



AGIA (Inc.)

2014 Annual General Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the AGIA Inc. Annual General Meeting held on Friday 26 September 2014 at BHP Billiton, 125 St Georges Tce., Perth

The meeting commenced at 7:40 a.m.

Present:

Angela Riganti, Jenny Mikucki (teleconference), Liz Amann, Sandra Hayward, Kerry Smith, Ray Smith, Rae Davie, Camille Peters, Vanessa Johnson, Lyn Trouchet, Jutta Pagel

Apologies:

Grant Jacquier, Des Tellis, Julie Roberts, Chris Nelson, Margaret Ellis, Bernadette Waugh, Val McCrudden.

Minutes of the previous AGIA AGM:

With the correction in "Other Business" of Australian Mineral Association to Australian Mineral Foundation, moved by Kerry Smith. Seconded by Vanessa Johnson that the Minutes be adopted as a true and correct record of the meeting.

Reports:

President's Report

Angela Riganti spoke to her tabled report and thanked the National Committee for all the support she received during the year. Angela particularly noted the need to seek contributions from AGIA members for Great Australian Byte and LinkedIn pages organisation. Kerry Smith thanked Angela for her excellent work as President. Angela Riganti moved to accept the President's Report. Seconded by Kerry Smith.

Treasurer's Report

Sandra Hayward spoke to her tabled report, in particular noting the introduction and effectiveness of digital processing of payments for memberships and events. Angela Riganti thanked Sandra Hayward for all her hard work during the year. Sandra Hayward moved to accept the Treasurers Report. Vanessa Johnson seconded acceptance.

Newsletter Editor's Report

Vanessa Johnson spoke to her tabled report. Vanessa Johnson moved to accept the Newsletter Editor's report. Seconded by Liz Amann.

Membership Report

Kerry Smith spoke to her tabled report and noted that engagement of membership is critical to success of AGIA. Angela Riganti commented that the new AGIA committee will have a national focus. Kerry Smith moved to accept the Membership report. Seconded by Camille Peters.

Project/s Report/s

Kerry Smith reported on the Geoscience Information Research Project and that the GeMPet project has been completed and a draft report submitted to the 2013-14 National Committee. Kerry aims to develop an AGIA Occasional Paper from the report. Kerry Smith moved to accept the Project report. Seconded by Lynn Trouchet.

SA Branch Report

Rae Davie tabled the report from the AGIA (SA Branch). Angela Riganti provided background on the proposed Lee Parkin Award. Rae Davie moved to accept the SA Branch Report. Seconded by Angela Riganti.

The President Angela Riganti handed the chair to Ray Smith to conduct the elections.

Election of Office Bearers

President: Angela Riganti - elected unopposed

* **Vice-President:** Camille Peters - elected unopposed

Secretary: Rae Davie - elected unopposed

***Treasurer:** Sandra Hayward - elected unopposed

Committee Members: Vanessa Johnson - Editor/Social Media Co-ordinator - elected

Kerry Smith - Membership Secretary - elected

Chris Nelson - elected

Liz Amann – elected

Grant Jacquier - elected

*No nominations were received for the positions of Vice-President or Treasurer by due date. Nominations as per the AGIA constitution were received at the AGM for these positions and Camille Peters and Sandra Hayward were elected unopposed.

Ray Smith handed over to the new President and vacated the chair.

The AGIA National Committee for 2014-15 is therefore:

President: Angela Riganti

Vice-President: Camille Peters

Secretary: Rae Davie

Treasurer: Sandra Hayward

Committee Members: Vanessa Johnson - Editor/Social Media Co-ordinator - elected

Kerry Smith - Membership Secretary

Chris Nelson

Liz Amann

Grant Jacquier

Angela Riganti thanked Ray Smith for acting as returning officer and congratulated and welcomed the new National Committee and is looking forward to a great year. The AGIA Nomination Form to be revised prior to next AGM. It was also noted that observers can attend National Committee meetings, and a schedule of meetings will be prepared and posted on the website by the new National Committee.

Other Business:

Kerry Smith noted that future National Committee Meetings will be held by teleconference. SA Branch will be invited to participate. The role of the National Committee is to address national issues. Kerry suggested that the WA Branch be re-established to provide networking opportunities and local social events. Angela Riganti noted the willingness of committee members to contribute and discussed the need to provide more to AGIA membership in terms of speakers and national events. Camille Peters suggested that there is a need to develop a new strategy to target and encourage new members in particular to develop a broader base from other associated disciplines.

Angela Riganti again noted that we need to address what can be offered. Kerry Smith noted that AGIA can offer some additional sponsorship of events.

