

Executive to decide on the following State representatives:

ACT	Mary -Jane Mountain
Victoria	Michael Westaway
Northern Territory	Ken Mulvaney
New South Wales	Lesley Head

Indigenous Representatives:

To be determined by the Executive.

Matthew Spriggs proposed that all the above be appointed to the Executive seconded by Robin Torrence. Motion carried.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

1. **Conference Venue for 1999 and Beyond:** 2000: WA; 2001: Queensland or La Trobe University. A bid was received from Simon Holdaway to hold a trial meeting of the two national associations in New Zealand at a future date.

2. **Collection Permits:** Tamworth Aboriginal Association brought to the attention of AAA that NSW NEWS was taking too long to grant permits to collect surface artefacts. It took 113 months for a permit at one site by which time most of the stone axes there had gone with only 18 out of 45 left. The

community had applied for an excavation permit as they had a university archaeologist involved in the project.

3. **Membership Fees:** A proposal to increase 1999 AAA membership fees was tabled. Sean Ulm argued that the student fee should not be increased. Deb Brian noted that if we keep the present schedule of fees that membership income would be down at least \$1000. It was agreed that membership fees would be increased for Australian residents (from \$A42 to \$A50) and full-time students (from \$A25 to \$A30) and that fees for institutions and overseas members would remain the same at \$A50 each.

4. **Arrangements for Future AGMs:** Motion from the floor that the AGM is held before dinner, that the constitution is brought along, the agenda is pre-circulated, the audited treasurer's report is presented at the meeting, the proposed membership of the Executive is circulated, and the current membership fee schedule is available at the meeting.

Motion moved by Iain Davidson, seconded by Cheryl Szpack. Motion Carried.

Meeting closed at 11.20 PM

Minutes of the 1999 Annual General Meeting of the Australian Archaeological Association

The Annual General Meeting was held on Friday 10th December at Mandurah Gates Beach Resort, Mandurah, Western Australia. The meeting opened at 5.05 PM. The president, Dr Colin Pardoe, was in the Chair.

1. WELCOME

Colin Pardoe welcomed members and those present to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Huw Barton (AAA Treasurer), Claire Smith (*Australian Archaeology* co-Editor) and Jay Hall.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF 1998 AGM

The minutes were posted for reading by AAA members attending the conference in the Archaeology Poster Session venue after arriving via courier (from Annie Clarke, 1998 AAA Secretary) on the 9th December 1999.

Ken Mulvaney expressed his dissatisfaction with the manner in which the minutes introduced and conveyed the concerns of members about the first item of 'Matters Arising'. This item concerned a document ('Using the Right Words. Appropriate Terminology for Indigenous Australian Studies') issued for discussion and the recommendations for adoption by AAA. He felt the use of the phrase 'shouting and screaming' should be removed (last sentence of the first paragraph of this section) and that it should be re-worded to convey the considerable concern expressed by a large proportion of the

members over the proposal to adopt the documents preferred terminology.

Motion from the floor to accept the minutes with the removal and re-wording of the said sentence at the discretion of the AAA Executive.

Moved Ken Mulvaney, Seconded Mathew Spriggs. Motioned carried.

4. MATTERS ARISING

1. Unification in Archaeology:

There was a discussion regarding strengthening our archaeological voice in political and significant issues. The Chair, Colin Pardoe, felt that it was perhaps time that the organisation (through its Executive) thought seriously about becoming part of an umbrella organisation of differing but related fields to capitalise on common ground/interest and the potential for greater impact/results in getting our position, views, etc on issues/matters heard.

Robin Torrence expressed that if this proposal was undertaken it should not be formalised to the extent of establishing an umbrella organisation, but rather be based on greater networking and liaison between related fields and their representative bodies. She suggested that AAA think about appointing a liaison officer position to the Executive for this purpose.

Pam Smith thought that the position and or role of the Executive in this liaison capacity should also be political in capacity and not limited to liaison per say in order to cover the

important role of lobbying in such matters as proposed changes to heritage legislation etc.

