

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held at the Earl of Zetland Hotel,
6th September, 1970.

PRESENT:

The President, Mr. R. Ford and 35 members were present.
Apologies were received from 9 members.

MINUTES:

Moved Mr. Stephen, seconded Mr. G. Robinson that the Minutes of 1969 Annual General Meeting be accepted. (Carried)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Membership increased by 15 but disappointing that 10 ordinary memberships have been cancelled due to arrears of subscription.

Life membership numbers increased by 12 to 638 which includes 7 Honorary members and 6 Associate. Ordinary membership increased by 3 to 214 including 4 associates.

During the year we were notified of 12 deaths.

R.R. Bartholomeaus	1911/14
B.W. Bussell	1934/37
E.G. Hubble	1899/1902
F.W. Gilbert	Associate Member
S.B. Opie	1912/15
H.W. Robinson	1922/25
G.E. Thomas	1921/23
H.C. Wilson	1903/06
A.T. Hanisch	1938/41
J.H. Fletcher	1909/12
Nowed Oswald	1915/18
E.J. Snook	1938/40

This year's Award of Merit is to be presented to Mr. R.H. Badman; who has made a significant contribution to the small seeds industry.

Branch Activities include West Coast and South East which I attended; but unfortunately I could not attend the Upper Murray Branch.

Agricultural Technologists of Australia - A Branch has been formed in South Australia and R.O.C.A. can feel proud in the part it played in the formation of this professional organization; I ask members who have not joined A.T.A. to consider this, as a strong Association is based on a strong and active membership.

Ray Norton has maintained a high standard with the Student magazine and we congratulate him for his efforts.

Honorary Life Membership - Des Habel has been recommended by the Eyre Peninsula Branch.

Members of the Committee have obtained a suitably designed badge to present to those honoured members and hope these will be presented next year.

I would like to thank the Committee for their support, and particularly Cliff Hooper as Treasurer, John Jones who has taken the position of Secretary from John Gursansky. Ray Norton for assistance with the Digest. Bill Edge and John Gore who have indicated they do not wish to stand for office in the new term.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Net Profit for year \$93-37 - reduced due to \$160 expenses to A.T.A.
 Cost of Digest higher by \$28-00 due to use of Addresograph.
 Donation by Eyre Peninsula Branch \$30-00.
 Income increased by \$36-00 interest.
 Assets increased by \$338-00.

Bill Edge moved that the financial report be received and adopted. (Carried)

RECOGNITION OF DIPLOMATES BY EMPLOYERS:

Compiled by B. Wigney (Chairman).

Committee consists of R.S. Norton
 J. Obst
 T. Clancy
 B. Wigney

Initial meeting of Committee set down the basis of a method of approach to be adopted.

1. Draw comparison between all courses of all recognised Agricultural Colleges in Australia covering; Subject matter, time, qualifications of lecturers.
2. Request from Director of S.A. Institute of Technology, a rating for R.D.A. holders in comparison to the Institute, and level of employment for Institute Diplomates.
3. Comparison of positions gained and held in all Government Departments in Australia; including levels of positions, length of time for grading rises, promotional scope in Departments.

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4. Private enterprises to be approached in Agriculture - including positions, salaries and education levels required for these fields.
5. Report to follow the lines of the Engineers Test Case placed before the Arbitration Court in 1965.

Results to date:

Information has been gained on above points. - Basically none accept a R.D.A. as an entrance standard, as a supplementary qualification is required.

The Director of S.A.I.T. refrained from commenting until the enquiry into Agricultural Education in S.A. has been completed in 1971.

Public Service Board has supplied a distinct negative attitude.

Several Agricultural Colleges have supplied Syllabus Reports.

This first year has been basically ground work hampered by lack of credible information and extremely slow response to information sought.

The Committee has started a submission and to be successful it must continue to collate the information into a submission.

Moved by P. Ryan that discussion in this topic gained by R.O.C.A. be made available to A.T.A. Seconded K. Holder. (Carried)

A.T.A. REPORT ON A.G.M. - by J. Gore and R. Norton

Federal Executive meeting planned for Adelaide in March. Federal Treasurer and Secretary negotiating with Institute of Technology in Bathurst, for an opportunity for A.T.A. members to gain by correspondence an extra qualification in Agricultural Technology (3 year degree status). Mitchel College of Advanced Education will accept the R.D.A. for 15 units only leaving 15 units to be gained to obtain the degree in Agricultural Technology.

Motion: Amendment to Constitution 4 (1) shall be amended to read.

- 4 (1) Executive - The Executive shall consist of the President, Immediate Past President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Principal or Vice Principal of College.

Seconded by Mark Babidge. (Carried)

Report by R. Norton on Aboriginal Agricultural Education. Committee formed last year - invited the Aboriginal Council to come to R.A.C. to discuss the possibilities of Aboriginal students through the College.

Up to date, the discussions have fallen through.

R. Norton and J. Foot (R.A.C. House Master) have taken the matter up again this year hoping for a better response.

Money for a scholarship is not the problem but human interest.

A new Committee is not warranted at this stage.

LD COLLEGIANS TIE:

Moved by J. Skull that the Committee look into economics and possibilities of a tie for R.O.C.A. members. Seconded by D. Suter. (Carried)

LECTION OF OFFICERS:

Nominations received and accepted:

President - D. Suter
Past President - R. Ford
Vice President - D. Fewster
Secretary - J.A. Jones
Treasurer - C. Hooper
Graduating Class 1970 - C. Goode
1-10 years - M. Babidge

Four Others - H. Stephen
G. Eckersley
G. Norman
R. Norton

Auditor - B.C. Philp

Meeting Closed - 6:40 p.m.

D. Suter
President
4/9/71