

Institute for the Conservation of Cultural Material
(Inc.)

P.O. BOX 1638, CANBERRA CITY ACT 2601

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Minutes of the 9th Annual General Meeting of the Institute for the Conservation of Cultural Material held at 7 Sargood Street, O'Connor, Canberra, ACT 2601, on Thursday 29th July 1982.

PRESENT:

Thomas Dixon, Deborah Hawkes, Margaret Alexander, Antoon Bos, Robert Sheehy, Dominique Wever, Anne Gaulton, Alan Lloyd, David Tilbrooke, Robert Wilmot, David Keany, David Harris, Anne Cotter-Ross, Peter Cousens, Angela Meeson, Marshall Blundell-Wignall, David Hill, Sue Walston, Ian MacLeod, Harlan Hall, Karin Scholz, Mark Bohmer, Ian Watchorn, Anthony Zammit, Gerhard Hofer, Tony Chadwick, Warwick Peberdy, Ian Cook, Michael Bogle, Eve Stenning, Jennifer Edwards, Neville Agnew, Josephine Carter, Colin Pearson, Heather Mansell, Jan Lyall, Catherine Lillico, Geoffrey Major, Lee Sturma, Kerry McInnis, James Daniel, Karen Coote, Thea Peacock, Sue Phillips, Graham Hinton, Donna Midwinter, Stephen Riddell, John Gale, David Horton-James, Ruth Norton, Lily Berger, Ulli Broeze-Hörnemann, James Elwing, J. Owens.

(1) OPENING OF MEETING:

The meeting was opened by the President at 8.30 pm.

(2) APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received from: John Bannister (W.A.), Susi Bioletti (N.S.W.), David Hallam (A.C.T.), Neil North (W.A.), Dara Rome (A.C.T.).

(3) CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, HELD IN MELBOURNE:

It was agreed that:

- 1) the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 29th July 1981 in Melbourne be accepted as a correct record (res. 82/1)

Pearson/Cotter-Ross
carried unan.

(4) PRESIDENT'S REPORT (ATTACHED):

It was agreed that:

- 1) the President's report be accepted (res. 82/2)

Broeze-Hörnemann/MacLeod
carried unan.

(5) SECRETARY'S REPORT (ATTACHED):

It was agreed that:

- 1) the Secretary's report be accepted (res. 82/3)

Mansell/Pearson
carried unan.

- 2) a vote of thanks be passed to the Secretary for her work under difficult circumstances (res. 82/4)

Bos/McInnis
carried unan.

(6) TREASURER'S REPORT (ATTACHED):

It was agreed that:

- 1) the Treasurer's report be accepted (res. 82/5)

Pearson/Cotter-Ross
carried unan.

- 2) a vote of thanks be passed to the Treasurer for his effort and outstanding work (res. 82/6)

Dixon/Pearson
carried unan.

(7) AUDITOR'S REPORT (ATTACHED):

It was agreed that:

- 1) the Auditor's report be accepted (res. 82/7)

Mansell/Lyall
carried unan.

(8) APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR:

It was agreed that:

- 1) the current Auditor, Sheppard Pickup & Company, 30 Kings Park Road, Perth, W.A., 6000 be accepted as Auditor for 1982/83 (res. 82/8)

MacLeod/Walston
carried unan.

(9) REPORTS OF DIVISION (ATTACHED: ACT, QLD, SA, WA):

Reports were presented by Thomas Dixon for the ACT Division, by Neville Agnew for Queensland, by David Tilbrooke for South Australia and by Ulli Broeze-Hörnemann for W.A.

Catherine Lillico gave an oral report of the activities of the NSW Division, saying that most of their meetings had been lectures. She also reported that they had finally found a permanent accommodation, viz. in the National Trust Centre.

It was agreed that:

- 1) the ACT Division's report be accepted (res. 82/9)

Carter/Lyall
carried unan.

- 2) the Queensland Division's report be accepted (res. 82/10)

Walston/Owens
carried unan.

- 3) the South Australian Division's report be accepted (res. 82/11)

Lillico/Mansell
carried unan.

4) the West Australian Division's report be accepted (res. 82/12)
Tilbrooke/Wilmot
carried unan.

5) the N.S.W. Division's report be accepted (res. 82/13)
Coote/Blundell-Wignall
carried unan.

