.barber@bl.uk

'MAPS AND SOCIETY' The Warburg Institute 13th Series: 2003-2004

March 18. Christopher Fleet (National Library of Scotland, Edinburgh) Analysing Image Colour and Content to Infer Map Authorship: A Case Study of the Blaeu Atlas of Scotland and its Sources.

April 22. Dr Zur Shalev (Princeton University) The Church Cartographical: Propaganda and Controversy in Early Modern Ecclesiastical Mapping.

May 27. Dr Scott Westrem (City University of New York) Calculation, Delineation, Depiction, Inscription: the Practicalities of Medieval Mapmaking.

Lectures in the history of cartography convened by Catherine Delano Smith (Institute of Historical Research) and Tony Campbell (formerly Map Library, British Library). Meetings are held on selected Thursdays at the Warburg Institute, School of Advanced Study, University of London, Woburn Square, London WC1H 0AB at 5pm. Admission is free. Meetings are followed by refreshments. All are most welcome. Enquiries: +44-20-83465112 (Dr Delano Smith) or t.campbell@ockendon.clara.co.uk
Note that the web version of the programme is at a new URL <http://www.maphistory.info/warburgprog.html>

MAPS AND MAP PRODUCTS FOR SALE

We have fewer than 10 **AMC t-shirts** left at \$15 (\$20 overseas) inc postage. 100% white cotton with the AMC logo in blue, 12cm wide, over the left breast. Contact John Cain j.cain@unimelb.edu.au

William Smith's **1815 geological map of England**, the subject of Simon Winchester's book "The map that changed the world" has been reproduced and is for sale from the British Geological Survey.

<http://www.bgs.ac.uk/bookshop/product.cfm?id=WS1815>

Sciencemall USA has a number of map products of interest:

<http://store.yahoo.com/scimall-usa/impactposter.html> **Meteorite Impact Craters on the Earth** poster map US\$16

<http://store.yahoo.com/scimall-usa/suofmapo.html> The **Traveler's Guide to the Surface of Mars** poster . Comes with 3-D glasses! US\$16.50

<http://store.yahoo.com/scimall-usa/yovagejipu.html> **Yosemite Valley geological map/aerial photo jigsaw**, 550 pieces US\$13.95

Geoscience Australia's new **Railways of Australia** map was released on 1 Feb 2004 to coincide with the first passenger train on the new line to Darwin. See <http://www.ga.gov.au/news/index.jsp#railway> for an extract. Purchase online at www.ga.gov.au or from Australian map dealers.

Hema Maps in Queensland have also released a similar title: **Rail Journeys of Australia** map. \$12.95 plus postage from Hema direct sales@mapsdownunder.com.au or other Australian map dealers.

New books from Whittles Publishing:

"Maths for Map Makers", 2nd ed, Arthur R. Allen, pb, £29.99

"Digital Aerial Survey: theory & practice", Ron Graham & Alexander Koh, hb, £70

"Manual of Aerial Survey: primary data acquisition", Roger Read & Ron Graham, hb, £65

"Datums & Map Projections for Remote Sensing, GIS & Surveying", J.C. Iliffe, pb, £27.50

"Close Range Photogrammetry and Machine Vision", K.B. Atkinson, pb, £37.50

"Small Format Aerial Photography", W.S. Warner, R. Graham, R.E. Read, hb, £52.50

contact: Whittles Publishing, Roseleigh House, Latheronwheel, Caithness, KW5 6DW, Scotland

ph 44-1593-741240 fax 44-1593-741360 email info@whittlespublishing.com

Journal of Roman Archaeology Supplement #50 (Mapping Augustan Rome), published Dec 2002, by Lothar Haselberger in collaboration with D. G. Romano. HB, 277 pages inc. figs. and 2 large colour maps in the end pockets. The main map is 44" x 35", scale 1:6000, and the central area map is 36" x 26", scale 1:3000. List price is US\$109.50, AMC members may be eligible for a special discounted price of US\$79.50 + postage. Contact Laura Humphrey at 95 Peleg Road, Portsmouth, RI 02871, USA

Ph: 1-401-683-1955 Fax: 1-401-6831975 Email: jra@journalofromanarch.com

<http://www.JournalofRomanArch.com>

MAPS ON THE NET

http://www.digitalglobe.com/sample_imagery.shtml

Quickbird sample satellite images: Sydney, Bora Bora, Mecca, etc.