The meeting concluded at 8:30 a.m.



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**Annual General Meeting
Friday 26 September 2014**

**President's Report
2013/2014**

National Committee

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| President | Angela Riganti |
| Vice President | Jenny Mikucki |
| Secretary | Rae Davie |
| Treasurer | Sandra Hayward |
| Membership Secretary | Kerry Smith |
| Newsletter & Media Coordinator | Vanessa Johnston |
| Committee member | Liz Amann |
| Committee member | Camille Peters |
| Committee member | Margaret Ellis |

Review of AGIA Activities for 2013/2014

Events

Over the past year AGIA has organized a series of events offering the opportunity to network with colleagues and learn about current developments in the geoscience information field.

- Christmas breakfast 11 December 2013 The George, Perth
 - Easter breakfast 15 April 2014 Country Road Café, Perth
 - Winter warmer 29 July 2014 BHP Billiton, City Square, Perth
- Speaker: Sue Cook (CSIRO Information Specialist at CSIRO)
Development of the CSIRO's Data Access Portal (DAP)*

I would like to acknowledge BHP Billiton for the use of their meeting rooms for some of our events/meetings.

In addition to organizing its own events, AGIA sponsored the 2014 Perth Data Management Symposium (Perth, August 6-8), organized by the Canadian Professional Petroleum Data Management (PPDM) Association with the aim of promoting professional petroleum data management through the development and dissemination of best practices. As a result of this sponsorship, AGIA members were able to attend the Symposium at a significantly discounted rate. AGIA is currently investigating more of this type of opportunities for the coming year.

AGIA also sponsored the third Australian Geoscience Teaching Workshop, organized by the Australasian University Geoscience Educators Network (AUGEN) and held in Brisbane in January. The workshop discusses new teaching approaches, techniques, and strategies for the geosciences in a rapidly changing teaching environment at Australian Universities.

Several members of AGIA attended the ANDS Research Data Management Roundtable, held in March 2014 in Perth.

Sponsorships for members

In addition to sponsoring events, AGIA has formalised a policy to consider requests from members for sponsorship to attend conferences, events and activities that meet AGIA's objective of promoting the exchange of information in the earth sciences and related areas. Details of the policy can be found on our website (www.agia.org.au/membership).



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**AGIA National Treasurer's Report
2013/2014**

AGIA National Accounts for the financial year July 2013- June 2014 were as follows:

Cheque Account

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| Opening Balance 01/07/2013 | \$ 10,451.06 |
| Less Payments | \$7384.40 |
| Plus Receipts | \$3603.84 |
| Closing Balance at 30/06/2014 | \$6670.50 |

Term Deposit

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|-----------------------------------------|-------------|
| Opening Balance 01/07/2013 | \$23,768.27 |
| Interest for the Year ending 30/06/2014 | \$860.34 |
| Further investments | \$5000.00 |
| Closing Balance at 30/06/2013 | \$29,628.61 |

Comments:

- The balance in the AGIA (National) Cheque account at 30/6/2014 was **\$ 6670.50**.
- The balance in the AGIA (National) Term Deposit account at 30/6/2014 was **\$29,628.61**. The interest accrued was slightly more than for the similar period 2012-2013 (\$846.17). The interest rates have remained low and a similar or lower yearly interest credit is expected for the 2013-2014 period. The best rates are currently offered for short terms of 3-4 months, so the Term Deposit is being renewed 3-4 times yearly;
- \$5000.00 was transferred from the Cheque Account to the Term Deposit during the year; and
- The digital accounts for the Financial Years 2012-13 and 2013-14 have been submitted to the auditor. The books will be posted to him when requested. The auditor's report will be tabled at the committee meeting following receipt of the report.
- This year marks the introduction of a digital method of Membership payments and membership receipt issuing through the credit card secure "TryBooking" website. I know of two members who had access problems with the website link, which was solved by persistence (I believe the problem related to "TryBooking" running maintenance sometimes). All other members were able to pay online efficiently and receive their receipt for filing immediately. This method will be used in future.
- The paper-based Merchant Trading account used in the past for membership payments by credit card has had problems associated with it, especially if card or expiry information is out of date. As the Commonwealth Bank staff no longer know how to process these payments and the "TryBooking" membership payment system worked well, then the Merchant Trading account will be closed in the next month. This will also have the benefit of saving AGIA \$12 per month.
- The fees for the 2013 Seminar were also made predominantly through the "TryBooking" website, and this appears to have been successful as well.
- If members do not wish to pay membership or seminar fees by credit card, then payment by cash, cheque or bank transfer is still also available to them.
- Thank you to Vanessa Johnson for setting up the "TryBooking" system for the seminar and membership payments.
- As this is my last year as National Treasurer, I would like to thank my fellow committee members for their support. I have enjoyed the experience of serving the AGIA community.