(10) ELECTION OF COUNCIL:

The following nominations had been received prior to the meeting and were read out:

<u>Office</u>	<u>Nomination</u>	<u>Nominator</u>	<u>Seconder</u>
PRESIDENT:	Ian Cook	Jan Lyall	Lydia Preiss
VICE PRESIDENT:	Jan Lyall	Kerry McInnis	Jacqueline MacNaughton
SECRETARY:	Ulli Broeze-Hörnemann	Rinske Car	Gillian Ridsdale
TREASURER:	Ian MacLeod	Rinske Car	Gillian Ridsdale

Ordinary Members:

<u>Nomination</u>	<u>Nominator</u>	<u>Seconder</u>
Susie Bioletti	Catherine Lillico	Anne Gaulton
Karen Coote	Sue Phillips	David Horton-James
Anne Gaulton	Susie Bioletti	Catherine Lillico
Catherine Lillico	Domenique Wever	Anne Gaulton
Heather Mansell	Ian Cook	Anne I'Ons
David Tilbrooke	Robert Wilmot	C. Francisco
Robert Wilmot	David Tilbrooke	C. Francisco

Publications Officer:

<u>Nomination</u>	<u>Nominator</u>	<u>Seconder</u>
Kerry McInnis	Ian Cook	Harry McCarthy

It was agreed that:

- 1) nominations received prior to the meeting be accepted and as there were no multiple nominations for any position, the persons nominated be declared elected (res. 82/14)

Cook/Hall
carried unan.

Nominations for the positions of Senior Vice and Vice Presidents were called from the floor and it was agreed that:

- 1) Colin Pearson be elected Senior Vice President (res. 82/15)

Mansell/Chadwick
carried unan.

- 2) Antoon Bos be elected Vice President (res. 82/16)

Chadwick/Lyall
carried unan.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

(11) CODE OF ETHICS:

Colin Pearson reported briefly on the progress in establishing the ICCM's code of ethics. He also said that it will be published in the Bulletin.

(12) BY-LAWS:

Colin Pearson said that the by-laws were still under preparation and reported briefly on matters raised during the Council meeting held the previous day.

The draft by-laws will be circulated to Council members and ICCM - Division Secretaries for comment. They will also be published in the Bulletin.

The President thanked Colin Pearson for his effort.

(13) VENUE FOR NEXT AGM/CONFERENCE AND NEXT AGM/SEMINAR:

It was agreed that:

- 1) the venue for the AGM/Conference 1983 be Brisbane/Qld
- 2) the venue for the AGM/Seminar 1984 be Sydney/NSW (res. 82/17)

Moved from the chair
carried unan.

(14) OTHER BUSINESS:

The President talked briefly about the proposals put forward by the NSW Division regarding the membership application form and funding. He said that the Council had decided - according to the NSW proposals - to adopt a triplicate membership application form and that guidelines for the new format will be drafted by the Constitutional Sub-Committee.

He also said that Divisions could make applications to the federal body for financial support for special projects.

The President then passed a vote of thanks to Sue Walston who retired from the Council; to Colin Pearson for his effort in establishing a code of ethics and the drafting of the by-laws; to Neville Agnew for the organisation of the 1983 Conference in Brisbane and to the Secretary and Treasurer for their work throughout the year.

Colin Pearson passed a vote of thanks to the President for his work and effort during the past year.

(15) CLOSE OF MEETING:

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

In the preface of the 196th report of the Commonwealth Joint Committee of Public Accounts, tabled in Parliament on April 27, 1982, the Committee declared "that the condition of the National Collections is at a stage of crisis". Although the Parliamentary Committee only examined the problems facing Commonwealth Institutions in Canberra, it was recognised in the report, that the bulk of conservation problems are shared by many cultural institutions throughout the country.

Towards the end of 1981 the Institute was asked to prepare a report for the above Joint Parliamentary Committee concerning both the problems facing the development and efficient operation of Conservation Services in Commonwealth Institutions and the broader problems of Conservation in Australia.

The Institute's submission to the Committee was also supported by evidence presented on behalf of the Institute by Dr. Jan Lyall at the Committee's hearing held at Parliament House during December 1981.

The Institute's report to the Joint Committee discussed issues related to the management of conservation programs, the development of work standards and collection surveys, the needs for co-ordination of preservation activities and the urgent requirement for supporting research services for conservators.

