



The Annual General Meeting of The Australasian Society for Classical Studies was held at the University of Melbourne, on Thursday 4th February 2016, commencing at 4.15 pm.

Minutes

The meeting was attended by the President, Anne Mackay, the Honorary Secretary, Kathryn Welch, the Honorary Treasurer, William Dolley, and 70 members.

1. **Apologies** : John Ratcliffe, Nathan Leber, Patricia and Robert Hannah, Frederik Vervaeet, Marcus Wilson, Tristan Taylor, Jacqueline Clarke, Clemens Koehn
2. **Minutes of the Meeting of 29 January 2015**
The draft Minutes of the meeting in Adelaide have been circulated.
Accepted: Maxine Lewis
Seconded: Elizabeth Minchin
Approved
3. **Business arising from the Minutes**
 - a) Conference program review committee report

Elizabeth Minchin tabled a report of the process for 2015.

Discussion: The Executive is always looking for ways to make the process fairer. We wish to encourage panels and will be looking for ways to do that in the coming year.

- b) Commemorative Volume: progress report (Ron Ridley)

Ron Ridley: After a rocky start, the volume is underway and it will be splendid. The items are amazing and show the array of objects in collections throughout Australia.

The Executive has agreed that a person with suitable expertise should now be found to typeset the pages ahead of printing in the near future.

We will launch the volume at the conference in Wellington in early 2017.

4. **Correspondence and Business arising from the Correspondence**
 - a) Doug Kelly and Anne Kelly to Anne Mackay

The Executive through the President and Secretary approached Doug Kelly to ask his permission to name the Australian Essay Prize after him. Below is a record of the response:

4 December 2015

Dear Anne, Nothing could touch me more than the Society's renaming of the Essay Prize as the ASCS Douglas Kelly Australian Essay Prize. I accept with profound gratitude. I have spent the last eight weeks in hospital, Hence my delay in replying. A more formal letter of acceptance will follow.

Warmest regards, Doug and Anne Kelly

16 December 2015 (the day after Doug's death)

I can't tell you how delighted Doug was to have the essay prize named after him. Your letter was a shining light in what was otherwise a painful and difficult time for him. However, you will not be surprised to learn that he endured his suffering that at the end was very great with his usual grace and serenity. With warm regards, Anne

b) Miriam Bissett to Anne Mackay

Miriam Bissett works as a careers adviser in secondary schools and has noted that careers advisers turn suitable students away from \Arts degrees. She wishes to develop strategies for encouraging students into the Arts and humanities programs, and Classical Studies in particular: Promoting humanities to careers advisers who will then hopefully steer promising students in the direction of our units would be highly desirable. This is especially the case with respect to international students. This is just one means by which bridges can be built between schools and universities and, within the universities, between schools and Classical Studies.

c) Panel of Experts (Frederik Vervaeke to Anne Mackay)

Currently there is no qualified expert representing Classical or Ancient World Studies on the assessing panel of the ARC. This disadvantages anyone putting in a grant application.

Han Baltussen: Important to work through the Academy of Humanities to lobby for a suitable person to be added to the team.

Bruce Marshall: ASCS has tried in the past to have an expert chosen from our field. There might well be correspondence from the past which can be used in any new approaches.

Lindsay Watson: the situation is even more difficult for those submitting topics examining ancient literature.

5. Obituaries

- a) Alan James: Lindsay Watson
- b) Martin Stone: Sarah Lawrence/Kit Morrell
- c) Douglas Kelly: Elizabeth Minchin

At the end of the obituaries (attached), the meeting observed a minute's silence.

6. President's Address 2015

- a) Discussion:

The President's determination to build closer ties with those working in the field of Art History and Archaeology was warmly approved by the meeting.

The whole report will be included in the first newsletter of the year.

Report accepted: Elizabeth Minchin

Report seconded: Lindsay Watson
Approved

7. Secretary's Report 2015

The secretary was thanked for her work over the year. The whole report will be included in the first newsletter of the year.

Discussion:

Is there a place for an assistant secretary? The secretary responded by saying yes and no. Assistance with maintaining the website would be greatly valued. The CPR committee on the other hand is somewhat too delicate to hand over. Managing rejections of papers is particularly sensitive. Assisting with conference organisation is also an intrinsic duty because (hopefully) the powers that be respond better when a senior member of the executive can be involved. The addition of a Messages Secretary and a Membership Secretary has worked well (although the Secretary and Treasurer have carried the greater share of this work in recent months, due to the complicated transition to CUP's templates). The secretary will give thought in the coming year as to how and where assistance can be most profitably be used.