AGIA MEMBERSHIP REPORT 2013-14 MEMBERSHIP YEAR

Report to AGIA (Inc.) AGM, 26 September 2014

8 September 2014

Even with a couple of new members this past year, the AGIA membership remains static. As of 20 September 2014 there were 45 members. It needs to be remembered that the high numbers in 2005-6, 2006-7 were due to "member discounts" for seminar/s held during those periods. Additionally, corporate membership while greatly appreciated, can deter individuals from joining as, while the AGIA Constitution only allows one representative from that corporation, other staff do ride on the corporate membership coat tails.

| MEMBERSHIP YEAR | CORPORATE | PERSONAL | STUDENT/ UNEMPLOYED / RETIRED | OVERSEAS | LIFE | TOTAL |
|-----------------|-----------|----------|----------------------------------------|----------|------|-------|
| 2013-14 | 9 | 26 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 43 |
| 2012-13 | 9 | 22 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 39 |
| 2011-12 | 9 | 32 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 48 |
| 2010-11 | 8 | 26 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 41 |
| 2009-10 | 9 | 32 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 47 |
| 2008-09 | 11 | 32 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 49 |
| 2007-08 | 11 | 28 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 45 |
| 2006-07 | 12 | 39 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 57 |
| 2005-06 | 16 | 43 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 64 |

Renewal reminders for 2014-15 have been sent as follows with renewals as shown. The final date to renew memberships is 30 September 2014.

- 42 renewals sent (personal and corporate members),
- 2 new members joined;
- 1 old member rejoined
- 6 of our 9 corporate memberships have renewed.
- 6 personal members + 3 student/retired/unemployed members have not yet renewed.



Dr Kerry Smith
Membership Secretary

Membership report 2014 AGM

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NEWSLETTER, WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA REPORTS

NEWSLETTER REPORT

There have been three issues of the Newsletter since the last AGM:

- September 2014 - Vol. 15(2)
- May 2014 – Vol.15(1)
- December 2013 – Vol.14(3)

eCopies of the Newsletter are available via the AGIA website, and the National Library of Australia has been advised of their publication. Digital copies are also backed-up in in AGIA's Dropbox account. Thanks go to Kerry Smith for forwarding copies of the newsletter to the membership and to Camille Peters for providing many photographs.

Articles have included:

- AGIA 2013 Geoscience Information Seminar – Can you trust your data?
- Inauguration of the Federation Rocks display
- ANDS Research Data Management Roundtable
- The Future of Trove
- AUGEN 3rd Annual Meeting
- AGIA AGM
- AESC 2014 Report
- CSIRO Data Access Portal
- PPDM 2014 Perth Data Management Symposium
- Obituary for Lee Parkin
- Coverage of AGIA networking events

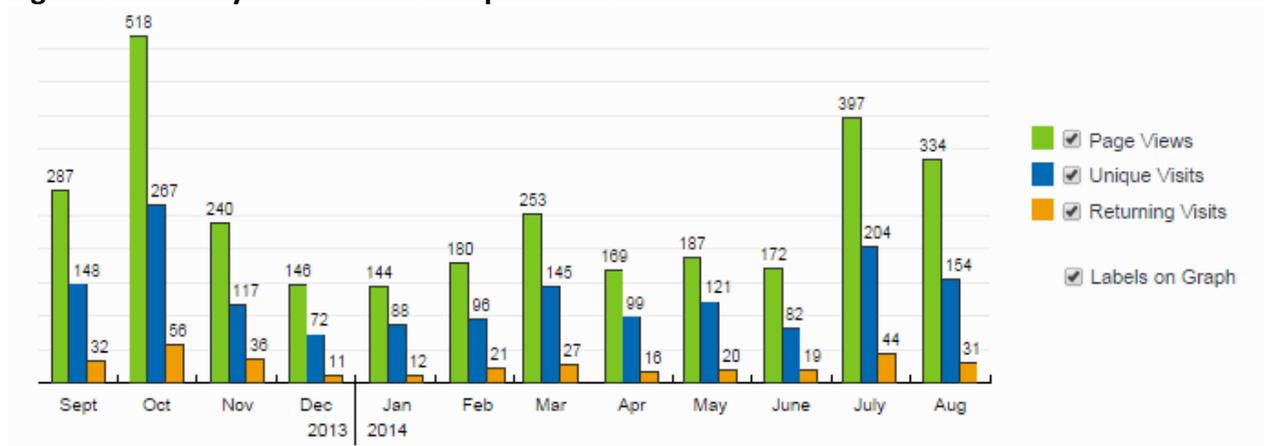
I encourage AGIA members to contribute articles to the newsletter as it provides an opportunity to provide a more detailed reflection on issues of interest than is possible via the website or LinkedIn. Pictures and illustrations to accompany articles are also very welcome.