<http://www.geocities.com/CapitolHill/Lobby/3162/>

An American cartographer's website

- examples of maps he has drawn (very nice ones) and how he calculates shaded relief without a DEM,
- a successful campaign he ran to name a hill where three drainage basins meet as 'Headwaters Hill' (and the maps he drew for it),
- maps and names of US towns on state lines named for the two (or more) states they straddle ("My aunt enjoys living in Latex" !!)
- some great map quotes, highly confusing roadsigns, and photos of some very unsettling signs for truckers...

<http://valley.vcdh.virginia.edu/MAPDEMO/Theater/TheTheater.html>

The Valley of the Shadow, Two Communities in the American Civil War

This site has a timeline animated map showing various military units from the two communities, and their movements and battles in the eastern theatre of the war. Turn off and on various layers: modern highways, historic roads, railways, modern towns, historic towns, legend, grid etc. Pick a unit and click 'run'

<http://www.armin-grewe.com/holiday/wiltshire/swindon-roundabout.htm>

The Magic Roundabout at Swindon, UK. Apparently it works. And has for decades. How would Melways depict this? 5 roundabouts, with normal drive-on-the-left clockwise motion, grouped in a circle such that they create an anticlockwise-moving traffic flow!

http://www.zen115.com.au/stkilda-events/History/maps_of_australia.htm

Some historic maps of Australia

MAPS IN THE NEWS

<http://www.canada.com/national/story.asp?id=672C9B22-46F0-4F30-B992-E4E8D46DE14D>

"Map on new bill shades true North" – The new Canadian \$100 note features a map of Canada – but is it accurate?

<http://www.abc.net.au/rn/talks/brkfast/stories/s1034567.htm>

An interview with Gavin Menzies (author of "1421: The Year China Discovered the World") by Peter Thompson on Radio National Fri 30 January.

http://www.fdimagazine.com/news/fullstory.php/aid/330/Dubai_brings_The_World_to_you.html or

<http://www.ameinfo.com/news/Detailed/23558.html>

Dubai will be building 200 offshore islands forming a giant map of the world.

<http://www.palmisland.co.ae/enter.html> (click on Jebel Ali or Palm Facts on the pop up window).

Another project in Dubai is a 5km-long island shaped like a Palm tree, featuring stilt houses arranged to spell out an Arabic poem! This is already underway.

MAP TRIVIA

In the second **Charlie's Angels** movie, there is a scene with a framed print of an old map in the background. If anyone can identify the map, please email Barbara Wojtkowski, Maps, Standards and A-V Librarian, Monash University barbara.wojtkowski@lib.monash.edu.au

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MAP ODDSPOT

FBI urges police to watch for people carrying almanacs

TED BRIDIS, Associated Press Writer Monday, December 29, 2003 ©2004 Associated Press

URL: sfgate.com/article.cgi?file=/news/archive/2003/12/29/national1426EST0580.DTL

WASHINGTON (AP) --

The FBI is warning police nationwide to be alert for people carrying almanacs, cautioning that the popular reference books covering everything from abbreviations to weather trends could be used for terrorist planning.

In a bulletin sent Christmas Eve to about 18,000 police organizations, the FBI said terrorists may use almanacs "to assist with target selection and pre-operational planning."

It urged officers to watch during searches, traffic stops and other investigations for anyone carrying almanacs, especially if the books are annotated in suspicious ways.

"The practice of researching potential targets is consistent with known methods of al-Qaida and other terrorist organizations that seek to maximize the likelihood of operational success through careful planning," the FBI wrote.

The Associated Press obtained a copy of the bulletin this week and verified its authenticity.

"For local law enforcement, it's just to help give them one more piece of information to raise their suspicions," said David Heyman, a terrorism expert for the Washington-based Center for Strategic and International Studies. "It helps make sure one more bad guy doesn't get away from a traffic stop, maybe gives police a little bit more reason to follow up on this."

The FBI noted that use of almanacs or maps may be innocent, "the product of legitimate recreational or commercial activities." But it warned that when combined with suspicious behavior -- such as apparent surveillance -- a person with an almanac "may point to possible terrorist planning."