Report accepted: Roger Pitcher
Report seconded: Kit Morrell
Approved

8. Financial Matters

- a) Treasurer's report for 2015 and Budget for 2016
- b) Membership dues 2016 and beyond
- c) Appointment of Auditor and honorarium
- d) FIEC subscription and donation

Report and budget accepted: Anne Mackay
Report and budget seconded: Tom Stevenson
Approved

The President thanked the Treasurer for his hard work and noted that he had now held the position for eighteen years.

9. Antichthon

- a) Editors' Report
- b) *Antichthon* and Cambridge University Press: thanks to referees
- c) Guidelines for Referees to be added
- d) Journal Production Manager and the future of this role. Bruce Marshall tabled a written report on his role as Production Manager. As BM has expressed a wish to step down from this role in the near future, the Executive will pay attention to what the role should entail in the light of the new arrangement with CUP.
- e) John Penwill: volume 49 is online, even though the print version is still in the post.

Report accepted: John Davidson

Report seconded: John Penwill
Approved

10. Matters for discussion

- a) Early Career Award: clarifying eligibility (Griffith)

Timing: the guidelines will be changed to clarify eligibility status. From 2016, only those within 5 years of their graduation date are eligible to apply for the early career award.

- b) Prize competitions: wording, funding (Welch)

Australian Essay Prize: there should be an immediate move to electronic submission. File specifications to be discussed by the Executive.

The wording will be changed to specify that the submitted essay must have been written in the calendar year of the submission.

- c) New prize for those who undertake beginners' Greek and Latin and continue (Welch)

This will be discussed by the Executive and interested members in the course of the year.

- d) Conference funding and small campus assistance grants: changes to rules (Welch)

Those applying for assistance with conferences or for small campus assistance grants must be members of ASCS; there will now be two rounds with applications expected by the last Friday of March and the last Friday of November.

- e) Outreach to art historians and archaeologists (Mackay)

Call for practical ways to signal to colleagues working principally with material culture that they are warmly welcome at ASCS. First step is an inclusion of the short reports in the meeting papers of the AGM. We could seek specialist panels on topics of relevance at ASCS. In addition, campus reps will be asked to include short reports on excavations and museum news from their colleagues for inclusion in the newsletter.

- f) AAIA/ASCS reciprocal membership (Welch to report): this has been organised and the two associations now have mutual institutional membership.
- g) Invitation to become a Constituent Member of the Royal Society of NZ

The President has still not received the information she requested about how membership of the Royal Society will benefit NZ members. She will report to the Executive in coming weeks.

- h) Life memberships 2016

The President read the following statement on behalf of the Executive Committee:

In our 50th anniversary year, the Australasian Society for Classical Studies would like to acknowledge its founding members who are current members and who have continued their contribution to the Society and/or the departments they worked in for many years. So the Executive proposes that the following foundation members be awarded Life Membership:

Rob Baker	University of New England
Graeme Clarke	Australian National University
John Melville-Jones	University of Western Australia
Edwin Judge	Macquarie University
Bob Milns	University of Queensland
Roger Scott	University of Melbourne
Greg Stanton	University of New England

Furthermore, in recognition of the role which he has played both before and after New Zealand campuses joined ASCS as institutional members and our name was changed to include NZ Classics and Ancient History, we propose John Davidson of Victoria University of Wellington also as Life Member.

The proposal was approved with acclamation.

11. ASCS Competitions

- a) Appointment of assessors and coordinators for 2016. The secretary undertakes to ensure that conveners and judges are found for all prize committees in 2016.
- b) Winners 2015

Conveners and Judges:

In 2015, the following served as conveners and judges, for which the ASCS Executive extends heartfelt thanks:

- a) Early Career Award: Coordinator: Alison Griffith. Judges: Enrica Sciarrino, Geoffrey Dunn.
- b) Australian Essay Competition: Coordinator: Peter Davis; Judges: Graeme Miles UTas and Graeme Burke UNE.
- c) New Zealand Essay Competition: Arlene Allan: Enrica Sciarrino, Sean McConnell
- d) Translation Competitions: Coordinator: Paul Roche. Judges: Amelia Brown, Jane Bellemore
- e) OPTIMA: Coordinator: Lea Beness. Judges: Diana Burton, John Davidson, Roger Pitcher

Winners 2016:

New Zealand John Barsby Essay competition

1. First place, Callum Aldiss (UVic): 'Religious Observance : Bees, Roman Virtues and Virgil's Fourth Georgics.'
2. Second Place: J. Joseph Boucher (Otago): 'Money Grown on Trees: Charting Change in the Agrarian Economy through Oleiculture in the Later Roman Empire.'