Of the thirty-eight recommendations presented in the Committee's report, nine related specifically to conservators and conservation. I think that the Institute has played a significant role in the development of some of these recommendations. I hope we see many of the Committee's recommendations resulting in action in the very near future.

In my report to members at the Annual General Meeting in Melbourne in 1981 I indicated that because the resources of the Institute are very limited, a review of the Institute's activities would be undertaken. At its April meeting, Council discussed a number of the Institute's projects. A number of minor projects have been abandoned for the time being so that resources can be most effectively applied to priority enterprises. At the 1981 AGM I also foreshadowed the production of a wide ranging policy document by Council. Although the policy document has not yet been prepared, the work of Council during the last twelve months, especially in the area of

preparation of submissions to Government, represents a significant step towards its development.

I would like to move now from matters of policy to the management of the affairs of the Institute. Firstly, I would like to thank the Secretary, Treasurer and Council for their efforts during the year. In particular, I would like to thank Dr. Jan Lyall and Dr. Colin Pearson who have both made considerable contributions to the operations of the Institute in the last twelve months.

Jan Lyall together with Kerry McInnis have been instrumental in getting the Bulletin on an operational footing. Colin Pearson has produced the first draft of the long awaited by-laws of the Institute - a particularly arduous task. Colin Pearson has also been responsible for the recently published cumulative index for the Bulletin.

Finally, I must also thank the Australian War Memorial, in particular, Dr. Antoon Bos and his staff for hosting the seminar on "Conservation Laboratories : Design and Equipment" and for providing a venue for the Institute's Council meetings. The Seminar has been a great success and has provided an excellent opportunity for conservators and others from related professions to meet together.

Next year will be the tenth anniversary of the Institute. A National conference entitled "Conservation : the Art, the Craft and the Science" will be held in Brisbane in the month of September. Planning for the Conference has already reached an advanced stage. I hope that the tenth anniversary meeting will be the most successful ICCM venture to date. Looking ahead to the next few years I would like to see the ICCM establish itself as an effective force in the cultural community. In management terms, our most important objective is to create a permanent office and secretariat for the Institute so that the operations and aims of the organisation can be efficiently pursued.

If we are to achieve these and other goals, the Work of Council, the Divisions and Members must become more effective. I trust you will all provide support for the Institute's programs in the coming year.

Ian Cook
President
July 1982



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SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR 1981/82

Firstly, I wish to welcome and thank ICCM members for being here tonight.

To begin my report, I should like to mention a few routine matters.

During the last year the ICCM's membership list has been completely updated. Persons who did not pay their subscription for two years and more have been scrapped from the list. At this point I wish to emphasise the importance of the co-operation of ICCM members. Please do inform the secretary about any change of address or if you wish to cancel your membership. This co-operation is invaluable for the smooth running of routine administration, and it is rather disconcerting to have mail for paid up members returned and no address to send it to.

The current membership amounts to 309 ordinary members, 55 institutional members, 4 honorary life and 4 life members.

The ICCM currently holds reciprocal membership with the International Institute for Conservation (I.I.C.) in England, the Unesco Documentation Centre in France and the International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property (ICCROM) in Italy. Negotiations for reciprocal membership with the American Institute for Conservation (AIC) are under way.

Overseas, the ICCM has members in New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, The Philippines, India, Thailand, Canada, U.S.A., England, France, Italy and Norway. New memberships during 1981/82 amounted to 61. There were 5 resignations.

A new division was founded in South Australia with David Tilbrooke as president. My congratulations. The secretary's report of this division together with the other division's reports will be presented later tonight.

This year's prize of \$100.00 was shared by 3 persons. Two awards of \$25.00 each went to D.E. Ward and G.D. Dimitriades for their M.Sc. diploma. The award of \$50.00 went to L. Preiss for the Assoc. Diploma.

My congratulations to them.

During the year the interim chief editor of the ICCM resigned and an interim editorial committee took over responsibilities regarding the publication of the Bulletin.

Dr. Neil North resigned as editor of the newsletter after one year, during which 5 newsletters were produced. This position was taken over by David Hill who had to resign a little later amid work pressure after producing 1 newsletter. This also explains why members only received one belated newsletter so far this financial year. Recently, Ms. Catherine Lilloco agreed to be the new editor and I trust that the position is in good hands.

3 Council meetings were held during this year:

1st: immediately after elections in July last year in Melbourne.

2nd: 16th and 17th March 1982 in Canberra.

