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Executive Committee of the Australasian Society for Classical Studies

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Agenda 28 January 2015

1. **Present:** Ron Ridley (presiding); Kathryn Welch (secretary); William Dolley (treasurer); Graeme Bourke; Paul Burton; Michael Champion; Geoffrey Dunn; Peter Keegan; Elizabeth Minchin;Patrick O’Sullivan; John Penwill; Arthur Pomeroy; Gina Salapata; Marcus Wilson; Lawrence Xu.
2. Apologies: Alison Griffith; K.O. Chong-Gossard;
3. Minutes of the Meeting of January 2014

Minutes passed after corrections Marcus Wilson, seconded Graeme Bourke

1. Business arising from the Minutes
2. Conference program review committee: John Davidson’s report noticed
3. Correspondence and Business arising from the Correspondence
4. The Secretary will summarise the correspondence.

Noted: Letter from Professor Graham Zanker, University of Canterbury

1. FIEC subscription and donation will be paid as in previous years.
2. Obituaries
3. Lara O’Sullivan will commemorate the death of Brian Bosworth (23 December 2014) by reading an obituary at the AGM.
4. Adelaide colleagues have requested that an obituary for David Hester, who passed away in late 2013, can also be read at the 2015 AGM.
5. Reports
6. Secretary: Report tabled
7. Treasurer: shortfall of income has led to a deficit.
8. Editors: report tabled
9. Antichthon
   1. Antichthon and Cambridge University Press

Transition to Cambridge. 1 January 2015 is the date of transition. Vol 49 is the first volume of the new system. Packages are called consortia. Hard to tell what level of income we will receive. ASCS payment will come after costs have been recovered. Proquest and Informit agreements will evenutally be terminated. Cambridge will supply copies to financial members. Membership list has to go Cambridge two weeks in advance. Need to add format of the journal to the membership renewal list. Default for those who don’t reply should be the electronic format. If the membership decreases, we will have to pay more. ASCS is charged per number of journals distributed. ASCS will receive a 10% royalty but the distribution costs will outweigh this.

* 1. Journal Production Manager and the future of this role:

CUP contributes $1800 towards production. ASCS pays the rest of the cost. Cambridge outsources its typesetting to a firm in Chenai which produces a template. The first volume needs careful checking. Cambridge’s normal process is to place all responsibility on the author.

The Executive thanked John Penwill for all his hard work on this issue.

The Executive will need to consider a replacement for Bruce Marshall who has acted as production manager for several years. This is at Bruce’s request.

1. Financial Matters
   1. Treasurer’s report for 2014 and Budget for 2015

Implications for finances from the CUP move. There will be a considerable fall in income. This is an ongoing issue.

Budget:

* Interest gained from term deposits is on par with previous years. Maintaining the cash flow is a problem. We did move money last january and so there was somewhat less invested. We might still receive some copyright money from CAL but we cannot expect any money from Proquest. So this figure is a declining one. The really large item is institutional subscriptions. Membership subscriptions need to make up the shortfall in income.
* Conference seeding: a similar amount has been maintained but another $1000 has been retained in light of the importance of the 2016 conference in Melbourne and less will be available for small campus initiatives.
* Davidson’s should be retained as auditors
* Subscription to the TRANS and to FIEC should be maintained.
  1. Membership dues 2015 and beyond

Do we write off the recalcitrants and have a membership drive? Well under 34.5% pay at the five-year rate. The lump sum is helpful for operating expenses.

Need to balance encouragement of fees with generating enough income.

Proposal that full time members would pay $120 Supermember rate; $80 members rate; $50 unwaged $40 student. Accepted: John Penwill; Seconded: Kathryn Welch.

1. Matters for discussion
   1. ASCS 50th anniversary (2016) conference and journal: proposal for a 50 pieces from the collection volume.
   2. Request to consider hosting FIEC in 2024: this is not viable.
   3. Tax-deductible status for donations to the Society (Lawrence Xu to report on NZ situation)
   4. Suggested maximum length of tenure for positions on the Executive: K. Welch’s guidelines were accepted in priniple by the Executive and will be discussed at the AGM.
2. ASCS Competitions
3. Appointment of assessors and co-ordinators for 2014. All competitions were successfully run and results will be announced at the AGM.
4. (i) Early Career Award (ii) Essay Competitions (iii) Translation Competitions (iv) OPTIMA
5. Future General Meetings and Conferences
6. KO Chong Gossard on behalf of the University of Melbourne has accepted the task of convening ASCS 37 in Melbourne. Dates: 2-5 February.
7. Victoria University (Wellington) has agreed to host ASCS 38 in 2017.
8. 2018 Under negotiation
9. Any Other Business
10. Representation of multi-campus universities: do we need guidelines for representatives and their selection? (held over)

Meeting finished 2.05.

January 2015 Kathryn Welch

ASCS Honorary Secretary