"I don't think anyone would consider us a harmful entity," said Kevin Seabrooke, senior editor of The World Almanac. He said the reference book includes about a dozen pages out of its 1,000 pages total listing the world's tallest buildings and bridges but includes no diagrams or architectural schematics. "It's stuff that's widely available on the Internet," he said.

The publisher for The Old Farmers Almanac said Monday terrorists would probably find statistical reference books more useful than the collections of Americana in his famous publication of weather predictions and witticisms.

"While we doubt that our editorial content would be of particular interest to people who would wish to do us harm, we will certainly cooperate to the fullest with national authorities at any level they deem appropriate," publisher John Pierce said.

The FBI said information typically found in almanacs that could be useful for terrorists includes profiles of cities and states and information about waterways, bridges, dams, reservoirs, tunnels, buildings and landmarks. It said this information is often accompanied by photographs and maps.

The FBI urged police to report such discoveries to the local U.S. Joint Terrorism Task Force.

MORE MAP TRIVIA

The RACV's "Royal Auto" magazine, Feb 2004, p43, mentions among milestones of the RACV's history, that in 1906 the ACV (as it then was) displayed a map showing 61 (Victorian?) country towns in which fuel was available, a most useful map indeed! While not stated, this was presumably the first (R)ACV map, and maybe even the first Australian autoclub map?

There used to be a coffeeshop/bar in High St, Auckland, New Zealand, (opposite Freyberg Place) called "Rakino", after one of the islands in the Hauraki Gulf. All their tables were cut out of steel plate, in the shape of the various islands in the Gulf: Rangitoto, Motutapu, Motuhui, Browns, Waiheke, Ponui, Kawau, Great Barrier, Little Barrier... (not all to the same scale). This meant some were 'pointy' and somewhat impractically shaped (you had to be careful when you put your drink down, that you didn't drop it "offshore" in a Bay, especially with Motuihe!), but made for interesting discussion, and a desire to initiate conversation with people at other tables to find out which island they were sitting at. Anyone know if the bar still exists?

MAPPER MEMORIALISED AND MONUMENTED

Peter Swan dedicates Poeppel Monument

Peter Swan, President of the Spatial Sciences Institute and President of the Institution of Surveyors, Australia has dedicated a monument to Surveyor Augustus Poeppel. Poeppel surveyed the Queensland-South Australian Border along the 26th Parallel of Latitude in 1880 to the corner that now bears his name.

The memorial plaque was dedicated in the Beer Garden of the Birdsville Hotel on 2 October 2003, after torrential rains prevented its placement on the stone erected opposite the Hotel.

Bill Kitson, Senior Curator of the Museum of Lands, Mapping & Surveying, Brisbane had been stranded in Windorah the day before on the way out with the plaque and finally arrived just before the ceremony.

Bill paid tribute not only to Surveyor Augustus Poeppel but also to his Assistant Larry Wells, the men who worked on the survey and the local Aboriginals who had guided the party to the scarce water supplies in the area.

Alan Middleton, Victorian Surveyor and researcher spoke of his visit to Poeppel Corner and Birdsville twelve months before and the absence of any memorial to Poeppel alongside the monuments to Ted Colson's first crossing of the Simpson Desert in 1936 and the Simpson Desert Expedition of 1939.

Peter talked of the ease of modern navigation and cited the use of a hand-held GPS to chart the course of the plane he had flown in from Brisbane compared to the star observations needed by Poeppel to fix his position. He then announced that the South Australian Government had given the name Poeppel Line to that portion of the Queensland-South Australian Border formed by the 26th Parallel of Latitude from the 138th to the 141st Meridians of Longitude.

Peter dedicated the handsome plaque, sponsored by C R Kennedy Pty Ltd, to the memory of Augustus Poeppel.

Guests at the ceremony from Diamantina Shire were Councillor Joyleen Booth and her daughter Fiona, Head of Parks and Gardens Ron Baker and Warrari Information Centre Manger Wynn Cook and Mrs Joy Cook. Jim Hawker, Manager Survey Infrastructure Services, accompanied by Mrs Charmaine Hawker represented the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Queensland.

Surveyors who had made the long journey out to Birdsville included Garry Roberts and Bob Jenkins with wives Colleen and Carolyn.

