



A Meeting of the Executive Committee of **The Australasian Society for Classical Studies** was held via Zoom on the 2nd of February 2022.

AGENDA

1. Apologies

Amelia Brown, Michael Hayes, Sarah Lawrence

Present: Lea Beness, Janette McWilliam, Annabel Florence, Sarah Prince, Arlene Allan, Jon Hall, Tyler Broome, Bob Cowan, Tim Parkin, K.O. Chong-Gossard, Kit Morrell, Jonathan Wallis, Tristan Taylor, Sonia Pertsinidis, Jeremy Armstrong

2. Minutes of the Meeting of 28 January 2021

The pre-circulated Minutes from the 2021 Executive Meeting were approved.

a. Business arising from the Minutes

N/A

3. Correspondence

N/A

4. President's comments

JH gave a summary report and indicated that a fuller report would be delivered at the AGM. Several matters relevant to the President's Report are addressed in other agenda items.

a. Discussion

N/A

5. Secretary's Report (to be tabled for the AGM)

a. Discussion (reserved for the AGM)

6. Obituaries for the AGM

a. Margaret Beattie (Tom Hillard)

b. Alan Henry (K.O.)

c. DO to mention in brief other longtime friends of ASCS, Elizabeth Carvalho (Monash), Emily Matters, and Jim Adams

7. Conference Convenor's Report

JW gave a brief report on the conference indicating that everything is in place, the shift to fully (mostly) online had gone relatively well, and we have a very healthy number of registrations to accompany a very strong programme.

a. Discussion

N/A

8. Financial Matters

a. Treasurer's Report for 2021

TT provided the 2021 report: Accounts are strong because conference expenses have been kept very low due to online activity; the 2021 conference provided a nice surplus with no major expenses to offset. It was noted that the report is not fully finalized at this stage as the expenses associated with *Antichthon* have not been finalized (+\$1,300 or so)

b. Budget for 2022

AF provided discussion around the 2022 budget: The projected royalties for 2022 look particularly strong, but anticipated costs are also rising, so these may offset. We have added another annual cost for the Messages Secretary's honorarium (\$500). In general, revenues are down because membership numbers are on the decline and costs of Cambridge are up, so we are gradually whittling away at our savings (conference excesses are reserved for postgrad travel and other conference support).

TT noted that we look like having two really good surplus years, but we have had irregular savings and revenues in a very low cost time; as things come back to "normal," savings will deplete very quickly. Many of the costs associated with CUP are estimates that we cannot confirm until we have received final invoices.

c. Discussion

9. CHASS and AAH (tabled)

LB on CHASS and whether we want to stay members. In short, the members of the Inner Executive suggested it is not worth our while to spend the money on membership at this time. CHASS does not seem to be organized enough at this stage to really offer a return for our money.

10. *Antichthon*

a. Summary report

BC indicated that the 2021 issue is finished, but the issue has been held up due to COVID, so still awaiting the final publication date for the *Catullus* special issue. Healthy number of submissions for the upcoming issue as well. KM mentioned that Jamie McIntyre at Cambridge is interested in pursuing open-access opportunities. BC indicated that open-access can be expensive for authors and institutions.

b. Discussion

11. ASCS Code of Conduct

JH: two complaints (fully confidential) came up this year, and the CoC has some issues around its structure and implementation largely because of when and where the code was originally written. The nature of offences imagined five or so years ago is quite different from today. Social media has added a new dimension to possible spheres of interaction, and it may be worthwhile revising/reviewing the CoC to allow us to recognize the complexity of our new reality.

a. Discussion

TT was involved in drafting the original and viewed it as a work in progress, and he has offered to look over how things might be modified to adapt the document to keep things current. Regulators around the world are struggling with some of these same issues. Sonia Pertsinidis offered to help, as did JM. KM suggested it might be useful to have a wider discussion through the reps. DO to put together a document soliciting feedback from representatives for discussion of how to manage the Code of Conduct moving forward.

12. ASCS in the digital universe

a. Managing the ASCS social media presence

LB has been managing the Twitter account (with DO, but not really), and we're now up to 1,800 followers on Twitter. The current Executive does not have access to account details for the ASCS Facebook page, so we do not know how that is managed.

a. Discussion

Sonia Pertsinidis suggested that FB is pretty well obsolete for this sort of thing, and that Twitter is the better networking opportunity anyway. Sarah Prince recommended syncing posts so that Twitter and FB work together, so a single post runs onto both platforms. There could be a means of linking those accounts to reduce the workload.

Tim Parkin noted that ASCS FB has posts from last year and then some more from Kathryn possibly in December. Possible that KW still has access to the FB account (DO to investigate).

13. Awards and Competitions (tabled)

LB on the new language competition: a report has been uploaded into the shared folder. Estelle Strazdins has received some feedback around timing and weighting, detailed marking rubric, etc. but this is tweaking rather than major overhaul. TP indicated that students had concerns around the timing, but they are always busy, so moving the dates likely would have made little difference. ES has done an amazing job running the competition and is willing to continue again for 2022.

14. Diversity Initiatives

- a. AGM vote on establishment of Diversity Officer
- b. Survey, results and feedback

Alison Griffith's survey reports supported "inclusivity champions" at various institutions. LB suggested a Diversity Officer is a good move.

c. Discussion

JM emphasized that this office is important and sends the right message about what we do in a field that is perceived as possibly out of touch. General agreement on this point. DO to work on setting up an effective way to collect the members' votes at the AGM using Zoom. Still some concerns around the wording of the Officer PD. Any suggestions welcome

15. FIEC (documents circulated)

- a. Members to represent ASCS at FIEC 2022 Congress
 - Amelia Brown previously indicated she plans to attend and offered to represent ASCS at the Congress, which is being hosted online.
- b. Discussion
 - N/A

16. Thesaurus Linguae Latinae (TLL) report (tabled)

- a. Discussion
 - N/A

17. AOB

- a. Next few ASCS Conferences?
 - a) 2023 Canterbury
 - b) 2024 DO to explore the list of past hosts and weigh interest from relevant institutions
 - c) 2025

d) Etc.

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