WEBSITE REPORT

There continue to be minor adjustments to the architecture of the AGIA website. A Copyright page has been added under the Publications tab, and there are still plans to undertake further work on the content and structure of the Resources pages. A table plug-in has been added to improve the display of AGIA's Occasional Papers - the National Committee continues to work towards providing digital copies of these on the website, pending author approval.

Figure 1 shows website usage statistics. *Unique Visits* (based purely on a cookie, this is the total of the returning visits and first time visits) average around 130 per month – slightly down from 150 per month in 2012-2013. Clear peaks can be seen around October (coinciding with AGIA'S Geoscience information Seminar) and July-August (around the PPDM Symposium which AGIA sponsored). In terms of page hits, the most popular pages are the home page and Resources/Databases. The website is backed-up via the WestNet Hosting Panel on a regular basis.

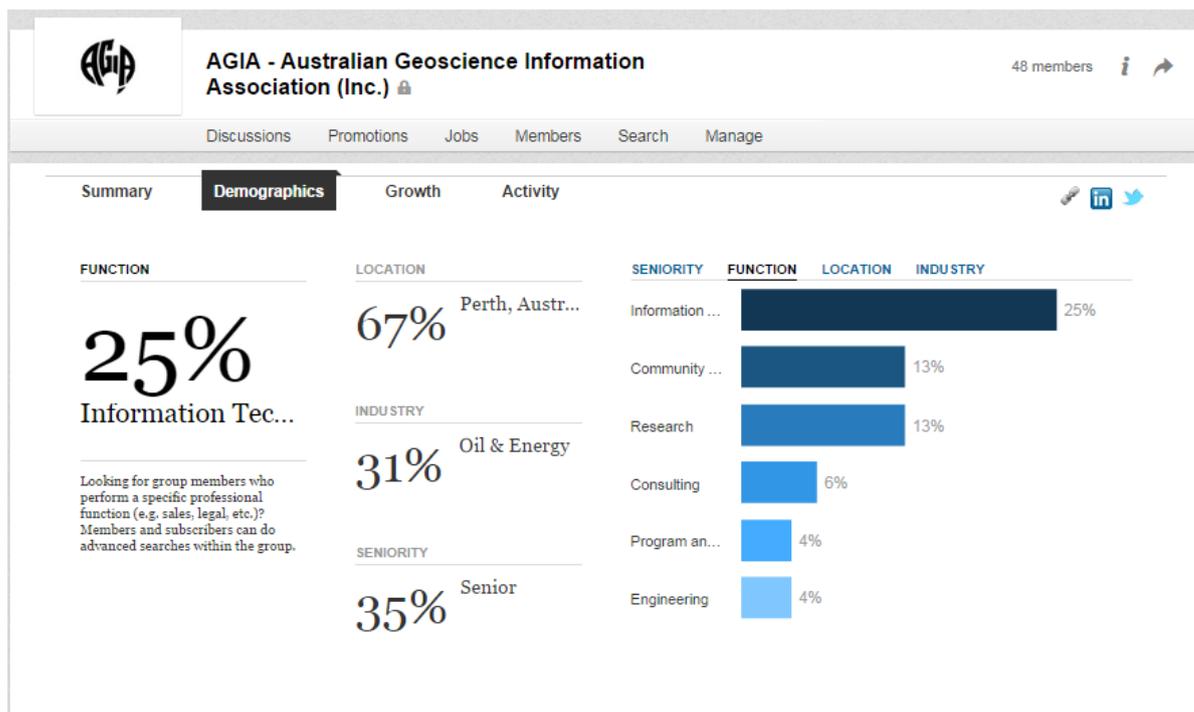
Figure 1: Monthly Statistics at 19 September 2013



SOCIAL MEDIA REPORT

The LinkedIn membership has grown from 41 to 48 members during the past year. As shown in Figure 2 below, Information Technology is the dominant member function, followed by Research, Community & Social Services, Consulting, Program & Projects and Engineering. The LinkedIn membership is mainly Perth-based (67%), more than a third occupy senior roles and the Oil & Energy sector is well represented (31%).