Diamantina Shire Council will place the plaque alongside those commemorating other Explorers of the Simpson Desert in the main street of Birdsville.

By Allan Middleton.

Sourced from the Spatial Science Queensland newsletter

Book to Review

The secretary has received an offer from the publishers of a review copy of the following book:

Bibliographia Cartographia, Cumulative Index of authors of the editions 1 (1974) - 29 (2002)

edited by Wolfgang Crom, published by K G Saur Verlag, Munich, 2003

2vol, hb, 708pp, ISBN 3-598-20647-X Euro248.00

The book is a cumulative author index for the 29 annual volumes of Bibliographia Cartographica published since 1974. The index has 134,000 entries. The index was published in order to facilitate locating works by authors, given that a given work by an author might be listed in one of several volumes of the Bibliographia due to delays in receiving/indexing works, especially foreign ones.

Anyone interested in reviewing the 2 vol 'Cumulative Index of Authors' for publication in the Globe should contact Brendan Whyte at bwhyte@unimelb.edu.au and I will arrange for the publishers to send a review copy to you. Ideally this should be someone who has used the Bibliographia Cartographica.

Australian Map Circle Inc. Minutes of the 2004 Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 11 February 2004, Waikato University, Hamilton, New Zealand

Meeting opened: 3:10pm

1. Attendance:

President John Cain, Vice-President Adella Edwards, Secretary Brendan Whyte,

Members: Greg Eccleston, Denis Shephard, Maura O'Connor, Chandra Jayasuriya, Richard Miller, Bill Stinson, Glenys Oxlee, Les Isdale, Judith Scurfield, Barbara Wojtkowski, Victor & Dorothy Prescott, Frank Urban and Roger & Effie Rees.

Apologies:

Business Manager Marie Morden and members Michael Ross, David Hancox, David Jones, John and Nancy Stone, John Robson and Robert Clancy.

2. Minutes of the previous AGM.

The Minutes of the 2003 AGM were accepted as true and correct, after amending item 2 to read "Marjorie Somerville" instead of "Marjorie Stone"

3. Matters arising from the minutes.

3.1 Motion re Placenames: Frank Urban's resolution, commending the Australian Place Names Survey, was sent on 18 Feb. to Mr Warwick Watkins, Head of DITM [NSW Department of Information Technology and Management], Surveyor General of NSW, and Chairman of the Geographic Names Board, and also to Mr David Blair, Director of the Australian Place Names Survey. Replies were received from Watkins 14 March and Blair 29 March, thanking AMC for its support.

3.2 1:100,000 mapping: Letters were sent 4 July to: the PM Rt Hon John Howard; Minister for Industry, Tourism & Resources Hon Ian MacFarlane; GA CEO Dr Neil Williams; Natmap head Mr Peter Holland; & GA Director of Product Development Mr Daniel Jaksa. The letters gave congratulations on the upcoming completion of the 1:250,000 revision; requested funding be made available for revision of the 1:100,000 series; & suggested a local 1:250,000 map be distributed to each Year 7 child in the country (à la UK's OS which gave out 1:25,000 maps upon series completion). Replies were received from Mr Joe Hockey MP acting for MacFarlane 1 August; PM's office 8 August; & Dr Williams 13 August. The general response was that there was no money available to give away maps, or to revise the 1:100,000 map series, but that it was hoped to include 1:100,000 data in the 1:250,000 database.

Letters were also sent on 4 July to Mapping Sciences Institute of Australia secretary Keith Smith; Spatial Sciences Coalition chair Graham Baker; & ASIBA chair David Hocking, suggesting ways to lobby for 1:100,000 series revision. A reply was received from David Hocking, suggesting only economic arguments would have any impact with the government.

3.3 Australian Standard for bibliographic elements on maps: Adella Edwards has agreed to take over coordination of our response to this, and will be consulting with Maura O'Connor, Dorothy Prescott and Daniel Jaksa in the near future.

3.4 Roger Rees enquired why Geoscience Australia was unrepresented at the present conference, given that Mr Ian O'Donnell, Director of Mapping and Maritime Boundaries, National Mapping Division, GA, had said in 2002 that the AMC should approach himself or Mr Peter Holland, the head of Natmap, to ensure GA representation at future AMC conferences. John Cain replied that the executive had not approached GA this year, partly because they had overlooked this issue, and partly because it was not so vital to have GA representation at a conference outside Australia. However, a list of suggested Australian speakers had been sent to the 2004 conference organiser, John Robson. An invitation will be made to Mr Holland to send a speaker to the 2005 conference and all future Australian conferences.

