



**Minutes of an Executive Committee Meeting of the Australasian Society for Classical Studies held at Rydges Hotel, Christchurch, on Tuesday 29 January 2008, commencing at 1.10 pm.**

**Present:** Mr J. Penwill (President, in the Chair), Dr B. Marshall (Sec), Dr H. Baltussen (UAdel), Dr P. Burton (for UTas), Dr K.O. Chong-Gossard (UMelb), Prof. J. Davidson (VP), Mr R.W. Dolley (Treas), Dr G. Dunn (ACU), Dr J. Hall (UOtago), Dr P. Keegan (MacqU), Dr E. Minchin (Editor), Dr D. O'Brien (Web Mgr), Dr N. O'Sullivan (UWA), Professor R. Ridley (VP), Dr G. Salapata (MasseyU), Dr E. Sciarrino (UCant), Dr T. Stevenson (UQ), A/Prof. J. Tatum (USyd), Dr M. Wilson (UAuck).

**Apologies:** Dr E. Anagnostou-Laoutides (MonashU), A/Prof. P. Davis (Editor), Dr I. Plant (Bus Mgr), Dr B. Pütz (VUW), Mr J. Tillitzki (P/G Rep).

## **2. Minutes of Executive Committee Meetings**

The following Minutes had been circulated electronically:

- (a) Tuesday 6 February 2007 in Newcastle
- (b) Thursday 8 February 2007 in Newcastle
- (c) Result of email consultation on increase in essay competition prizes on 11 September 2007

It was moved that these sets of Minutes be confirmed. Carried.

## **3. Order of Business**

It was agreed to deal at this point with the proposal (Item 4 b on the agenda) to set up a "work-in-progress" website; A/Prof. Paul McKechnie (MacqU) had been invited to the meeting to speak to his proposal, some details of which had been circulated. PMcK described other such electronic sites (e.g. Princeton/Stanford model) and proposed an Aust/NZ website, perhaps based in the ASCS website; he offered to take on a co-ordinating role, but would need someone to do the technical input. DO'B said that it could be located on the ASCS website via a registration process. MW said that it would need some vetting, but NO'S countered by saying that it needed only the name of the author, and there would be allowance for feedback. JT said that, if it is to be used to advertise our "wares", it should not be lame and it would need wide support. It was agreed to refer the matter to the following General Meeting.

## **4. Business arising from the Minutes**

- (a) Introduction of category of Honorary Life Membership. It would be referred for further discussion at the following General Meeting.
- (b) Application for tax deductibility status. The President reported that no further action had been taken on this matter. It may be better to re-open negotiations with the new Federal Treasurer.
- (c) HUMANZ/Humanities Research Network (NZ). The Secretary will advise New Zealand members to register.
- (d) Institute of Classical Studies Library, London. JD reported that the situation (as at November) was not encouraging and that the University's original proposal is likely to proceed. He offered to obtain further information.

(e) Website. NO'S felt that a lot more could be done, as the website is a showcase of the Society, and that perhaps someone should be paid to work on the site, overseen by the Website Manager. BM commented that, whoever does the technical work, someone still has the time-consuming task of preparing the information which that person has to upload. DO'B asked for direction in working out what needs to be done; perhaps a small sub-committee with assistance from NO'S.

(f) UTas Review. Although a fourth position had been recommended, it has now been knocked back.

(g) Keynote speaker. It had been questioned whether we were getting value for money from keynote speakers at conferences; it was felt that this year we had. One suggestion was that the public lecture be made more "public" by holding it in a public lecture hall; ES commented that that had been investigated, but the cost was too high.

## **5. *Correspondence***

The Secretary summarised the correspondence that had been received and sent.

One letter was from the American Philological Association requesting a donation to their Capital Campaign. NO'S/BM moved that, subject to the agreement of the following General Meeting, an amount equivalent to US\$1000 be donated to the Campaign. Carried.

## **6. *Budget for 2008***

The Treasurer tabled his Report, the financial statements for 2007 and a proposed budget for 2008; these were to be considered more fully at the subsequent General Meeting. Some of the items in the budget were smaller than in previous years.

## **7. *Antichthon***

(a) Arrangements for storage of back copies. These were to be moved from UNE to MacqU, but for some issues there were large numbers, which could be reduced. The Secretary and Business Manager were to decide how many copies of each issue should be retained (25?).

## **8. *ASCS 30***

(a) An offer had been received from the Department of Classics and Ancient History at the University of Sydney to host ASCS 30 there, at Sancta Sophia College in early February 2009. This offer will be referred to the following General Meeting.

## **8. *Any other business***

The remaining items on the agenda and items of any other business were held over to the "follow-on" Executive Committee meeting.

The meeting closed at 2.30 pm.