

Australasian Computer Music Association Annual General Meeting - **Minutes**

10:30 am -Saturday 3rd July 2004
Victoria University – Wellington, NZ

Attendance

John Rimmer
Robert Sazdov
David Hirst
Greg Schiemer
Warren Burt
Andrew Brown
Greg Jenkins
Pip Want
Lissa Meridan

Ross Bencina
Jim Barbour
Paul Doornbusch
Anthony Hood
René Wooller
Tim Opie
Gordon Monro
Ian Stevenson

Apologies

Ian Kaminskyj
Peter McIlwain
Roger Dean
Jon Drummond

Proxies

1. Minutes of the last AGM at Edith Cowan University – Perth 7th July 2003

Minutes of the previous meeting were tabled and discussed. Paul Doornbusch moved that these be accepted – seconded Andrew Brown. Minutes were accepted.

2. Business Arising

No issues were discussed.

3. Reports

- a. President's Report – Paul Doornbusch
- b. Treasurer's Report – Ian Kaminskyj was read by Andrew Brown in Ian's absence
- c. Secretary and Membership Officer's Report – Paul Doornbusch
- d. Web Officer's Report – Peter McIlwain

Paul Doornbusch agreed to email Julian Knowles to follow up ACMA's support and involvement in the ICMC 2006 bid.

Andrew Brown moved that the reports be accepted – Paul Doornbusch seconded
The motion was passed.

Copies of the reports are included in the Appendix (see page 3).

4. Constitution

It was brought to the notice of the AGM by Paul Doornbusch that the ACMA constitution had no grievance procedure written into its constitution due to recent changes in Victorian legislation. It was recommended that adopting a dispute resolution clause under Victorian legislation would satisfy this legal requirement. Paul Doornbusch moved that this be adopted in the ACMA constitution. This was seconded by Ian Stevenson. Passed.

Warren Burt agreed to notify the relevant Vic Government department about adopting its constitutional grievance procedure.

5. Elections

- a. President – Paul Doornbusch – nominated Andrew Brown, seconded Greg Schiemer – elected
- b. Vice President – Lissa Meridan – nominated Paul Doornbusch, seconded Warren Burt – elected
- c. Treasurer – Ian Kaminskyj – nominated Paul Doornbusch, seconded Warren Burt – elected
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- h. Membership Officer – Pip Want – nominated Lissa Meridan, seconded Paul Doornbusch – elected
- i. Promotions Officer – Robert Sazdov – nominated Greg Jenkins, seconded Paul Doornbusch – elected
- j. QLD Representative - Andrew Brown - nominated Paul Doornbusch, seconded Jim Barbour – elected
- k. WA Representative – none nominated to replace Lindsay Vickery relocated to Lasalle, Singapore – none elected
- l. ACT Representative – Roger Dean – nominated Paul Doornbusch, seconded Tim Opie – elected

A formal vote of thanks to David Hirst for all his work over the years on the online journal Mikropolyphonie. Moved by Andrew Brown, seconded by Warren Burt. Passed.

A formal vote of thanks also to Jeremy Yuille for the production of art work for the ACMA 2004 CD. Moved by Lissa Meridan Seconded by Paul Doornbusch. Passed.

6. 2005 Conference

There was discussion about holding ACMA 2005 at QUT in Brisbane. Comment was chiefly centered on the need to host ACMA events outside Sydney in 2005 in the lead up to ACMA's bid to host ICMC in 2006. Greg Jenkins' comments about this coinciding with the 2005 REV Festival were also noted.

The discussion also included suggestions that ACMA should maintain its momentum in 2006 by staging its annual conference in 2006 separate from ICMC 2006. Some discussion also took place on where ACMA should be hosted in 2006 including various suggestions about venues outside NSW given that UWS was likely to be host ICMC and that other institutions such as University of Technology Sydney, the Sydney Conservatorium and University of Wollongong would be committed to support the ICMC bid.

A motion was moved by AndrewBrown that ACMA supports preparations for an Australasian bid to host ICMC in 2006 to be based in Sydney and offers whatever support and assistance it and its members can provide. Seconded by Paul Doornbusch. Passed.

Other Business:

Robert Sazdov agreed to follow up articles in Audio Technology magazine written by ACMA members on computer music topics. There was some discussion of a suggestion to include CD inserts.

Minutes prepared by
Greg Schiemer
ACMA Secretary 2004

Appendix 1 – Reports

President's Report 2002/2003 – Andrew Brown

ACMA 2003 AGM

President's Report

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Andrew Brown

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Appendix 2 – Previous Minutes

Australasian Computer Music Association Annual General Meeting - Minutes

10:30 am -Monday 7th July 2003
Edith Cowan University – Perth

Attendance

Andrew Brown
Anthony Hood
Mark William
Anne Norman
Roger Alsop
Steve Adam
Greg Jenkins
David Hirst
Lindsay Vickery
Hannah Clemmen
Gordon Monro

Angelo Fraietta
Jonathan Mustard
Christine McCombe
Robert Sazdov
Robert Coburn
Julian Knowles
Donna Hewitt
René Wooller
Ross Bencina
Paul Doornbusch
Roger Dean

Appologies

Lissa Meridan
Warren Burt

Ian Kaminskyj

Proxies

Paul Doornbusch informed the meeting that he had received Warren Burt's proxy vote, no other proxies were forthcoming.

1. Minutes of the last AGM at RMIT University in 2002

Due to technical difficulties, the minutes of the previous meeting were unavailable for acceptance. Andrew suggested that they could be accepted later. They will be attached to these minutes as an appendix.

2. Business Arising

No issues were discussed.

3. Reports

- e. Presidents Report – Andrew Brown
- f. Treasurers Report – Ian Kaminskyj, read by Andrew Brown in Ian's absence
- g. Secretary and Membership Officers Report – Paul Doornbusch
- h. Web Officers Report – Peter McIlwain

There was some discussion prompted by Ross Bencina on the “corporate memory” of ACMA. Andrew spoke to this and suggested that ACMA could take steps to improve itself in this regard.

Andrew Brown moved that the reports be accepted – Paul Doornbusch seconded
The motion was passed.

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The constitution was changed to reflect the current state of ACMA, particularly the terminology for the Email List Officer and Regional representatives.

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6. 2004 Conference

There was discussion about holding ACMC 2004 in New Zealand and Lissa Meridan's comments concerning the suitability of Wellington versus another NZ city or university were noted. It was thought by the meeting that it was not too soon to have it again at Victoria University, and the president would discuss this with Lissa.

Anthony Hood raised the potential of the 2005 conference being at the Sydney Conservatorium in September, combined with a musicology conference. Much debate ensued as to whether this was a good idea or not. The concensus of the meetin was that ACMC should not be swamped and lost within another conference. Also raised was the potential conflict with ICMC 2005 in Barcelona at about the same time.

Other Business:

Roger Alsop spoke about the effectiveness of developing programs for secondary schools and this may be an activity which ACMA decides to investigate and undertake.

Julian Knowles prompted some discussion about the future of ACMA, this ranged from the need to broaden our support base with new members, to having more of a focus on music and so on. Paul Doornbusch also spoke on this, suggesting that ACMA could engage in more music activities to broaden its support base, while also taking on the responsibility of publishing the regional research in this area.

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ACMA Secretary 2002/2003

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