

# CAA Australasia AGM 2021 Minutes



## Meeting time and venue:

Thursday, 15 April 2021 9:30 pm NZT, 7:30 pm AEST  
Held online via Zoom

Present: Matthew Barrett, Simon Bickler, Joshua Emmitt, Thomas Keep, Olivier Rochecouste, Matthew Meredith-Williams, Aleks Michalewicz, Abdelmoniem Mohammed, Katherine Thomas, Yann Tristant, Melanie Ward, Simon Wyatt-Spratt

Apologies: Emma Beckett, Ian Johnson, Claire Reeler

## AGENDA

- 2020 Minutes
- Election of Committee
  - Chair
  - Treasurer and Assistant
  - Secretary and Assistant
  - Membership Secretary
  - Social Media Liaison
  - General Committee
  - Public Officer
- Establishment of temporary conference coordinator role
- Reports
  - Chair
  - Treasurer
  - Memberships
- Update of CAA 2024 conference
- Update on CAA Book
- All other business

Meeting opened at 7.35 pm AEST.

## 2020 Minutes

Motion to accept last year's minutes (2020). Proposed by Joshua Emmitt, seconded by Olivier Rochecouste. Passed unanimously.

# Reports

The following reports were tabled at the AGM.

## Chair's Report

Thinking about the goal of CAA Australasia in 2021. Digital archaeology is ubiquitous, a very different scenario to when CAA International was founded. With that in mind, the goal of CAA Australasia should be to promote the work of archaeologists using digital technologies in our region - making sure we are not forgotten and overlooked by the rest of the world.

It should also aim to promote and support the work of our First Nations colleagues.

The Journal of Computer Applications in Archaeology is being added to SCOPUS.

2020 was a great year (ironically) for CAA Australasia. Online conference was a huge success, 100 people at any one time, with over 30 countries represented. Special thanks to Aleks Michalewicz for stepping in at the last minute and organising access to University of Melbourne's Zoom Conference license to host the conference.

Motion to accept the Chair's Report moved Aleks Michalewicz, seconded by Simon Wyatt-Spratt, passed unanimously.

## Treasurer's Report

Aleks Michalewicz tabled the Treasurer's Report, for the period of 1 Jan 2020 to 31 Dec 2020, which can be accessed [here](#).

CAA Australasia currently has \$26,500.14 in its accounts.

Summer Institute was the primary credit, the major expense was gifts and payment for our keynote speaker Simon Holdaway, Gerard O'Regan and the Welcome to Country for the conference.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report moved by Joshua Emmitt and seconded by Melanie Ward. Passed unanimously.

## Membership Secretary's Report

Josh Emmitt tabled the Membership Secretary's Report on behalf of Andrew Wilkinson, who stepped down in mid-2020.

Updating the membership system is a priority for 2021, with creation of a new, more accessible membership list. We are currently sitting at approximately 94 members, which is slightly down from the previous year.

Motion to accept the Membership Secretary's Report moved by Katherine Thomas and seconded by Aleks Michalewicz. Passed unanimously.

## Nominations:

### Chair

Joshua Emmitt - nominated by Aleks Michalewicz, seconded by Yann Tristant, passed unanimously.

### Treasurer

Aleks Michalewicz - nominated by Joshua Emmitt, seconded by Katherine Thomas, passed unanimously.

### Assistant Treasurer

Olivier Rochecouste - nominated by Joshua Emmitt, seconded by Yann Tristant, passed unanimously.

### Secretary

Simon Wyatt-Spratt - nominated by Joshua Emmitt, seconded Katherine Thomas, passed unanimously.

### Assistant secretary

Katherine Thomas - nominated by Joshua Emmitt, seconded by Simon Wyatt-Spratt, passed unanimously.

### Membership Secretary

Matthew Barrett - nominated Joshua Emmitt, seconded by Aleks Michalewicz, passed unanimously.

### Social Media Liaison

Melanie Ward - nominated by Joshua Emmitt, seconded Olivier Rochecouste, passed unanimously.

### General Committee Members

Tom Keep, Yann Tristant, Matthew Williams - nominated by Joshua Emmitt, seconded by Katherine Thomas, passed unanimously.

### Public Officer

Olivier Rochecouste - nominated by Joshua Emmitt, seconded by Katherine Thomas, passed unanimously.

## Establishment of temporary conference coordinator role:

Katherine Thomas moved that a temporary committee position be created, that of Conference Coordinator. This position will act as a permanent liaison with Auckland University in order to ensure continuity on the committee in regards to the proposed CAA International Conference to be held in Auckland. Once elected the person will hold this position permanently for three years, unless voted out by a unanimous vote of the remainder of the CAA Australasia Committee. After the conference is held the position will cease to exist.

Motion formally proposed by Katherine Thomas, Aleks Michalewicz seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

## Voting for position of Conference Liaison

Joshua Emmitt nominated by Katherine Thomas, seconded by Aleks Michalewicz seconded.

## Conference Update

The conference proposal for Auckland 2024 is progressing well. The official proposal to put to CAA International is completed. Initial sponsorship has already been obtained from a number of companies.

A successful conference will help fund CAA Australasia for another 10 years, as the initial conference in Perth did.

The first time in the Pacific, the second time in Australasia, and the second time in the southern hemisphere.

If the bid is successful, we'll need to appoint additional, temporary, members to the committee to help with the administrative work.

## Summer Institute book update

One of the editors, Olivier Rochecouste, provided an update on progress with the book resulting from the CAA Australasia Summer Institute. A contract has been agreed to in principle with Sydney University Press and is waiting to be finalised and signed. The proposed title is *Australasian perspectives in digital archaeology*.

Drafts of the chapters are due from the authors by the end of June.

Motion to accept the Editors' report proposed by Joshua Emmitt, seconded by Aleks Michalwizcs, motion passed unanimously.

## Other news

### 2021 Digital Archaeology Panels

Joshua Emmitt and Olivier Rochecouste provide an update on the Digital Archaeology panels that will be throughout 2021. These will be some of the key events held by us throughout the year and aim to build up relationships with institutions we don't have representatives in.

The first panel is scheduled for the 8th of May and will feature Simon Bickler, Damien Evans and others.

### Motion of thanks of the outgoing Committee members

Joshua Emmitt proposed a motion of thanks to all of the outgoing 2020 committee members, Claire Reeler, Kelsey Lowe, Andrew Wilkinson and Ian Johnson.

Motion proposed by Joshua Emmitt, seconded by Matthew Barrett, motion passed unanimously.

Meeting closed at 8.20pm AEST.