3rd: Yesterday, Wednesday, 28th July

During the meeting in March it was decided to disband the History of Conservation in Australia Sub-Committee and there are now 4 Sub-committees:

- 1) Conference Sub-Committee
- 2) Photographic Sub-Committee
- 3) Constitutional Sub-Committee
- 4) Editorial Sub-Committee

Book sales amounted to a total of 43, viz.

- 1 copy of Conservation in Australia; Perth 1973 - C. Pearson/Graeme Pretty
- 3 copies of Conservation in Australia; Canberra 1976 - Sue Walston
- 2 copies of Conservation of Rockart; Perth 1977 - C. Pearson and
- 30 copies of Disaster Planning and Emergency Treatment in Museums - M. Upton/C. Pearson were sold.

There were also several requests for back copies of the Bulletin. There was one request for "Exhibitions and Storage Recommendations for the Small Museum" published by the ICCM in 1977.

So far the routine matters.

This is my second year as honorary secretary of the ICCM. I wish to thank ICCM members for their trust in me and also for bearing with me when things did not run as smoothly as I myself would have wished them to.

During the last year, I dare say, the ICCM has made some major steps towards the aims it tries to achieve. The Bulletin has gone into production again! Being the trademark of the ICCM its absence for such a long time was quite painful and embarrassing. Once again I wish to thank members for their faith without which the ICCM could not exist. Furthermore I do wish to express my esteem and special thanks to the Editorial Sub-Committee for their considerable and successful efforts and achievements.

Although work pressure remains the strongest obstacle in achieving the anticipated aims, council members have been active and enthusiastic, and I also wish to express my thanks to the president and all council members for their support, activities and co-operation.

I also would like to thank branch secretaries for circulating their newsletters in order to keep in touch with the individual divisions and their activities.

My special thanks go to the Queensland branch for their invaluable help and enthusiasm in organising the ICCM's 1983 conference, which will be held in Brisbane.

Last but not least I would like to thank Antoon Bos and his team for organising the ICCM's seminar this year and for making it a successful event

Thank you!

Ulli Broeze
HONORARY SECRETARY.



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Treasurer's Report to AGM of ICCM Inc.

I have pleasure in presenting a summary of the account of the Institute for the period 1st July 1981 - 30th June 1982. At the end of the financial year our assets were approximately \$1400 above what they were at the end of last year. We made a profit of about \$2200 from last years conference in Melbourne so in effect our operations would have resulted in loss of \$800 if we hadn't made that profit.

Our subscription income has increased by one third and this money combined with the increased amount of interests on our deposits has almost defrayed the increased cost of producing and distributing the bulletin. The travel expenses mainly refer to the cost of members of the executive attending council meetings.

Last years income from publications was about half of that of 1981 and this large reflects the increased time lapse from their initial publication.

Ian MacLeod
HONORARY TREASURER.

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To: The Members
The Institute for the Conservation
of Cultural Materials Incorporated

AUDITORS' REPORT

We have examined the balance sheet of the Institute for the Conservation of Cultural Materials Incorporated at 30th June, 1982 and the related statement of profit and loss for the year then ended. Our examination was limited to the information at our disposal provided by the books of the Institute and explanations given by the Honorary Treasurer.

In our opinion, subject to the limitation in the scope of our audit noted above :

- 1) the accounts of the Institute are properly drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Institute at 30th June, 1982 and of its results of operations for the year then ended; and
- 2) the rules relating to the administration of the funds of the Institute have been observed.

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SHEPPARD PICKUP & COMPANY

20th July, 1982.

*By A. Pickup
Partner*

I. C. C. M. (INC.)

Balance Sheet at 30th June 1982

	<u>1982</u>	<u>1981</u>
	\$	\$
INSTITUTE FUNDS	<u>13,308</u>	<u>11,897</u>
Represented by :		
CURRENT ASSETS :		
Cash at bank - operating account	1,049	4,753
- publications account	-	1,812
Cash on deposit- operating deposits	11,025	4,569
- prize fund	1,000	1,000
Interest accrued	596	103
	<u>13,670</u>	<u>12,237</u>
Less :		
CURRENT LIABILITY - subscriptions in advance	362	340
	<u>13,308</u>	<u>11,897</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this balance sheet.