2. *Australian Archaeology and Freedom of Speech:*

This matter relates to the issues raised in respect to the document 'Using the Right Words. Appropriate Terminology for Indigenous Australian Studies'. The Chair, Colin Pardoe, expressed to the members that it was his belief that AAA, (including its journal *Australian Archaeology*) was a firm believer in and supporter of freedom of speech and that as such this should form an overarching principle or framework within which members of the Association produce their written professional work.

3. *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Bill (Status Report)*

Louis Warren, AAA Secretary, related that the Bill has been sitting around for a couple of years waiting to be debated by the Senate, however in the last year, despite having been on the weekly agenda a number of times, it had been relegated to the back burner for other apparently more pressing matters. With Parliament almost out again for another year it seems most likely that it will not be heard in 1999 and will presumably be passed over again to 2000.

In 1997 an inquiry into the Bill was established and submission deadlines extended a number of times. Not having made a submission by earlier deadlines AAA was fortunately able to comply with that of the last extension which closed early this year. In response to the inquiry AAA established a Working Group to formulate and forward a submission to the Parliamentary Joint Committee On Native Title and the Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Land Fund. AAA, again through the efforts of the Working Group, also lobbied in writing to a number of Green and Independent Senators (Senators Woodley and Ridgeway). Louis Warren then read out an abridged version of the content of both the submission and lobby papers and explained that in his assessment of the situation it was highly unlikely that the Bill (should it ever get debated in its present form) would be passed in Parliament as there was considerable opposition to various key and minor provisions by the ALP, Green and Independent Senators.

Louis Warren commended the efforts of the Working Group, which consisted of Bruce Veitch, Fiona Hook, Graeme Ward, Michael Westaway, Luke Godwin, Scott L'oste-Brown as well as himself. A general round of applause followed.

Sue McIntyre-Tamway agreed with Louis's assessment of the politics currently surrounding the Bill and also thought it most unlikely to get a hearing in Parliament by the end of this year. The possibility of changes to NSW's heritage legislation in the spring session of Parliament in 2000 was mentioned.

4. *New Cultural Heritage Legislation for Queensland*

Annie Ross addressed the members about a review that has been undertaken of Queensland's cultural heritage legislation and the resultant draft model for new legislation. Although not able to provide a full account of the specifics of the Bill, a number of points of concern, including possible blanket flat rates of payment to consultants, were presented. An offer to supply full details or access to them, for members was made. She suggested that perhaps the Queensland Representative for AAA could liaise with Government and represent any of AAA's concerns.

Ian Lilley noted that there was very little likelihood of AAA or the Queensland Representative having any formal input into

the review and its outcome as the Government will likely counter an approach with the fact the period for comment has expired. Nevertheless if the matter is to be pursued that an approach could be made to the Department of State Development and/or the Premier and Cabinet.

Sue MacIntyre-Tamway repeated that Kate Sullivan had informed her that those thinking about any lobbying could try to do so through her.

Discussion broke out on the floor and the formation of a working group was moved by a member at this point.

One of the members indicated that the submission stage had long expired, however there would still to be a community consultation period in the future, one that has to date been consistently deferred in recognition of a raft of concerns that have been raised to date about the proposed legislative changes. The proposed changes have apparently been developed by the Native Title Services Division of Premier and Cabinet and it is understood that Torres Strait Islanders have apparently made their own submission and notably desire to have separate legislative recognition.

Colin Pardoe took up the matter of the previous motion for the formation of Working Party and moved this action. This was seconded by Ian Lilley and the motion carried. Colin Pardoe called for Working Group volunteers and after some discussion amongst members from the floor the following members offered there services:

Annie Ross, Ian Lilley, Tony Barham and Garrick Hitchcock.

5. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Louis Warren related to the members that overall there was very little incoming correspondence of note. A number of letters were received by the President from high school students seeking information and direction in the pursuit of careers in archaeology and related disciplines as well as work and training opportunities. Louis passed the elaboration of further details on the correspondence to Colin Pardoe.

Colin Pardoe provided information to members of the nature of his responses to the students, which generally consisted of contact details for universities offering courses in archaeology.

Louis Warren concluded his overview of the correspondence for the year with mentions of AAA's submission to the inquiry on the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Bill (sent to the Joint Parliamentary Committee On Native Title and the Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Land Fund) and the AAA position documents on the Bill sent to Senator Woodley and Ridgeway.

