

Minutes of the Inaugural Meeting of

THE INSTITUTE OF AUSTRALIAN GEOGRAPHERS

Held at the University of Adelaide on August 25th, 1958 at 5:00 pm under the auspices of Section P of ANZAAS

PRESENT:

Professor P. Scott, Drs H. Brookfield, C. Duncan, J Gentilli, A.O. Price, K. W. Thomson, Messrs F.H. Bauer, R.M. Boeree, G.S. Christian, G.R. Cochrane, R.H. Greenwood, R.G. Lister, R.S. Mathieson, K.W. Robinson, A.J. Rose, A.D. Tweedie, A.A. Wilcock, Mrs T.J. Marshall.

The President of Section P, Mr R.G Lister announced the purpose of the meeting and asked Mr R.H. Greenwood to take the chair. Mr Greenwood, a member of a committee assembled during the ANZAAS Meeting at Sydney in 1952 to investigate the establishment of an Australian organisation, briefly traced the history of previous attempts to bring this aim to fruition. Three major points were made to illustrate the need for immediate action.

1. The Structure of the ANZAAS meetings was under review. There is a growing tendency for individual disciplines to hold more specialized meetings.
2. In order to affiliate with the International Geographical Union geographers must be organised on a national basis.
3. There is a need for a substantial national journal.

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| Motion I | That a national body of professional geographers be formed | Tweedie/Mathieson
CARRIED |
| Motion II | That the purposes of the organisation should be
(a) To provide an Australian forum for professional geographers
(b) To promote geographical research and disseminate its findings | Rose/Robinson
CARRIED |
| Motion III | That the organisation should be called THE INSTITUTE OF
AUSTRALIAN GEOGRAPHERS | Rose/Brookfield
CARRIED |
| Motion IV | That the Council should recommend qualifications for membership. e.g.
an Honours degree in geography or its equivalent, or research work
regarded as significant in the field of geography | Marshall/Rose
CARRIED |
| Motion V | That the FOUNDATION MEMBERS be limited to the teaching staff of
the geography departments of Australian Universities as at the 1st
September 1958 and to other individuals considered by the provisional
committee to have appropriate qualifications | Brookfield/Cochrane
CARRIED |

Motion VI That the subscription should be determined annually and that for the year beginning January 1st, 1959 be TWO GUINEAS
Tweedie/Rose
CARRIED

Motion VII That the Council should consist of a
President
Secretary/Treasurer
and FOUR members
Brookfield/Mathieson
CARRIED

Motion VIII That Professor Griffith Taylor be invited to accept the Presidency
Thomson/Marshall
CARRIED

(Professor Griffith Taylor notified acceptance by telegram on the 27th August, 1958).

Ballots for the remaining positions resulted in the following being elected

Secretary/Treasurer	K.W. Thomson
Council members	H. Brookfield
	R.H. Greenwood
	P. Scott
	A.D. Tweedie

Motion IX That the quorum for the Council should be four members
Rose/Tweedie
CARRIED

It was suggested that the first ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING should be held in August 1959, the place of the meeting to be decided by the Council. In the meanwhile, the Council undertook to draft a Constitution and to meet for this purpose at a suitable place in either January or February, 1959.