

MINUTES

Australasian Mycological Society Annual General Meeting

Held at Commerce Theatre 1, University of Melbourne, 2nd October 1996.

Meeting opened at 5.00 pm.

Present: Jack Simpson (chair), Peter Buchanan, Cheryl Grgurinovic, Tom May, and 43 others.

1. Presidents Report

Jack Simpson drew attention to the principal activities of the Australasian Mycological Society Inc. during 1995–1996 which were incorporation of the Society, the production of the *Newsletter*, the organising of the Conference and first Annual General Meeting of the Society, and the presentation of submissions to the Australian Quarantine Review Committee and the Wingecarribee Swamp Management Plan.

2. Treasurers Report

On behalf of the Treasurer, Jack Simpson tabled the Auditor's report [printed in *Australasian Mycological Newsletter* 15(3)]. The net profit for the year ending 30 June 1996 was \$2,842. However, this included a carry over of \$2,605 from the unincorporated Australian Mycological Society, so that a more realistic profit figure is \$777. The newsletter was originally inexpensive to produce, but now some costs must be met. Provided that there is no decline in membership there should be a small profit for the 1996–1997 financial year.

Motion: that the President's Report and the Treasurer's Report be accepted. Moved Peter McGee, seconded David Guest. Carried.

3. Report on election of office-bearers

Tom May reported that the following were elected unopposed:

President: Jack Simpson
Vice-President: Cheryl Grgurinovic
Treasurer: Heino Lepp
Secretary: Tom May
Councillors: Peter Buchanan & David Ellis

Ken Thomas is the Public Officer.

4. International Mycological Association

AMS will join IMA as an associate member.

5. International Mycological Congress

The Society considered holding the IMC in Sydney in 2002. The estimated budget for such a conference would be \$500,000. It was decided by Council not to put in a bid for the 2002 IMC, but to aim to hold the IMC in Australasia in 2006, with Auckland, Melbourne or Sydney as possible venues. Would be looking at 1,500–2,000 delegates. The traditional timing for IMC is the last two weeks of August. There seems to be general support among members for an Australasian IMC, but it would require some serious commitment to planning and organisation. [A subcommittee will be set up to investigate hosting IMC.]

According to Doug Parbery, initially there had been little support for holding the International Plant Pathology Conference in Melbourne, but through the efforts of Gretna Weste support had eventuated. David Hawksworth mentioned that for IMC5 (Vancouver) the publishing of papers caused some problems; it involved different committees, and a limited company was set up. Sapphire McMullan suggested that a fund-raiser could be used, with their own wage included in money to be raised. David Guest pointed out that the last two weeks of August is not necessarily the only time to hold IMC. Peter McGee felt that if IMC is to be in Sydney, there must be support from mycologists in Sydney. Eric McKenzie pointed out that in 25 years the IMC had never been held in the Southern Hemisphere, and so it was about time that it was held in the region.

6. Winding up of assets.

According to the rules of the Society (38.1), another association must be nominated to whom the assets of AMS go in the event of the society being dissolved or wound up. Peter McGee suggested that the International Mycological Association could hold such assets in trust for mycologists in the region. Council's preference is the Australasian Plant Pathology Society.

Motion: that the Australasian Plant Pathology Society is the society nominated as that to which the assets of the Australasian Mycological Society go in the event of the society being wound up or dissolved. Moved Tony Young, seconded Eileen Scott. Carried.

Meeting closed 5.30 pm.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS and STUDENT ASSISTANCE

Annual General Meeting

The 2nd Annual General Meeting of the Australasian Mycological Society will be held during the Second Australasian Mycological Conference in Adelaide at the University of Adelaide on 1 October 1997. Copies of the agenda will be available at registration. Members wishing to place items on the agenda should contact the Secretary by 14 September 1997.

Call for nominations

Nominations are requested from members of the Australasian Mycological Society for the following positions in the Society:

President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and two Councillors.

Nominations should be submitted in writing, signed by two financial members of the Society and accompanied by the written consent of the candidate. Nominations should be received by the Secretary by 31 July 1997. Objects and rules of the Society can be found in the *Newsletter* for March 1995, or can be obtained on request from the Secretary.

According to the constitution of the Society, current office holders are unable to nominate for their current positions.

Assistance to attend Australasian Mycological Conference

The Society will make available funding up to \$100 per applicant for assistance in attending the Conference in Adelaide in October. Funding is targeted at students and unwaged members. Applicants must be members of the Society, and present a contribution to the conference (preferably an oral contribution). Those wishing to apply for assistance should contact the Secretary. The amount of funding available is at the discretion of the Council of the Society and will depend on the number of applications received.

Tom May
Secretary, Australasian Mycological Society

BACK ISSUES OF AUSTRALASIAN MYCOLOGICAL NEWSLETTER

A limited number of sets of the first 8 issues (1990–1992) of the *Australasian* (then *Australian*) *Mycological Newsletter* are available. Most of the issues are taken up with discussions around the formation of a Mycological Society, but among other articles dealing with miscellaneous topics there are a few foray reports (e.g. for the Tangihua Forest) and notes on mycological holdings (e.g. MEL). Please send a cheque for \$5.00 made out to Australasian Mycological Society to Tom May, National Herbarium of Victoria, Birdwood Ave, South Yarra, Vic. 3141.