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#### Minutes

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Present were the President Ron Ridley, the Honorary Secretary Kathryn Welch, the Honorary Treasurer William Dolley and fifty-six members.

1. ***Apologies***

Lea Beness; Diana Burton; Paul Burton; Bob Cowan; Tom Hillard; Alison Griffith; Dexter Hoyos; Doug Kelly, Nathan Leber; Gary Morrison; Frances Muecke; Roger Pitcher; Paul Roche; Gina Salapata; Tom Stevenson; Jeff Tatum; Frederik Vervaet

1. ***Minutes of the Meeting of 29 January 2014***

The Minutes of this meeting in Palmerston North were circulated. Accepted: Marcus Wilson seconded Elizabeth Minchin

1. ***Business arising from the Minutes***

Ongoing matters have been included in the agenda of the meeting.

1. ***Correspondence and Business arising from the Correspondence***
2. The president received a letter from Graham Zanker thanking the Society for its donation to the Logie Restoration Fund
3. FIEC subscription and donation: The committee recommends that the usual donation be added to our subscription to FIEC
4. Request to consider hosting FIEC in 2024 (report): This proposal became untenable. We were also unable to find someone to attend the meeting in Bordeaux. We should plan to have delegates at the next meeting and also thereafter.
5. ***Obituaries***
6. An obituary for Brian Bosworth, who passed away on 23 December 2014, was read by Lara O’Sulllivan.
7. An obituary for David Hester, who passed away on 26 November 2013, was read by Jacqueline Clarke.
8. ***Reports***
9. Secretary The secretary’s report was circulated and accepted (proposed: Peter Davis; seconded: Margaret Miller)
10. *Antichthon* Editors: The journal editors’ report was circulated and accepted (proposed: Anne Mackay; seconded: Peter Davis).
11. Treasurer: The treasurer’s report was accepted (proposed William Dolley; seconded Bruce Marshall).

The following points were noted from the Treasurer’s Report

* Amount paid to the auditors: $1100. There was no increase in the auditor’s fee during 2014. The treasurer recommended that the auditors should be retained
* The shortfall in income reflects forces outside the control of the treasurer.
* Comparison with previous year’s figures reveal the difference. At 1.5.2, note the healthy repeat of the five-year subscription rate. It is of great importance to the Society’s cashflow.
* Expenditure was very much as anticipated.
* Regarding income (point 9): increase as expected over the previous year but a significant shortfall in the overall figures. Copyright revenues about $1000 lower than the previous year; term investments have returned average interest though it was necessary to move some funds from investments to the cash account.
* FIEC subscription and donation should be retained
* Contribution to the TLANDS project (New Zealand) should be retained.
1. ***Financial Matters***
	1. Treasurer’s report for 2014 and Budget for 2015

The Executive Committee recommends that the membership subscriptions from 2015 will be as follows:

* Full membership: $80; Retired members $50 Student members $40; Supermembers $120.
* Members of senior lecturer and above are strongly urged to join at the supermembers rate.
* Five year rates will reflect these subscription costs.

The question of whether ASCS should adopt a wage-based tier system (as with the SCS) in the future was discussed. A decision was reserved..

Bruce Marshall: stated that storage of archives at CCANESA attacts a $200 donation. Annual payment should be regularised. Point agreed.

* 1. Appointment of Auditor: The meeting approved the reappointment of the auditors.

The Treasurer put the proposals to the meeting for approval. Seconded Han Baltussen.

Approved

1. ***Antichthon***
	1. John Penwill tabled and spoke to a report on transfer of the journal to Cambridge University Press
	2. He asked for approval for the appointment of Bruce Marshall as Journal Production Manager. The current rate of payment is $45 per hour. Cambridge Journals provides only $1800. ASCS needs to make up the difference.
	3. It was also suggested that an apprentice be found who might take over the role from the current production manager in the near future.
	4. First volume will be volume 49 2015.

A motion that the report and its terms be accepted was put to the meeting (John Penwill, seconded, William Dolley)

Approved

1. ***Matters Referred on by the Committee***
	1. ASCS 50th anniversary (2016):

Ron Ridley has offered to prepare a volume celebrating 50 objects in university museums and teaching collections in Australasia as a fitting commemmoration of ASCS’s fiftieth anniversary. Great enthusiasm was expressed for the idea and Ron thanked in advance for his commitment to the project.

* 1. Special edition of Antichthon (2016):

An issue devoted to ASCS history was not thought appropriate, given the commitment to the Commemorative book, but Bruce Marshall offered to compose a short history of ASCS to be included in the volume.

* 1. Length of tenure for office holders (Secretary)

The proposes limitation to the length of tenure for office holders is not a prescription and is not expected of ‘small campuses’. If possible, office-holders should observe the following limits:

* President: three year limit (mandated)
* Vice-Presidents: three years
* Secretary: five years
* Editors: five years
* Treasurer: not limited
* Departmental Representatives: three years
* Postgraduate Representatives: one year

Proposed: Bruce Marshall; seconded: Patrick O’Sullivan

Approved

* 1. Tax-deductible status for donations to the Society (Lawrence Xu)

Separate bank account would be needed and funds must be spent in NZ; NZ academic staff and members of the public would be able to donate towards the Society.