Figure 2: LinkedIn Group Statistics at 19 September 2014



The most popular topics of discussion have included:

- From PNROnline - The Rise and Demise of North West Shelf Public Databases
- GA makes Tim O'Driscoll lineament maps available (item from GA Mineral Alerts)
- Developer challenge at Edinburgh Repository Fringe conference creates metadata tool to identify gaps & suggest values
- Shiny new Spectrum Data facility - who fancies a closer look?
- For those interested in journal metrics, see below from Elsevier
- WA DMP's Core Library featured on Today Tonight
- Data Information Literacy Symposium Purdue University - presentations, exercises & discussions about roles for practicing librarians

I strongly encourage members to initiate and participate in discussions.

GEOSCIENCE INFORMATION RESEARCH PROJECT:
Access to Australian geoscientific information – a tragedy of the commons?
Report to AGIA AGM 2014

As I have been known to state before: the research journey is an interesting one. As this project is more of a professional interest and passion, I take advantage of opportunities as they come, even if they might take the project's aims in another direction. If the idea is relevant, I use it.

I retired from Curtin University at the end of 2013. Since then my commitment to AGIA has remained and during 2013 and into 2014, I undertook as part of this project to investigate the use of the GeMPeT thesaurus. In 2012 the Western Australian Department of Mines and Petroleum purchased the GeMPeT thesaurus database to enable public access to it and at this time, along with professional colleagues from the Australian Geoscience Information Association Inc. (AGIA), wondered about its future and its potential use. It was decided that a small survey be undertaken to try and establish interest and use of the database in order to consider what next steps might be taken for its future. That survey was sent to all known geoscience government agencies in Australia, members of the Government Geoscience Information Committee (GGIC) and Australian university libraries where a geoscience collection could be identified. A report on the results has just been completed and once finalized it is hoped that it becomes an AGIA Occasional Paper. The next steps for the GeMPeT project are not clear and will need some guidance from AGIA National Committee and possibly the WA Department of Mines and Petroleum. One missing link in the project are the geoscience information needs of the corporate library and information community. Perhaps that will be the next phase.

Much of the foundation work I have done in preparation for this study remains, but it will need to be updated if it is to be used. This includes base lists of geoscience agencies and a list of Australian companies working in the geosciences. This latter exercise was based on the Register of Australian Mining data. In the meantime, the fundamental observations made when the project began have not gone away. They were the status of Australia's geoscientific library collections and the research questions include:

- **Collections**
 - Libraries
 - Where are Australia's geoscientific library collections?
 - What do they hold?
 - Are these holdings considered significant by the Australian geoscience community?
 - Who has access to them?
 - Is access to them considered important by the geoscience community?
 - How are they accessed?
 - Physical
 - E collections
 - Is there a collection of "last resort"?
 - Physical collections
 - What are they? – literature etc
 - Where are they? Survey of institutions
 - Are they important? – ask geoscientists, geoscience information specialists

During the year the Branch Committee has been engaged with two main projects:

1. As project managers, to re-organise Maptek/remainder of the AMF library.
2. Development of a seminar for an introduction to records management for small-libraries and technical information officers in small companies and organisations.

The Maptek project originated from a request by Dr Bob Johnson, Chairman of Maptek, for assistance with reorganising the part of AMF's library which he had acquired when he bought the AMF building and assets. After an initial assessment by Committee members Des Tellis, Shelagh Krummel and Julie Roberts, a detailed proposal with costings was submitted by Shelagh to Bob Johnson. Due to fluctuations in the company's operations and finances it is probable that the project will not proceed just yet. With respect to the proposed records management workshop, discussions are proceeding with Senior Lecturer in Records Management, Dr Helen Onopko, and it is hoped to run a half-day seminar in the near future.

In a separate initiative, the paper already mentioned in an earlier AGIA newsletter and entitled "Australian geoscience information in the late 1960s and onwards with special reference to three major developments initiated at the time: AMF, AESIS and the Australian Thesaurus of Earth Sciences and Related Terms", authored by Des Tellis, has been sent to AGIA National Committee for publication as AGIA Occasional Paper 8. The Branch Committee hopes the paper may revive interest in the large AESIS database of over 200,000 references available online through Informit.

A proposal for the institution of an AGIA Lee Parkin award for excellence in the management of geoscience information was submitted to National Committee in mid 2014. After due consideration by National Committee a detailed response was received setting out National Committee's views. AGIA SA Branch appreciates the very thorough consideration given the proposal and President Angela Riganti's detailed reply and will now reconsider the matter and other options.

The Branch was pleased to have Shelagh Krummel join the Committee in the latter part of 2013. Shelagh is a librarian and a geologist with her own exploration company.

Julie Roberts,
Secretary, AGIA SA Branch