

1. Notice of Meeting

We are calling a meeting of members of our Interim Association and anyone who is interested in the goals of the Association. This meeting will be held on Saturday, 6th October 1979, at 1.00 PM in the Anthropology Department Reading Room, University of Sydney. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the results of the workshop at Kioloa and its consequences.

2. Kioloa Workshop

We felt that the whole atmosphere at the Workshop was very positive and we got quite a lot of good advice from the members of the Australian Archaeological Association, who were not consulting archaeologists but who were interested in what we are doing. It was quite clear that everybody present wished for a national association and a national register, and we want to find out how our members react to these suggestions. It was also suggested that when and if such an association is formed it will be invited to affiliate with AAA.

The feeling is that such an association would have separate chapters in states where there are sufficient members. At the moment it seems that only NSW/ACT and Victoria have sufficient consulting archaeologists to form separate chapters. Persons from other states at the meeting suggested that they would be quite willing to join whichever state chapter was most appropriate.

A similar Interim Association has been formed in Victoria and they are willing to form the Victorian Chapter.

The suggestion of a national association raises problems with regard to the Constitution and the composition of the Executive Committee. Normal practice in other organisations has been to draw members of the committee from various states represented, but in Australia from the experience of some of us this is very impractical. It was therefore suggested and received favourably at the Workshop, that the committee for each state chapter might take it in turns for periods of, say, 2 to 3 years to represent the national body.

The Interim Committee has been working on the draft Code of Ethics and draft Guidelines and further modifications were suggested at the Kioloa Workshop. The Victorian Interim Association and others present were in basic agreement with draft Code of Ethics and Guidelines as expressed in the modified versions which will be presented at our forthcoming meeting. We will also have a draft Constitution to be discussed at the meeting.

We now feel most of the problematic points have been ironed out and we hope that those present at the meeting will accept the draft Code of Ethics and draft Guidelines as presented.

3. Membership

At a meeting of the Interim Committee we discussed the problems of definition of classes of membership, e.g. Members and Associates, and acceptable candidates for the Membership Sub-Committee. We will present the results of these discussions at the meeting for comment.

4. Formation of Association

If we are going to form a national association we have to form it at our meeting on Saturday 6th October. We also suggest that if we form a national association at this stage, that the Interim Executive Committee continue this work until the AGM which will be called in March according to the proposed Constitution.

5. There will be a conference run by the Australian Archaeological Association in Victoria on the weekend 17/18th November. We would like to have your opinions on the above matters so that we can discuss them with our members from other states who will be present at the Conference.

We do hope you can come to our meeting on the 6th October.
Coffee and wine (in small amounts) will be available.
We look forward to another session of interesting discussion.

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