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3. Plans are in hand for a 3-day meeting to be held in May 1978 at a field location, probably Kinchiga National Park, near Menindee in western NSW. It is hoped to hold a series of Workshop sessions on the themes of Research on Arid Lands in Australia.

The meeting closed at 10.55 am.

From this meeting several points arose; one, the need for final ratification of the constitution so that the Association may be formally established and then move towards legal status as an incorporated society. Ballot papers for voting on the draft constitution will be forwarded soon. This constitution is no way immutable, as its clauses provide for future amendment if this be thought necessary. The statement in the report of the meeting on subscriptions should cover the request that members be advised on this point. There have been no calls for further subscriptions since the initial one, those who have sent in further subscriptions of course have these recorded and will not need to respond to the call for subscriptions which will go out early in 1978.

Calls for nominations for the offices of Secretary and Treasurer will go out soon and I hope for a good response.

The proposal for establishing a professional organisation for archaeologists is one that requires full debate and members should use the Newsletter as a means of circulating various viewpoints on this issue, one that is the subject of much discussion in the States and in Britain at present.

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