One of the requirements is that we need to show the Department of Internal Affairs that ASCS fulfils the requirement of advancing education. One of the potential difficulties is that we have to show not just individual members but the public. This might mean that we need to amend the constitution to make it more public-friendly. Moving closer to the Classical Association and giving public lectures

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

The following members were elected to the ASCS Executive Committee for 2015

*President:* Anne Mackay, nominated: Kathryn Welch; Seconded: Arthur Pomeroy

*Vice-Presidents:*

Alison Griffith, nominated: Gary Morrison, seconded: Kathryn Welch

Tom Stevenson nominated: Cailan Davenport; seconded: Janette McWilliam

*Hon. Secretary:* Kathryn Welch, nominated: Neil O’Sullivan; seconded: Arthur Pomeroy

*Hon. Treasurer:* William Dolley, nominated John Penwill; seconded Frances Mills

*Business Manager:* John Penwill: nominated William Dolley; seconded Frances Mills

*Editors:*

Han Baltussen, nominated: Arthur Pomeroy; seconded: Elizabeth Minchin

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*Postgraduate Representatives:*

(Aust) Marc Bonaventura, nominated: KO Chong Gossard; seconded: Andrew Turner

(NZ) Joel Gordon, nominated: Jamee Murdoch; seconded: James McBurney

Appointments:

*Website Manager:* Kit Morrell

*Messages Secretary* Nathan Leber

*Membership Secretary* Nathan Leber

*Chair: CPR committee:* Elizabeth Minchin

*AAIA Representative:* Tom Hillard

*Editorial Committee:* P. Burton, J.F. Davidson, A. Mackay, F. Muecke, L. O’Sullivan

*University Representatives:*

ACU: Geoffrey Dunn, nominated Pauline Allen; seconded Bronwyn Neil

ANU: Paul Burton (TBC)

Campion College: Suzanne Rizzo

La Trobe: Gillian Shepherd (TBC)

Macquarie: Peter Keegan, nominated: Paul McKechnie, seconded: Trevor Evans

Massey: Gina Salapata

Monash: Eva Anagnostou-Laoutides

Adelaide: Han Baltussen, nominated: Jacqueline Clarke, seconded: Kathryn Welch

Auckland: Marcus Wilson, nominated: Anne Mackay; seconded: Jeremy Armstrong

Canterbury: Gary Morrison, nominated: Alison Griffith; seconded: Kathryn Welch

Melbourne: K.O. Chong Gossard, nominated: James O’Maley; seconded: Andrew Turner

Newcastle: Marguerite Johnson, nominated: Hugh Lindsay; seconded: John Penwill

New England: Graeme Bourke

New South Wales: Geoff Nathan

Otago: Sean McConnell, nominated: Dan Osland; seconded: Jon Hall

Queensland: David Pritchard (TBC)

Sydney: Paul Roche, nominated: Bob Cowan; seconded: Frances Muecke

Tasmania: Jonathan Wallis, nominated: Graeme Miles; seconded: Kathryn Welch

Western Australia: Michael Champion

Victoria, Wellington: Babette Puetz, nominated: Diana Burton; seconded: Judy Deuling

1. ***ASCS Competitions***
2. 2015:

The secretary undertakes to coordinate the appointment of assessors and co-ordinators for all competitions in 2015.

1. Winners 2014

(i) Early Career Award (co-ordinator: Alison Griffith; judges: Gary Morrison and Jon Hall). Winner: Dr Kit Morrell.

(ii) Essay Competitions

* Australia (coordinator: Lara O’Sullivan; judges: Graeme Bourke; Graeme Miles.):

Winner: Brennan Nicholson (Sydney) ‘The Sight of Sound: On the Punctuation of the Prologue of Euripides’ *Electra* in Laurentianus 32.2’.

First runner up: Miranda Gronow (Melbourne), for ‘Patchworks and Patroclus: Understanding the Homeric centos of Eudocia Augusta’.

Second runner up: Natalie Mendes (Sydney), for ‘*Quisquis faber suae fortunae est*: Livy's Servius Tullius’.

* New Zealand Essay competition (co-ordinated by Arlene Allen; judges: Sean McConnell, Maxine Lewis, Gina Salapata):

First Place: Katie Logan (Auckland), ‘In Defence of *Heroides* 1’;

Second place: Rose Crozier (Auckland)‘To Each Her Own: Electra and Matricide in Sophocles and Aeschylus’.

(iii) Translation Competitions

* Latin (coordinated by Patrick O’Sullivan; judge: Jane Bellemore)

Winner: Dane Drivas (3rd Year, Sydney)

Commended: Tom Hardman, Melbourne (3rd year); Ajantha Abey, Sydney (2nd Year); Neilson Brown, Sydney (3rd Year)

* Ancient Greek (coordinated by Patrick O’Sullivan; judge: Robin Bond):

Winner: Octavian Catrinei (2nd year, Melbourne)

Commended: Tom Hardman, Melbourne (3rd year); Timothy Waugh, Melbourne (3rd year)

(iv) Optima Award

* coordinated by K.O. Chong Gossard; judges: Amelia Brown; Matthew Trundle; Patrick O’Sullivan:

Winner: Tatiana Bur (University of Sydney);

Runner up: Byron Waldron (University of Sydney)

1. ***Next General Meetings and Conferences***
2. ASCS 37 will be held in Melbourne in early 2016 (2-5 February)
3. ASCS 38 will be held in Wellington in 2017
4. ASCS 39 under negotiation.
5. 2015: Amphorae in Wellington
6. 2016: Amphorae in Hobart
7. ***Delegation of Authority***
8. ***Any Other Business***

AAIA/ASCS reciprocal membership

Congratulations to Dick Green (Member of the Order of Australia) and John Davidson (Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit)

January 2015 Kathryn Welch

ASCS Honorary Secretary