Douglas Kelly Australian Essay Competition:

1. Grant Kynaston, 'ΓΗΡΑΣ: The 'New Sappho' and the Mimnerman Tradition' (University of Sydney)
2. Daniel Hanigan, 'Τὸ γὰρ γέρας ἐστὶ γερόντων': On the Paradox of Gerontocracy in Homer's *Iliad*' (University of Sydney)
3. Nicola Bodill, 'Will these hands ne'er be clean? - The Furor in *Hercules Furens*' (University of Sydney).

Latin Unseen Translation Competition

1. Patrick Henning, University of Melbourne

Honourable mentions:

3. Katie Logan, University of Auckland
4. Lucie Smith, University of Auckland

Ancient Greek Translation Competition

1. Tom Hardman, University of Melbourne

Honourable mentions:

2. Octavian Catrinei, University of Melbourne
3. Grant Kynaston, University of Sydney

Early Career Award

Dr Sonia Pertsinidis, ANU.

Optima Award: (announced Friday February 5)

1. Paul Johnston (University of Auckland) 'Divine epiphanies in Homer and Euripides'
2. Byron Waldron (University of Sydney) 'The Invisible Empresses of Diocletian: The Exclusion of Imperial Women in the Late Third and Early Fourth Centuries'
3. Joel Gordon (University of Otago) 'Who the hell is Hades? Hades' reception within modern film'

12. Election of Office-Bearers, Editorial Committee and AAIA Representative (John Davidson: Chair)

Executive 2016

President:	Mackay, Anne (Bailey, Lewis)
Vice-President:	Griffith, Alison (Morrison, Welch)
Vice-President:	Stevenson, Tom (Davenport, Welch)
Secretary:	Welch, Kathryn (Mackay, Dolley)

Treasurer: Dolley, William (Penwill, Mills)
 Editor, Antichthon: Pomeroy, Arthur (Baltussen, Minchin)
 Editor, Antichthon: Baltussen, Han (Pomeroy, Minchin)
 Journal Business Manager: Penwill, John (Dolley, Mills)
 CPR Committee Chair: Minchin, Elizabeth appointment
 Web Manager: Morrell, Kit (Welch, Lawrence)
 AAIA Liaison: Hillard, Tom (appointment)
 Membership Secretary: Welch, Kathryn (hon sec)
 Messages Secretary: Leber, Nathan (appointment)
 PG Rep (Aust) Hancock, Megan (Pitt/Jordan)
 PG Rep (NZ) Brennan-McMahon, Sinead (Johnston/Robertson)
 Rep. ACU (TBA) (Christopher Matthew was elected)
 Rep. Adelaide Baltussen, Han
 Rep. ANU Londey, Peter (Burton/Minchin)
 Rep. Auckland Wilson, Marcus (Mackay/Armstrong)
 Rep. Campion College Rizzo, Suzanne
 Rep. Canterbury Morrison, Gary (Griffith/Parker)
 Rep. La Trobe TBA (Gillian Shepherd was elected)
 Rep. Macquarie Beness, Lea (Keegan/Davis)
 Rep. Massey Richardson, James (Salapata/Welch)
 Rep. Melbourne Chong-Gossard, K.O. (Turner/Wurster)
 Rep. Monash Anagnostou-Laoutides, Eva (Connor/Welch)
 Rep. Newcastle Johnson, Marguerite (Davidson/Welch)
 Rep. Otago McConnell, Sean (Hall/Wheatley)
 Rep. Sydney Kathryn Welch (Cowan/Watson. L.)
 Rep. Tasmania Wallis, Jonathan (Miles/Hancock)
 Rep. UNE Taylor, Tristan (Bourke/Hopwood)
 Rep. UNSW Brown, Ben (Nathan/Welch)
 Rep. UQ Brown, Amelia (Davenport/Stevenson)
 Rep. UWA Westphal, Heiko (O'Sullivan, L./O'Sullivan, N.)
 Rep. Victoria, Wellington Puetz, Babette (Pomeroy/Masterson)
 Antichthon Board Baker, Rob
 Burton, Paul
 Davidson, John
 Kearsley, Rosalind
 Muecke, Frances

13. Future General Meetings and Conferences

- a) ASCS 38 2017 Wellington (Victoria) 31 Jan - 3 Feb 2017

- b) ASCS 39 2018 Brisbane (UQ)
- c) ASCS 40 2019 Armidale (UNE)
- d) Amphorae 2016 University of Tasmania 29 June – 1 July 2016 (Evan Pitt convener)
- e) Future Amphorae conferences: 2017: UQ; 2018: Canterbury

14. Delegation of Authority

The President requested that the Executive Committee be granted authority to act on behalf of the Australasian Society for Classical Studies in matters as may be required in the course of the year ahead.

Proposed: Roger Pitcher
Seconded: Maxine Lewis
Approved

The meeting closed at 5.45 pm.

February 2016

Kathryn Welch
ASCS Honorary Secretary