I. C. C. M. (INC.)

Statement of Profit and Loss
for the year ended 30th June 1982

	Year ended <u>30.6.82</u>	43 weeks ended <u>30.6.81</u>
	\$	\$
PROFIT (LOSS) FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES :		
Subscriptions (Note 1)	4,218	3,136
Publications (Note 2)	(2,930)	(1,142)
Conference (Note 3)	2,175	190
Prizes (Note 4)	15	8
Photographic sub committee	-	(50)
Donations and sundry	149	-
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	3,627	2,142
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OTHER INCOME - Interest, operating accounts	1,291	219
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OTHER EXPENSES :		
Accounting and audit	63	50
Bank charges	49	50
Postage and stationery	907	405
Sundry	95	54
Travel	2,393	1,975
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	3,507	2,534
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Net profit (loss)	1,411	(173)
INSTITUTE FUNDS - beginning of year	11,897	12,070
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INSTITUTE FUNDS - end of year	13,308	11,897
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement of profit and loss.

I. C. C. M. (INC.)

Notes to accounts - 30th June 1982

1. SUBSCRIPTIONS :		<u>1982</u>	<u>1981</u>
		\$	\$
Ordinary	(280)	2,796	1,935
Student	(21)	158	239
Institutional	(51)	1,523	1,560
Life	(2)	400	-
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		4,877	3,734
Less :			
Capitation levies to States :			
	N.S.W.	228	180
	W.A.	115	158
	A.C.T.	180	214
	QLD.	74	46
	S.A.	62	-
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		4,218	3,136
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2. PUBLICATIONS :		<u>1982</u>	<u>1981</u>
		\$	\$
Income :			
Perth '73 proceedings		35	56
Canberra '76 proceedings		179	247
Rock Art '77 proceedings		138	147
Disaster planning		209	329
Bulletin		51	381
Sundry		-	86
Interest		-	88
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		612	1,334
Less :			
Expenses :			
Printing		3,542	2,395
Postage		-	70
Bank charges		-	11
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		(2,930)	(1,142)

3. CONFERENCE :

	<u>1982</u>	<u>1981</u>
	\$	\$
Income	4,334	975
Expenses	2,159	785
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	<u>2,175</u>	<u>190</u>

4. PRIZES :

	<u>1982</u>	<u>1981</u>
	\$	\$
Interest	115	58
Prize -	100	50
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	<u>15</u>	<u>8</u>

ICCM A.C.T. DIVISION PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR 1981-82

The 12 months from July 1981 have been a year of experimentation and consolidation of past advances for ICCM A.C.T. Branch. With the election of some new members of council and executive, and the continuation of many previous office holders and an organization which has grown to over 120 members, it was the general consensus of the council that meetings should continue the standard and format of previous years. It was also suggested that some innovations be tried. The most important of these was the scheduling of workshop meetings on Friday afternoons.

The aim of these meetings was to foster exchange of experiences and information between conservators in similar fields as well as those in different fields. After three of these meetings it became apparent that attendance was irregular and generally disproportionate to the effort required to organize and carry them out. There has been considerable discussion of the reasons for this and it is hoped that in the coming year this important facet of continuing education can be rehabilitated.

The schedule of evening programmes for this year has been a good one, I believe, and I would like to convey my special thanks to the speakers, those who helped organize the events and all those who attended. I think that the attendance figures generally speak well of the interest and importance of these meetings and it is hoped that these can be continued to the standard of the past few years in the future.

One factor which has taken on additional importance this year is the need to liaise with our colleagues in the Museum Association, a group with which we share many interests and members. This year we have attempted to be certain that our schedules have complemented rather than conflicted. This has, unfortunately, gone the way of many well laid plans as on at least two occasions direct conflict arose due to breakdown in communications due in turn to the often necessary changes of venue and times to suit speakers or the circumstances. While irritating, this fact of life can be minimized but is unlikely to be eliminated.

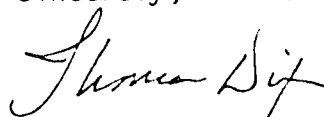
With the growth of our division and the National ICCM and with moves afoot at the National level to become more effective as a representative force in both the politics and economics of conservation, it has become increasingly apparent that A.C.T. council and executive be well versed in the day to day affairs of the National and that the National be kept in touch with the needs and wishes of the local. To this point, by the time of the presentation of this report, ICCM A.C.T. will have held a Special General Meeting to determine selection criterion for a post of official representative to the National.