Louis Warren asked Colin Pardoe to elaborate on any responses to the correspondence out on the matter of the Bill. Colin Pardoe related that the only correspondence received was from Senator Ridgeway acknowledging and thanking AAA for their thoughts on the matter.

6. **REPORTS**

President's report (Colin Pardoe)

The main business of the organisation is to promote archaeology, to publish the findings of members in the journal and to organize a yearly conference for the dissemination of ideas and maintenance of a network for those with an interest in the field. The efforts of the many people involved in the proposed Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Bill has demonstrated the commitment of AAA membership to the protection and conservation of the

archaeological record. Those people are singled out for recognition below.

The journal continues to provide a forum for discussion and a place to publish high quality and data-rich articles. The annual conference continues to be a high point of the year for me personally. It is a venue where we catch up with friends and colleagues, present results of our work and find out what others are doing across the country.

AAA has focused traditionally on Indigenous archaeology (for want of a better phrase), but not to the exclusion of any interests archaeological. AAA has been traditionally a venue aimed at students who are planning to contribute to the discipline and perhaps to make a career in archaeology. AAA has been seen as informal and collegial.

And yet we have seen a drop in membership that accompanies a burgeoning archaeological scene. There are two sister (brother) organisations, The Australian Institute for Maritime Archaeology and The Australasian Society for Historical Archaeology with a special focus. There are many regional societies. There are two professional organisations, the Australian Association of Consulting Archaeologists and the Australian Institute of Professional Archaeologists. Each of us holds an annual conference. Added to these are the highly successful Student Conference, the Archaeometry conferences and occasional symposia.

We may wish to consider further the relation of AAA to the rest of the scene. The future of our organisation is always up for discussion, but I would like to see some concrete discussion of our future at the next conference and AGM.

It remains only for me to thank Executive and membership for their efforts over the past year.

Annie Ross moved to accept the report and Mathew Spriggs seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report (Huw Barton)

In Huw Barton's absence Louis Warren asked Colin Pardoe to present both the 1998 and 1999 Treasurer's reports. Louis Warren explained that as the Treasurer's report for the 1998 AAA AGM had not yet been presented to the members and that if they required it could be read out to them. The general message conveyed from the floor by members was that they were satisfied with the knowledge it had been completed and audited and that only the 1999 report need be read out. Colin Pardoe read out the 1999 Treasurer's report compiled by Huw Barton.

The main section of the Treasurer's report consisted of the financial statements prepared by the auditors, James Ball & Co. The audit reports cover the financial years 1998 and 1999. The 1998 audit was not undertaken by the previous Executive which caused some problems in for the auditors in establishing a clear paper trail for all financial activities, which added to the audit cost. The total cost of both audits is \$850.00 plus reimbursable expenses of \$35.00.

The Association received income from the 1998 Conference, subscriptions and credit interest. Expenditures included production payment for AA46 & AA47, postage and stationary, audit fees, bank charges and other sundry items. As the audit reports showed, the financial position of the Association is quite healthy and the 1999 operating profit of \$3,248.00 had increased on last years net of \$1,252.00. Currently the Association has a strong asset base of \$56,900.00.

Last years Conference returned a profit of \$1,787.72 which represents a slight increase on last years profit of \$1,700.00.

Bank interest for the year totalled \$1,165.00. Bank interest is clearly a major source of income for the Association and is an area of financial management that we could improve upon with some low risk investments in managed funds.

The major cost to the Association was production of the journal. AA46 & AA47 cost \$15,630.00 to produce which is more than covered by the increased subscription rates (totalling \$17,204.00). AA48 cost \$8,500 to produce and assuming that AA49 is similar, the final cost is likely to total \$17,000, an increase of \$1,165.00 on the 1998 production costs. Membership subscriptions for 1999-2000 must be maintained if we are to continue to cover rising journal production costs. Membership renewal notices were produced in-house this year which has saved the association at least \$350.00 this financial year. Richard Fullagar's suggestion to notify as many of the membership as possible for subscription renewal by email will continue to save money in this area.

