



**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Australasian Society for Classical Studies held in the Hellenic Museum, Melbourne, on Thursday 9th February 2012, commencing at 12.10 pm.**

**1. Present**

Emer. Prof. Ron Ridley (Vice President, in the chair) and fifty-nine members.

Apologies were received from: Prof. P. Allen, Prof. H. Baltussen, Dr F. Billot, Dr M. Champion, Dr M-J. Cuyler, Emer. Prof. J. Davidson, Ms M. Gillett, Prof. G. Horsley, Assoc. Prof. D. Hoyos, Dr P. Keegan, Dr M. Lewis, Ms F. Muecke, Dr G. Nathan, Dr B. Nongbri, Dr L. O'Sullivan, Mr R. Pitcher, Dr B. Pütz, Mr J. Ratcliffe, Dr G. Salapata, Dr J. Webb

**2. Minutes of the Meeting of 26th January 2011**

The minutes of this meeting at the University of Auckland, which had been circulated, were taken as read. Marshall/Dolley moved that the Minutes, with the removal of paragraph 4 (f) which had inadvertently been added, be confirmed. Carried.

**3. Business arising from the Minutes**

(a) Number of papers at ASCS conferences, and conference program review committee

The Secretary reported to the meeting that the Committee at its meeting earlier had agreed to the continuation of the conference program review committee next year in preparation for the next conference. There was discussion of the form which postgraduate students had been asked to complete. It was recognised that it was controversial, and several members spoke against the use of the form. The Secretary said that it was used mainly to collect information which would otherwise be difficult to obtain, and that it was not made available to members of the program review committee; in one instance at least last year it was useful to counter a recommendation by the committee that an offer of a paper be rejected.

Hopwood/Welch moved that all offers of conference papers should be judged on the basis of abstracts submitted only, and that no postgraduate form be required. Carried (by a clear majority).

**4. Correspondence and Business arising from the Correspondence**

The Secretary summarised the correspondence which had been received.

- (a) The majority of items were letters of condolence to the families of members who had died.
- (b) FIEC subscription and donation

Dolley/Marshall moved that the usual payment and equivalent donation be made to FIEC. Carried.

**5. Reports**

(a) The Secretary tabled a Report, commenting on a slight decrease in the number of members due to the removal of a large number of unfinancial members (membership now stands at 466), and describing the usual range of activities. [A full version of the report would be put in the April Newsletter.]

(b) The Treasurer tabled a detailed financial Report, the audited accounts for the year 1 January-31 December 2011, and a proposed budget for 2012 (considered under Item 7a). The Treasurer reported that finances are still tight, but would be eased by the proposed subscription increase.. Dolley/O'Neil moved that the report be adopted. Carried.

(c) Assoc. Prof Peter Davis tabled a Report on behalf of both Editors, stating that the contents of Volume 46 have now just about been finalised; it will contain eight contributions – two from overseas scholars and six from Australian scholars – in a volume of 200+ pages. It is expected that this volume will be printed before the middle of 2012 by the new printers, McPhersons, who had done a good job with the previous volume. Davis/Minchin moved that the report be adopted. Carried.

**6. Antichthon**

- (a) Word length of articles and suggested overall length of each volume

On a proposal by the Editors the Committee had agreed following an email consultation on 03/06/11 that there be a word limit for articles in the journal of between 5000 and 10,000 words (exclusive of footnotes). Subsequently the Editors had felt that the maximum word limit should be inclusive of footnotes and bibliography. Neil O'Sullivan expressed opposition to any word limit being imposed; Kathryn Welch held the view that any word-limit should be a suggested one only and articles should be allowed to go over that limit; Bob Cowan, supported by Elizabeth Minchin, suggested that authors of articles over the maximum length be advised to submit them to other journals which allow lengthy articles. Peter Davis said that it was related to *Antichthon's* high rejection rate (around 70%); a word-limit would allow more submissions to be accepted. The Typesetter raised the matter of lengthy footnotes and bibliographies in some articles; his view was that they should count in the word-limit. Wilson/ Cowan moved that there be an all-inclusive limit of 10,000 words. Carried (by a solid majority).

- (b) Advisability of appointing a journal production manager

This item was referred to the next meeting of the Committee.

## **7. *Matters Referred on by the Executive Committee and Financial Matters***

- (a) Budget for 2012

The usual amounts for the activities of the Society for this year were included in the budget put forward by the Treasurer, but increases in likely costs were anticipated. The printing cost for the journal may be reduced compared to recent years despite the increase in size. Dolley/Rogerson moved that the budget be accepted. Carried.

- (b) Appointment of Honorary Auditor and level of honorarium

Dolley/Marshall moved that Dr Peter Edwell again be appointed as Honorary Auditor and that he receive honorary membership of the Society for the year. Carried.