4. President's Report (John Cain)

The President reported that the executive had met several times in the previous year, in Melbourne, with a phone link to Vice-President Adella Edwards in Townsville.

5. Business Manager's Report (meeting chairman on behalf of Marie Morden)

The audited 2003 financial statement was distributed at the meeting. John Cain spoke to the report on behalf of Marie Morden.

"In presenting the financial report for 2003, there are several points which may need some explanation.

In the INCOME section, the Cairns Conference is the \$2540.99 which is shown, the Macquarie Conference whilst almost completed, will be shown in the 2004 statement.

There is a pleasing increase in membership, but not quite to the extent shown. Some members had already paid for 2004 before Christmas 2003.

The EXPENDITURE shown is including the membership fees paid in 2003 for the present Hamilton Conference which have since been paid across.

Our CASH at Bank also contains this amount.

I make a please that members paying by credit cards be extremely careful to form their numbers carefully as I get too many coming back from the bank as wrong numbers.

The auditor suggested that the expense of the audit is a lot for such a small society. Does anyone have a tame auditor who might do the job for a lesser fee?

On the whole we continue to operate smoothly, and hold steady our reserves.

I request that the meeting accept the statement and the audited report.”

The statement and report were accepted unanimously. The executive is happy to continue to use Law Little & Associates for the present, to ensure the finances are visibly above board, despite no legal requirement for the audit due to the AMC’s small turnover.

The balance of the AMC accounts at 31 Dec 2003 was \$32,366 (2002: \$30,092) comprising \$11,417 cash at bank and \$20,949 term deposit NAB. This represents a surplus for the year of \$2274.43 (2002: \$2493.00 *deficit*). The 2003 accounts were audited by Mr Douglas McQualter of Law Little & Associates, CPA, and cost \$450.

Roger Rees asked why the 2003 minutes recorded the 2002 accounts as costing \$425 to audit, while the 2003 (and comparative 2002) statements distributed in the current meeting showed a figure of \$450. Brendan Whyte was asked to follow this up with the Business Manager.

[Marie Morden’s response is that the \$425 is a misprint, and the cost of auditing for the last several years has been \$450]

6. Publications Report

The following report was presented by John Cain and Brendan Whyte

“6.1 *The Globe* The *Globe* editorial committee consists of Victor Prescott, John Cain, Greg Eccleston and Brendan Whyte.

The Globe #53, dated 2002, was somewhat delayed, coming back from the printers just before the 2003 conference in Sydney and copies were distributed to attendees, with the remainder mailed out the following week. *The Globe* #54, our only issue dated 2003, was posted out just after the middle of 2003.

The Globe #55, dated 2004, is now at the printers and will be posted out in early March. We hope to get a second 2004 issue out later this year, including papers from the 2004 conference and the last contributions from the 2003 conference.

We remind members that while we would like to produce two issues a year, we state that publication frequency is one or two issues a year, due to the work involved for the Editorial Committee, and the somewhat erratic number and timing of contributions.

During 2003, the Secretary obtained DEST-approved status for *The Globe*, this means that *The Globe* is recognised by the Australian Federal Department of Education, Science and Training as publishing peer-reviewed papers, and publication in *The Globe* earns academic authors appropriate points for their departments with DEST’s Higher Education Research Data Collection scheme. Further information on this scheme is online at <http://www.dest.gov.au/highered/research/herdc.htm>

The list of recognised refereed journals, (*The Globe* is listed under T, not G) is at <http://www.dest.gov.au/highered/research/documents/register.pdf>

6.2 *Newsletter* The Secretary, Brendan Whyte, prepares the *Newsletter*. Three issues were produced in 2003: #88 in February, #89 in June and #90 in December. Back issues are available on the AMC website. Members are encouraged to contribute items for the *Newsletter*.

6.3 amcircle@yahoogroups.com The AMCircle email list continues to prove an excellent way to redistribute surplus maps between libraries and individuals, as well as to communicate events and news items of interest, and to help map librarians obtain answers to patron queries. Traffic remains steady at about 40 messages per month. At 31 January 2004 we had 99 members. The moderators are Adella Edwards, John Cain and Brendan Whyte.