In May 1999, we established the facility to pay membership by credit card. This has been a great success with 30% (116 members) of subscriptions paid by card since June 1999. The cost to the Association for this facility is \$12.00 per annum for rental of the manual imprinter plus 4% on each transaction. Total card payments to date total \$5,480.00 producing a total of \$219.00 in transaction fees. Although the manual processing of cards has increased the workload on the Treasurer, it is worth the extra effort if it is considered an easy payment method by the membership. Electronic card payments, including payment over the internet were investigated but with start-up costs of \$10,000.00 it was considered cost prohibitive with our minor rate of turnover.

Establishment of the website and linked membership database by the ACL at the University of Sydney has been a great benefit to the Membership Secretary and Treasurer. It is now much easier to track the financial position of the membership and co-ordinate mail-outs, etc. The cost to the Association for creation of the database and web site was \$1,000.00 plus a \$500.00 annual maintenance fee which has been paid up to the end of 2000. The estimated continued cost of the website is \$500.00 p.a. plus any additional negotiated work at a cost of \$30/hr. For the gains we have already realised and the future possibilities for improvement the continued maintenance cost of \$500.00 p.a. (equivalent to 2 days full-time labour per year) is worth the added expense to the membership. The figure of \$1,500.00 paid to the ACL for 1998-1999 does not occur in this years balance sheet as the cheque was paid after August in the 1999-2000 financial year. This decreases the net annual profit significantly but still leaves an operating profit for the year of \$1,748.00.

Minor matters

With rising costs in journal production and additional financial strains on the Association revenue raising is becoming quite important if we are to ensure no future erosion of the asset base. The increase in subscription rates has had a very positive outcome for this financial year but other gains are possible. It was proposed to the Association that the Treasurer be permitted to investigate some investment in a managed fund. Below are a list of the performance figures from several Bankers Trust Diversified Funds over a 2 year period to the end of November 1999 with a principle of \$20,000 that is continually rolled over. The Treasurer recommended anything

other than the lowest category of market exposure but as can be seen earnings are not insignificant in either category.

As another minor matter there exists a monetary discrepancy of \$21.49 between the Association's ledger and the bank statements. This difference has existed since the books were taken over by the new Executive. The Treasurer requested permission from the membership to write-off this amount as a loss and bring the books into line with the monthly bank statements.

**Bankers Trust Diversified Funds 1997 - 1999
(Investment of \$20,000)**

Fund	Interest rate (%)	Interest earned (\$) p.a.
Low Risk		
Balanced Returns	12.11	2,422.00
Future Goals	14.11	2,822.00
Higher Risk		
American Growth	17.04	3,408.00
Equity Imputation	19.64	3,928.00
Pacific Basin	27.42	5,484.00

Colin Pardoe motioned to have the report accepted. This was moved by Sue O'Connor, seconded by Ian Lilley and the motion was carried.

Matters arising from Treasurer's report: Some discussion ensued from the floor about the Treasurer's recommendation for placing some of the funds from the balance of the AAA account into low risk managed investment(s). Sue O'Connor moved to accept the recommendation, this was seconded by Annie Ross.

Annie Ross raised the matter of what the GST implications were for AAA, particularly in respect to the AA journal costs and asked that it be looked into by AAA. Penny Taylor moved to have the matter thoroughly investigated by AAA. This was seconded by Peter White and accepted by acclamation.

Colin Pardoe moved a vote of thanks to Huw Barton for his efforts. This was seconded by Annie Ross and accepted by acclamation.

Membership Secretary's Report (Richard Fullagar)

At the beginning of 1999 the Executive decided to transfer the database from disk to the AAA web site and an on-line membership database accessible through Netscape or Internet Explorer. This took much longer than anticipated, and official reminder notices for 1999 subscriptions were late. However, reminders were sent over e-mail on the Ausarch list, courtesy of Peter Hiscock, ANU. Of course many do not have e-mail let alone subscribe to Ausarch, and the Membership Secretary had been lenient in accepting 1998 rates up until about June 30th this year.

Ian Johnson is providing a separate summary of the AAA web pages, which should resolve any continuing problems with access to the membership database. There were in fact very few complaints about passwords and access, and hopefully all the problems have been resolved. The AAA web site has been very successful and we should all thank Ian Johnson, Jesse Sweeney and others at ACL, University of Sydney, who set up and maintained this service, which is linked to other AAA pages.