- (c) Increase in membership subscription for 2012

The Committee had discussed this on a number of occasions in 2011; there was a need for some sort of increase because of the increasing cost of the journal due to its growing size (and therefore printing cost) and increase in postage due to its weight. The proposal was for a \$5.00 increase in all annual categories, with a proportionate increase in the five-year rate. Carried.

- (d) Further donation to Logie Collection Restoration Appeal

Dr Alison Griffith briefly described the current situation with the restoration; she mentioned in particular the need for earthquake-proof cases for the display, which are quite expensive. It was recommended that a further grant of \$500 be made to the Appeal, again with the possibility of further donations in the future. Carried.

- (e) Wording of terms and conditions for Early Career Award

This had been discussed by the Committee in two email consultations at the end of last year and again at its recent meeting. Further proposals by two members of the Committee will be put forward for consideration at its next meeting. The nub of the matter is whether a person in full-time non-academic appointment is to be eligible to apply for the award.

- (f) Donation to Library of Institute for Classical Studies London

The Secretary explained that ASCS had made a decision in 2007 to make a donation to help with the continuing viability of the ICS Library, but was waiting until all the decisions about its future arrangements had been made. That has been a slow process, but it now looks as though the arrangements have been put in place and are working. The Secretary agreed to write to the responsible persons to see how best ASCS's donation of between \$1000 and \$1200 might be made (i.e. in one sum, or smaller amounts spread over three years).

- (g) ASCS 50th anniversary – some form of celebration?

- (h) Restructuring the Society

These two matters were deferred until a general message about them is circulated by the Secretary.

## **8. *Election of Office-Bearers, Editorial Committee and AAIA Representative***

The following were elected to fill positions on the Executive Committee:

*President:* Emeritus Professor Ron Ridley

*Vice-Presidents:* Dr Lara O'Sullivan, Dr Patrick O'Sullivan

*Hon. Secretary:* Bruce Marshall

*Hon. Treasurer:* Mr William Dolley

*Business Manager:* Mr John Penwill

*Editors:* A/Prof Peter Davis, Professor Elizabeth Minchin

*Website Manager:* Ms Kit Morrell

*Postgraduate Representative:* Mr Tim Scott

*AAIA Representative:* Assoc. Prof. Tom Hillard [to be confirmed]

*Editorial Committee:* Dr P. Burton, Emer. Prof. J.F. Davidson, Assoc. Prof.  
A. Mackay, Ms F. Muecke, Dr L. O'Sullivan

*University Representatives:*

Australian Catholic University: Dr Geoffrey Dunn

Australian National University: Dr Paul Burton

Campion College: Dr Susanna Rizzo

La Trobe University: Dr Jenny Webb

Macquarie University: Dr Peter Keegan

Massey University: Dr Gina Salapata

Monash University: Dr Eva Anagnostou-Laoutides

University of Adelaide: Dr Han Baltussen

University of Auckland: Dr Marcus Wilson

University of Canterbury: Dr Gary Morrison

University of Melbourne: Dr K.O. Chong Gossard

University of Newcastle: Dr Marguerite Johnson

University of New England: Dr Graeme Bourke

University of New South Wales: Dr Geoff Nathan

University of Otago: Professor Bill Dominik

University of Queensland: Dr David Pritchard

University of Sydney: Dr Bob Cowan

University of Tasmania: Dr Graeme Miles

University of Western Australia: Dr Michael Champion

Victoria University of Wellington: Dr Babette Pütz

## **9. *Competition Results***

The Secretary announced the results of the various competitions and awards:

(a) Early Career Award (b) Essay Competitions (c) Translation Competitions (d) OPTIMA  
Full details will be listed in the April Newsletter.

## **10. *Next General Meeting and Conference***

Dr Ken Sheedy on behalf of the Department of Ancient History at MacqU had made an offer to convene ASCS 34 (2013) in conjunction with a special event in Sydney and in tandem with a conference on Alexander, in Sydney in the third week of January 2013. The meeting happily accepted the offer. The convenors will be Dr Ken Sheedy and Dr Blanche Menadier, while Dr Liz Baynham will convene the Alexander strand. Marshall/Dolley moved that the usual financial provisions be made. Carried.

Assoc. Prof Matthew Trundle moved a vote of thanks to Dr Eva Anagnostou-Laoutides, the conference convenor, to her team of helpers, particularly the enthusiastic, cheerful and ever-helpful students, and to members of the local department for the hard work done to make the occasion such a success. The vote of thanks was carried with warm acclamation.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 1.35 pm.

Bruce Marshall  
Honorary Secretary  
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