The importance of this post is obvious - it is in the communication link between the two organizations and as such must be a two way street delivering and returning information and policies. There is a difference of opinion within council as to whether this person should be a member of ordinary council or executive, and therefore it is hoped that this issue will be resolved at the A.G.M. after a selection criteria (popular vote vs vote of council) has been decided at the Special General Meeting.

A further issue raised this year which relates to the interdependence of the National and each local of ICCM is that of making the membership aware both of what is and is not discussed at council meetings. I have therefore proposed first that minutes be kept at all council meetings and second that a synopsis of the minutes be published in each newsletter. This will allow the membership, either individually or in Ad Hoc committee, access to the decision making process and also more responsibility to state their support or difficulties with decisions which affect us all.

1981-82 has been an exciting year to serve as President of ICCM A.C.T. division and I would like to thank those individuals, Jan Lyell, David Button and Dara Rome of Council; Harry McCarthy, Treasurer; David Hallam, Assistant Secretary and Mark Nizette; Secretary for their efforts, guidance and support.

Sincerely,



THOMAS DIXON
President
ICCM A.C.T. Division

This is the second annual report of the Queensland Division.

1. Bimonthly Meetings

Since the first report was presented in Melbourne last July the format of our bimonthly meetings has remained the same.

In September Margaret O'Hagan (Fryer Librarian, University of Queensland) and Robert Sheehy (Conservation Unit, Fryer Library) were our hosts at a meeting and described the organisation of the unit and its work on rare books. Of particular interest was the work done on the conservation of Australiana.

The November meeting was held at the Queensland State Archives. Lee McGregor (Assistant State Archivist) and Judy Fraser (Department of Mapping and Surveying) discussed the administrative and practical sides of Conservation at the State Archives and the treatment and repair of the newly acquired collection of antique maps.

The June 1983 meeting was hosted by Harry and Peg Haxton of Conservation Resources International (Aust.) who demonstrated how to make book protectors.

2. AGM and 1983 Conference

The first meeting of 1982 was held on the 6th April at the Queensland Museum. Daniel Robinson (Senior Curator, History and Technology) and Neville Agnew (Conservator) discussed their work in the Museum and showed visitors over their sections. The AGM of the Queensland Division followed at which office bearers were elected:

Chairman: Graham Reynolds
Treasurer: Daniel Robinson
Secretary: Neville Agnew

The decision was also confirmed at this meeting for the Queensland Division to host the 1983 I.C.C.M. Conference at the Art Gallery in the new Cultural Centre on the Brisbane River. A planning and organization committee has been formed and preliminary work is well in hand.

A cheese and wine party followed.

3. Future Meetings

Further meetings are scheduled for the second half of 1982. The first of these in August, will be a talk by Kate Sutcliffe (Archaeology Branch, Department of Aboriginal and Islanders Advancement).

4. Membership

Several new members have joined the I.C.C.M., including two in Cairns, and one in Toowoomba. However, about an equal number have left the Institute for one reason or another so that total membership is almost constant at 20 or so private members.

5. General

Attendance at bimonthly meetings remains a problem with a 'hard-core' of 8-10 members regularly attending. Numbers can generally be boosted by telephoning members prior to a meeting, but this is felt to be a less than

ideal method. However, the Queensland Division does seem to be holding its own and committed members are determined to maintain the viability of the branch. No doubt the conference here next year will provide a significant stimulus to the interest and hopefully to the membership of the Division.

Neville Agnew
HONORARY SECRETARY

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN BRANCH OF THE

INSTITUTE FOR THE CONSERVATION OF CULTURAL MATERIAL INC.

Greetings from us to you with our first report to the general Assembly.

We began with our first meeting on the 26th May 1981. The State Library set aside a room for us to meet in (the last Wednesday monthly) at no charge for which we are grateful. We contacted nearly all the societies within South Australia seeking their support and to take an active role. This is gradually growing with guest speakers representing interests in various areas of conservation, i.e.

1. Underwater Research/Mr. Peter Christopher.
2. Book Deterioration and Restoration/Mr. A.J. Zammit.
3. Some aspects of restoring Frescoes in Switzerland 1979/Mr. Robert Wilmot.
4. Conservation in Marine Archaeology/Mr. David Tilbrooke.