6.3 australianmapcircle.org.au The AMC website also remains popular, with conference details and back issues of the *Newsletter* available. The Secretary and President receive a small but steady number of enquiries about the group and maps in general from around the world as a result of the site. The website is maintained by John Cain.”

Victor Prescott congratulated the editors on their efforts with publications.

Adella Edwards asked how many members would be happy to view or print the newsletter from the AMC website, rather than receive a hardcopy, in order to save printing/postage costs. About half of those present indicated a willingness to do so. The executive will look into implementing this option.

Greg Eccleston and Glenys Oxlee asked how many of the NZ Map Society members were aware/members of the amcircle email list, as it appears some at the conference were unaware of the list. Brendan Whyte will ask the NZ Map Society to notify their members of the facility.

7. Branch reports.

7.1 Sydney: Glenys Oxlee reported that David Woodward's talks in September 2003 were excellent. Chandra Jayasuriya has taped them if anyone wants a copy. Maura O'Connor was to have reported on the Canberra talk in depth, but has lost her notes, nevertheless, a brief summary was posted to amcircle.

7.2 Melbourne: John Cain reported that two events were held, a 'bring and brag', and the now-traditional Christmas dinner & quiz.

7.3 John Cain reminded the meeting that the executive encourages the formation of local branches and is happy to help with mailouts or seeding funds. Regarding this, Robert Clancy had written to the executive on 21 Jan. raising the possible incorporation into the AMC of his Sydney Map Group. The executive are more than happy for this to happen. We can do mailouts and publicity of SMG events, but would require any SMG members to be financial members of the AMC to receive mailouts themselves. We are also happy to provide 'tea money' for SMG meetings if they are to become official AMC events. However, any monies provided would need to be accounted for, and this requires a level of organisation of the SMG beyond its present one. Robert is reluctant to take on further administration of the SMG himself, so any willing volunteers should contact him directly.

8. Returning Officer's report

Brendan Whyte presented the report, noting that only one nomination was received for each position, and that the present executive was returned unopposed. The executive thus remains: John Cain – President, Adella Edwards- Vice President Marie Morden- Business Manager, Brendan Whyte- Secretary.

9. Future AMC Conferences: 2005 & 2006.

At the 2003 AGM Jim Bowden suggested a Brisbane conference & was to give contact names to Marie Morden. However, neither were present at the meeting, and the executive were unaware of whether this had been done.

2005: While the State Library of SA would be available as a venue, there has been no favourable response from SA members to organise a conference in Adelaide for next year. Little response has been received from WA members for a Perth conference either. This leaves two options: the Melbourne-based executive (or its nominees) to organise the conference in Adelaide, or to organise it in Melbourne. As the latter will be easiest organisationally, and given that this year's conference was in NZ, the executive has decided to go with a Melbourne conference for 2005, and hopes that non-executive Melbourne members will be willing to organise it, with backroom support by the executive. The executive feels that one conference in two should be held in the Melbourne-Canberra-Sydney corridor, with alternate years' conferences being held further afield: Qld, Tas, SA, WA, NZ etc.

2006: An informal proposal had been received from the NZ Map Society for another joint conference, on Norfolk Island. Brendan Whyte to investigate this. Other options include Adelaide or Perth, neither of which has hosted a conference for almost 15-20 years, but the difficulty is getting an organising committee together.

10. Other Business

10.1 Judith Scurfield raised the upcoming 400th anniversary of the discovery of Australia, and the activities of the organising committee for "Australia on the Map: 1606-2006". Brendan Whyte replied that that committee had been in contact with the executive, that we had offered to theme our 2006 conference accordingly, and had offered to publish relevant papers in the Globe or advertise events via our newsletter and email list. An invitation to a meeting of the Melbourne steering committee had had to be declined as it was scheduled for today, Wed 11 Feb., and the executive were all in Hamilton at the AMC's AGM!

10.2 Dorothy Prescott noted that the second edition of *Cartographic Materials: A Manual of Interpretation for AACR2* was published in November 2003, and asked if anyone had seen it yet. There were no affirmative replies. [John Cain has subsequently received his at the University of Melbourne]

Meeting closed: 4:20 pm