Total *Australian Archaeology* subscriptions (pre-conference) are down 31 (414 to 383). This trend, most notable in new members, is of concern if we are to maintain

funds. I would ask members, particularly those at universities, to encourage others to join or rejoin. The total number of names on the database (since AAA first kept records) is 962, and while most remain members for only a few consecutive years, many have lapses of membership for several years. A main reason for this is probably the difficulty of maintaining contact when people change addresses. Not all members forward a change of address. The new online database makes this much easier if all members get in the habit of updating their own details.

Matters arising from Membership Secretary's report : Declining AAA membership numbers were discussed by Ian Lilley who suggested that the problem lay to some extent with overall declining student enrolments in archaeology and the addressing the problem was not just up to AAA executive but all members, particularly those based in archaeology departments.

Ian Johnson thought that a membership package sent out as part of a membership drive to lapsed members and elsewhere is one option that AAA, through the Membership Secretary, could try.

Caroline Bird thought that that it might be worthwhile for AAA members placing an emphasis in membership drives on archaeology students at university, as they pass through often taking up membership but let this lapse after leaving.

Richard Fullagar commented that he had been making an effort to focus on lapsed members, sending subscription notices to past members up to four years in abeyance.

Robin Torrens suggested that it might help to increase membership if some special discount or reduced rate packages were offered through long term subscriptions of 3 - 5 years or life membership

Peter White was more in favour of a concerted effort by existing members to rouse up past members and spread the word to non member archaeologists and students to subscribe (particular those at the current conference) rather than offering discount rate enticements - "Charity starts at home, dragooning starts at the first conference for Saturday !".

Mathew Spriggs thought that the noticeable absence of numbers of the 'old guard', i.e. senior practitioners at the conference was a particularly poor incentive and example for students and others to both attend conferences such as this as well as to subscribe.

Ian Lilley suggested that AAA write as part of a membership and subscription drive to all institutions and organisations that even remotely have anything to do with archaeology.

Colin Pardoe moved to accept the Membership Secretary's report and Sue O'Connor Seconded. Accepted by acclamation.

***Australian Archaeology* Editors' Report (Donald Pate)**

Special Issue

A Special Issue of *Australian Archaeology* will be produced for June 2000. "Archaeology in the New Millennium: the Past, Present and Future of Australian Archaeology" will commemorate the 50th issue of *AA*. The first issue of *AA* was published in 1974. Since then, two issues have been produced each year with the exception of 1974, 1978 and 1979.

Articles in this special issue will address the diversity of archaeology as practiced in Australia. Papers will provide a

general overview of the historical development of various areas of Archaeology in Australia in addition to addressing current practice and future directions. The Editors are soliciting submissions from those involved with the foundation of different aspects of Australian archaeology in addition to seeking input from early career archaeologists.

Production Issues

AA continues to be produced to budget. This is because it is limited to 76 pages. Any more pages than this would substantially increase the postage costs through taking each volume into a higher postage bracket. On occasions, however, an issue may not run to the full possible length. This is part of producing a quality journal where the acceptance of papers is based on referees' reports. The production of *AA* continues to have a 'home' at the Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies, Australian National University. However, it is now based with Coombs Academic Publishing, rather than ANH (Archaeology and Natural History) Publications. This has facilitated continuity in production, so that we can continue to rely on Ann Andrews, who is now based with Coombs Publishing, for advice and production efficiency. We thank the Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies for the continued provision of infrastructural support for *AA*, as well as those people who have helped Ann Andrews with the mailing out of *AA*.

Submission of Manuscripts

In order to improve the turn around time in relation to manuscript processing, all materials submitted to *AA* should now be posted directly to the Editors at the Department of Archaeology, GPO Box 2100, Flinders University, Adelaide, SA 5001.

Change of Editors

As of 31st December 1999, Val Attenbrow and Claire Smith are stepping down from the editorial board of *AA*. Val was Editor from 1990 to 1992 and Short Reports Editor from 1996 to 1999. Claire Smith was Review Editor for 1995 and 1996 and was Editor from 1997 until 1999. Claire is taking up a Fulbright Postdoctoral Award in Washington from June 2000 to June 2001, which means that she will not be available to be Editor of *AA*. Claire thanks the people who have assisted her over the years- especially those referees who returned articles quickly, facilitating the Editor's job. The *AA* editorial team thank both Val and Claire for the time and care they have put into their editing of *Australian Archaeology*.