We started our meetings late this year owing to the fact that some of our members are actively engaged in the planning of the State's Conservation Centre here in Adelaide. This is part of the redevelopment plan for North Terrace. The Art Gallery, Museum, State Library, Old Police Barracks, Hospital etc. will be undergoing restoration, which indicates that at last the Government is waking up to its responsibilities for it's Cultural Heritage. Thus Conservation is beginning to develop in South Australia.

We were officially recognised by the Federal Body early this year and became the South Australian Branch of the Institute for the Conservation of Cultural Material. We have a membership of twenty-two persons with one of our members being a floating member - because he spends most of his time at sea (oil rig towing). His interests lie in the restoration of concertinas.

We are a little pushed in regard to having to use the same speakers at the moment but perhaps if any of you are passing through South Australia or have tapes or slides available you could contact me, with a view to a possible ~~talk~~ to our group.

Within the next few months we will be,

1. Visiting the State Library for a guided tour.
2. Watching a demonstration of paper making by Mr. Dion Channer.

In September we will be holding a general meeting for all groups interested in conservation in South Australia to discuss the problems associated with their area of interest and to try and set up a suitable body which can represent them all, particularly in discussions with the State Government bodies and Federal Government organisations acting in the State.

Thanks for listening to our short and sharp report.

B. Drake/Secretary and Treasurer.

I.C.C.M. South Australian Branch.

Mr. David Tilbrooke (President), Mr. Brian Drake (Acting Secretary & Treasurer), Mr. A.J. Zammit (Councillor), Robert Wilmot (Councillor), Ms Helen Hobbs (Secretary, on tour of Europe).



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W.A. DIVISION

SECRETARY'S REPORT ON ACTIVITIES DURING 1981/82

Since the last report, which was presented during the ICCM's Annual General Meeting held in July 1981 in Melbourne a further 11 meetings have been held.

4 more meetings took place in 1981. They were:

- AUGUST: Treatment of Blandish and Subsequent Restoration of an Early West Australian Colonial Portrait by Gordon Hudson.
- SEPTEMBER: History of Antique dolls by Phyllis Payne.
- OCTOBER: Reconstruction of the Batavia by Paul Hundley.
- NOVEMBER: No meeting.
- DECEMBER: Annual General Meeting and Christmas party.

At the W.A. Division's Annual General Meeting election of office bearers and councillors took place.

Activities resumed in February 1982 with a traditional film evening.

The meeting after this were as follows:

- MARCH: Collection of Historic Bottles by Jon Carpenter.
- APRIL: Guided tour of the Anthropology Research Museum of the W.A. University by John Stanton.
- MAY: Bus tour to York and Picnic.
- JUNE: Caring for Prints, Books, Documents and the Library at home, by Sylvia Bass, Wendee Sobon and Marshall Blundell-Wignall.
- JULY: Conservation and Restoration of Ceramics and Glass, by Rodney Van der Merwe.

Four more meetings are planned for this year. They are:

- 1) Lecture and Workshop on Coins and the Care of Coins, by Ian MacLeod and Stan Wilson.
- 2) Workshop on Textile and Costume Restoration and Basic Fibre Identification, by Rinske Car, Patricia Moncrieff and Gillian Ridsdale.
- 3) Workshop on Furniture Restoration or lecture on Antique Clocks.
- 4) Annual General Meeting and Christmas Party.

A steady nucleus of approx. 30 members attended these meetings, despite the introduction of a cover charge of \$1.00 for all participants to pay

for refreshments etc. Most meetings were advertised in the West Australian Newspaper as well as suburban newspapers when appropriate. ^{ALSO:} ^{HISTORY} This attracted some "outsiders", especially for the "Guided Tour of ^{OF ANTIQ} the Anthropology Research Museum", the lecture on "Historic Bottles" ^{DOLLS'} and the "Caring for Prints, Books, Documents and the Library at Home". However, no new memberships resulted from the advertisements.

The ICCM - W.A. Division works in close liaison with the W.A. Branch of the Society of Archivists, the Royal Historical Society of W.A., the Australian Institute for Maritime Archaeology and the Australian Assoc. for Maritime History, i.e. meetings are advertised in the various newsletters, combined meetings are held and so on.

Currently, the W.A. Division has 46 members. A monthly newsletter is circulated to approx. 70 people. Meetings are always followed by a social gathering which is very popular among members, despite the above mentioned cover charge that has helped the W.A. Division out of constant financial battle. Finally we are breaking even.

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HONORARY SECRETARY - W.A. DIVISION