

MX Association 25th Annual Conference
Adelaide – Australia, 2-4 November 2008
2008 Annual General Meeting Minutes

Meeting opened at 11:00am, Tuesday 4th November 2008

1. Apologies

- **Apologies have been received from the following delegates**

Steve Hill
Graeme Young
Mark Westaway

2. Minutes from 2007 AGM in Perth, Western Australia.

The minutes from 2007 AGM in Perth Western Australia 2007 were read and it was moved that they be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Moved Andrew Brown
Seconded Laurie Hewson
Motion Carried

- **Secretary/Treasurer Report**

The final statement for the 2007 Conference held in Perth was tabled and read. It was moved that the report be accepted as true and correct.

Moved Jason Cox
Seconded Jim Turner
Motion Carried

- **Business arising from the minutes**

Nil

- **Correspondence**

Nil

3. 26th Annual MX Association Conference 2009

- **2009 Conference Location**

In line with our normal rotation of conference venues it was moved the 2009 Annual MX Association Conference be held in Brisbane.

Moved Steve Muller
Seconded Terry Methven
Motion Carried

Bentley's support of the conference in Brisbane was noted.

4. Election of Office Bearers for 2009

- **President**

Mark Patis was nominated and accepted the nomination

Moved Jason Cox
Seconded Mark Gardiner
Motion Carried

- **Treasurer /Secretary**

Mark Patis advised that he was discussing the role of Treasure/Secretary with a QLD based person. It was moved that Natasha Stone continue in the role until a QLD based treasurer/secretary is found. Natasha accepted this nomination.

Moved Andrew Brown
Seconded Jim Turner
Motion Carried

- **Technical Coordinator(s)**

Steve Muller was nominated and accepted the nomination

Moved Mark Patis
Seconded Laurie Hewson
Motion Carried

5. General Business

- **Draft Financial Statement**

Conference had 142 delegates attend and expected to break even or be very close to it.

- **Ray Moloney Award**

Congratulations to Stewart Smith for being the 2008 recipient of the Ray Moloney Award.

Jason Cox announced that Graeme Young from Queensland has resigned from the Ray Moloney Award selection panel. He also expressed concerns about the way in which the recipient of the award was selected and suggested an improvement to the current voting system.

A replacement for Graeme Young was required. It was moved that Mark Westaway be nominated. Mark accepted this nomination (by phone).

Moved Stewart Smith
Seconded Bill Zegveld
Motion Carried

Stewart Smith recalled last year's discussion about having a poll on the website, with the final decision by the panel. Perhaps nominate for the next year during the current year conference (i.e. nominate for 2009 award at 2008 conference)

Geoff Hepworth was happy to open up the process but would like to see some justification of the nomination presented by the nominator.

Ian Urban suggested that a form be put on the website for people to fill in.

Laurie Hewson suggested that nominations close early enough to give panel enough time to consider the nominations. Leave open until about 2-3 months from conference.

David Nicholson thought that 2-3 months was too long to consider, committee should speed up their process. Jason Cox advised that this year the process took about 4-6 weeks.

Steve Muller summarised:

- Website voting/nomination/registration to be in place for 2009 conference.
- Nominations to close 1 month before conference.
- Selection Panel to decide.

It was moved that a nomination form to be put on website, nominations close 1 month before the conference, selection panel to decide a winner.

Moved Jason Cox
Seconded Stewart Smith
Motion Carried

- **Life Membership**

The Committee acknowledged that they did not amend the constitution as noted in the 2007 conference minutes, and had therefore mistakenly nominated 3 people for life membership instead of just 1. The committee apologised and will ensure the constitution is amended before being handed over to the 2009 committee.

David Nicholson moved to vote for the 2008 life member via a process of elimination
Seconded Nivas Dhavala
Motion Withdrawn

Prior to this motion being voted on there was further discussion re the process resulting in David Nicholson withdrawing his motion.

It was then moved to defer the decision of a life member until the 2009 conference.

Moved Alan Brown
Seconded Natasha Stone
Motion Carried

- **Awards Discussion**

It was moved that the Life Membership and the Ray Moloney award process be treated similarly, i.e. nominations to be posted via website, selection panel to reduce life membership nominations to just 1. Voting for life membership be carried out by delegates at conference. Voting for the winner of the Ray Moloney Award to be carried out by the selection panel.

Moved Steve Muller
Seconded Alan Brown
Motion Carried

Alan Brown asked the question as to whether the Ray Moloney Award was the highest level of recognition by the Association. Jason Cox clarified by saying no, the Ray Moloney Award is for Innovation, Life Membership is for ongoing & continued support to the Association.

Terry Methven suggested that Life membership nominations should not be made open to the Association. Geoff Hepworth referred back to the 2007 conference where a similar discussion had taken place and the members of the Association had agreed to open up the process to the members rather than it being solely a committee decision. This is based on the fact that not all committee members have the historical knowledge of the Association.

Jeremy Champion de Crespigny pointed out that the 2007 minutes refers to a committee however there appears to be two committees, an organising and a selection committee. He was unsure which committee was responsible for what? It was confirmed that organising committee is responsible for organising the conference; the selection committee is responsible for electing the Ray Moloney Award recipient and for the Life Member nominations

Martin Patfield suggested that the distinction between the two committees be defined and included in the constitution. At this point Jason Cox outlined the members of the selection panel:

Queensland	Mark Westaway
New South Wales	Jason Cox
Victoria	David Nicholson
Tasmania	Bill Zegveld
South Australia	Geoff Hepworth
Western Australia	Laurie Hewson
New Zealand	Steve Muller

Laurie Hewson suggested the 'committee' organises, the 'selection panel' looks after the awards.

It was moved that the current 'selection panel' be responsible for the Ray Moloney Award and putting the Life Membership nominations to the committee for inclusion into the AGM Agenda

Moved Vince Sinagra
Seconded Ben Brown
Motion Carried

Amendment to be made to the constitution as a new point numbered 3.8.

- **Other Business**

- **Future of the MX Association**

Ian Urban started a discussion by suggesting that we may need to include other groups i.e. Geopack and Inroads users to ensure the ongoing life of the association as Bentley migrate their three products into one. Maybe at this time we should also move to being design focused using software tools rather than software users focused.

Geoff Hepworth agreed but unsure how to proceed at this time as the three products were still quite independent. Steve Muller suggested moving the Yahoo group to Bentley Communities. David Nicholson suggested leaving all as it is until MX disappears. This was the general consensus of the members in attendance.

- **Conference Registration**

Jason Cox stated that the registration process would be fully automated for the 2009 conference. To make the process simpler and quicker it would be essential for registration forms to be sent in as a word document rather than as a pdf file. PDF's would be returned & asked to be re-sent as Word Documents.

AGM Closed