The Editors propose the creation of a new position of Editorial Assistant on the *AA* Editorial Board for 2000. During 1999, funding for editorial assistance was provided by an Australian Research Council Infrastructure Block Grant to the Department of Archaeology, Flinders University.

Acknowledgements

We take this opportunity to thank all of *AA*'s contributors and referees. Once again, we thank Ann Andrews for her hard work, efficiency, commitment to excellence and dedication as production editor of *AA*. Ann is a pleasure to work with and contributes substantively to the quality of each issue of *Australian Archaeology*. We also thank Heather Burke who has acted as editorial assistant for the past two issues of *AA*. Finally thanks to the Australian Research Council for funding an editorial assistant in 1999.

Matters arising from AA Editors' Report: Ian Lilley mentioned that both he and Jay Hall had offered to undertake the production of the journal through the Queensland University as long as it included editorial responsibilities. Ian recognised Anne Andrews's past involvement in the production of *AA* through ANH and thought that if she could continue to take on this role through Coombs Publishing the continuity would be very advantageous.

Ian Lilley moved to accept the report. Seconded by Mathew Spriggs and accepted by acclamation.

ELECTION OF 2000 OFFICE BEARERS

Executive

Colin Pardoe expressed to members the willingness of the present Executive to retain their positions. He called for any nominations for AAA Executive positions from the floor.

Annie Ross moved to retain the present Executive. Seconded Sue O'Connor and accepted unanimously.

Colin Pardoe formally announced the year 2000 AAA Executive as:

President	Colin Pardoe
Secretary	Louis Warren
Treasurer	Huw Barton
Membership Secretary	Richard Fullager

Colin Pardoe is to establish that Mary-Jane Mountain still wishes to retain her position as Public Officer. No other nominations were received for this position.

State and Territory Representatives

Colin Pardoe thanked the current State and Territory Representatives and called for any withdrawals from the positions and/or nominations for any of the positions.

Sean Ulm advised that he was stepping down as the Queensland representative and Ian Lilley nominated Annie Ross and Jon Prangnell who both accepted.

Pam Smith was nominated as the South Australian representative and she accepted.

Louis Warren advised that the Tasmanian position had remained vacant all of 1999 and called for nominations. Robin Sims was nominated and she accepted.

Mary-Jane Mountain is currently the ACT representative. No other nomination were received for this. The Executive responded that it would enquire as to whether Mary-Jane is still interested in retaining her position and to action the appointment of a replacement if she declines.

The following State and Territory State Representatives expressed their interest in retaining their positions and were re-elected unopposed:

Victoria	Michael Westaway
Northern Territory	Ken Mulvaney
New South Wales	Lesley Head
Western Australia	Jane Balme

Editorial Team

Claire Smith advised (via Donald Pate) that she would not be nominating to retain her 1999 position as a co-Editor. Donald Pate proposed the following 2000 Editorial Board:

Editors	Donald Pate (Flinders) and Mike Morwood (UNE)
Editorial Assistant	Heather Burke (UNE/Flinders)

Short Reports Editors Keryn Walshe (Flinders) and
Amy Roberts (Flinders)
Review Editors Jo McDonald (Jo McD. CHM) and
Alistair Paterson (UWA)

The proposed Editorial team was elected unopposed.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Representatives

Shane Coghill and Badger Bates are currently the Aboriginal representatives. A number of other possible candidates were suggested for the positions, with responsibility for following up being directed at the Executive and State and Territory Representatives.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Australian Archaeology Policy on Anonymity of Referees

Annie Ross brought to the attention of members that she and Sandra Bowdler had been discussing *AA*'s policy regarding the matter of anonymity of referees.

Nicola Stern felt that it would be preferable for referee's reports to be anonymous.

Martin Gibbs also supported anonymity.

Mathew Spriggs said he was all for anonymous referee reports as it could be seen as providing a vehicle for maintaining a strength of criticism, however it is a little foolish to think that in the majority of cases it would not be too hard to work out who had been the referee given the small number of likely referees for any particular topic.

Peter White was of the opinion that any decisions on the matter should really be left to the discretion of the editors.

Sue O'Connor noted that many first time and or young contributors were often at a disadvantage in dealing with the referee process, particularly in the face of stiff criticism, for which some referees are known.

Ian Lilley said that the editors took an approach of always defaulting to anonymity. He stated that *AA*'s editor's claim or approaches to confidentiality is not absolute and there are times when this is not consistent.

Donald Pate indicated that the current *AA* editorial policy was to provide referees with the choice of remaining anonymous or identifying themselves to authors.

Annie Ross moved that *AA* editors continue their policy for referees to be anonymous but that they support the scope for choice by being able to reject, within reason, those advanced. This was seconded by Peter White. Motion carried 24 for and 5 against.

2. Video Interviews with the 'Old Guard' of Archaeology

Martin Gibbs asked AAA to give it's support, even if no more than in name only, to his proposal to make video recordings of the life of and contributions made by some of the more well known in the field of archaeology.

Colin Pardoe saw no reason why AAA would not support such a worthy proposal. He asked why he thought AAA support was necessary in the first?

Martin Gibbs replied that some of the potential interviewees might be more amenable to the proposal if there was some form of endorsement through a relevant peak body such as AAA.

Louis Warren suggested to Martin that he should not hesitate to contact the Executive if he felt that he needed any of its support and asked members whether the matter need be put to a vote. The general response from the floor was no, it wasn't a matter that needed to be motioned but rather one that the Executive could deal with at its discretion.

12. AAA YEAR 2000 CONFERENCE

Andrew Wilson indicated that a joint ASHA/AIMA conference was being held in Adelaide in 2000 and that the ASHA conference would be held in Canberra in 2001.

Nicola Stern reminded the members that La Trobe had nominated for the 2000 at last year's AGM. La Trobe was still keen to hold the conference and had selected a venue at Beachworth, Victoria.

Colin Pardoe formally acknowledged that the year 2000 AAA conference is to be held by La Trobe.

Louis Warren reminded the members that New Zealand had been nominated as a possible location for the year 2001 conference during the 1998 AGM.

There was some discussion from the floor of the background to this nomination and the suggestion was made that this could be followed up by the Executive, however as there was no one present to confirm that New Zealand was still interested then other alternatives should be sought.

Ian Lilley nominated Queensland, or more precisely Magnetic Island, as the location of the 2001 AAA conference. This was noted.

Colin Pardoe gave a vote of thanks to the current conference organisers which was roundly applauded and the meeting was declared closed at 7.10 PM.

The contents of the List of the Annual General Meetings /Summer Conferences and Presidents of the Cambrian Archaeological Association page were merged into Cambrian Archaeological Association on March 22, 2014 and it now redirects there. For the contribution history and old versions of the merged article please see its history. .[edit]. Proposed deletion removed.Â Its publications over 178 years are very possibly the most important individual printed sources available for the Archaeology, Local History, Medieval History and Architectural History of Wales and the Welsh Borderlands. This list clearly shows the people involved in the Association and has been linked to many bibliographic entries within Wikipedia. The Australian Archaeological Association (AAA) is an archaeological organisation in Australia. Membership is open to anyone interested in furthering archaeology in Australia. Sometimes referred to by the nickname Triple A, the association was founded in 1973 at a meeting held during the Australian and New Zealand Association for the Advancement of Science (ANZAAS) Congress in Perth, Western Australia, following earlier discussions during the 1972 Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies General. Formally established in 1972, the Australian Archaeological Association Inc. (AAA) has grown to become the largest archaeological organization in Australia (<http://www.australianarchaeology.com/>). Aimed at encompassing all subfields within the discipline, including Indigenous archaeology, historical and industrial archaeology, ethno-archaeology, and maritime archaeology, the association now represents a diverse membership of professionals from the private, government, tertiary, and museum sectors, students, and others with an interest in archaeology.Â The AAA holds a conference each year, this being the major national annual meeting of archaeologists, attracting delegates from across Australia and internationally.