



Minutes of an Executive Committee Meeting of the Australasian Society for Classical Studies, held at The University of Auckland, on Monday 24th January 2011, commencing at 1.00 pm.

Present: Professor J. Davidson (President, in the Chair), Dr B. Marshall (Sec), Emer. Prof. R. Ridley (VP), Mr R.W. Dolley (Treas), Assoc. Prof. P. Davis (Editor), Dr G. Adams (UTas), Assoc. Prof. H. Baltussen (UAdel), Dr K.O. Chong-Gossard (UMelb), Dr B. Cowan (USyd observer), Dr G. Dunn (ACU), Dr J. Hall (for UOtago), Dr P. Keegan (MacqU), Dr G. Morrison (UCant), Mr J. Penwill (LaTrobeU), Dr A. Rogerson (USyd), Dr G. Salapata (MasseyU), Dr M. Wilson (UAuck).

Apologies: Dr P. Burton, Prof. W. Dominik, Dr M. Masterson, Prof. E. Minchin, Dr L. O'Sullivan, Dr I. Plant, Dr D. Pritchard, Mr T. Scott

2. Minutes of Executive Committee Meetings

The minutes of an email consultation on 12th December 2010 which had been circulated were confirmed, with the addition of John Penwill's name to the list of those present.

3. Business arising from the Minutes

- (a) Return of subsidies for one-off conferences
The Secretary pointed out that it is obvious now, in the light of experience over five or more years, that it is highly unlikely ASCS will receive a return of some of the funding from most one-off conferences, but he agreed to investigate (again) a better form of words to make it clear that the return of some funding, if possible, is a desirable.
- (b) Survey to provide *Antichthon* on CD (see 6 (b) below)
- (c) Listing of publications in Newsletter and on website
The President pointed out that this had been agreed to, and a 2010 pro tem list had been provided in the e-version of the September Newsletter, despite some difficulties which the Newsletter Editor, JP, had in collecting complete and accurate information. MW commented that a list of NZ publications is prepared for the NZACT Bulletin, and there were some misgivings by NZ colleagues about the consequent duplicated effort. JP plans to try to have a complete list for 2010 in the April 2011 issue, and then to collate a list for each subsequent year for inclusion in the following April issue.
- (d) Institutional membership of the AAIA
The Secretary offered to follow this up with Emer. Prof. Cambitoglou, the Director of the AAIA, and to report back.
- (e) Maintaining a list of forthcoming visitors
Despite difficulties which the Secretary had experienced in obtaining information about forthcoming visitors, it was agreed that it served a useful purpose, and he offered to keep the list as up-to-date as he could from his own network of contacts and to put names up on the relevant page of the ASCS website at regular intervals.
- (f) Eligibility of international postgraduate students for conference travel subsidies
This question had been discussed in some of the email consultations in the second half of 2010, and it had been agreed, by a small majority, that international students should be eligible to apply. The Secretary's recommendation that only students with at least 12 months' membership be eligible to apply was rejected.

4. Correspondence

This was deferred until the AGM.

5. Budget for 2011

- (a) The Treasurer spoke very briefly about the proposed budget for 2011; there would be an opportunity for further discussion of it and the annual accounts at the AGM.
- (b) JP queried the cost of printing the journal at the MacqU Printery, which he thought was high. He offered to obtain a quotation from McPhersons, who print *Ramus*, to see if it is more competitive, and was authorised by the Committee to do so.

6. Antichthon

- (a) Abstracts
The Secretary reported that abstracts of the articles in each volume of the journal would be placed on the journals page of the website, beginning with Vol. 45. Authors are now being asked to provide an abstract of their article.
- (b) Possibility of making the journal available on disk for institutional subscribers
The survey in regard to this is still being developed by the Secretary and the Business Manager.
- (c) Vol. 45
One of the Editors, PD, reported that the contents of Volume 45 have now been finalised. It is expected that this issue will appear in the first half of 2011 and will contain nine contributions: two from scholars based in the United States and seven from scholars based in Australasia. PD also reported that, as a cost-cutting measure, no hard-copy offprints would be provided to authors in future, starting with Vol. 45, but they will be sent a pdf of the final formatted version of their article, including the cover and contents page.

7. ASCS 33 (2012)

The Secretary reported that unfortunately it has been necessary to defer the original offer to convene ASCS 33 (2012) in conjunction with a special event in Sydney. He is now investigating the possibility that the Classics Program at MonashU will take over the hosting of ASCS 33.

8. Any other business

- (a) Incorporation of the Society
The Secretary reported that all the processes for drawing up the new constitution had been completed and it will be presented to the AGM for a vote.
- (b) Establishment of a secretariat/archival storage
The President had already reported that archival space had been secured from CCANESA at USyd.
- (c) Payment for office
A "Position Paper" prepared by the President following his agreement to do so last year had been circulated with the agenda for this meeting; there was not sufficient time to discuss it in detail, but some aspects of it could be considered in the course of the coming year via an email consultation.
One item which was considered was the provision of a continuing honorarium for the Website Manager in view of the technical expertise required. It was agreed that an annual amount of \$600 be provided to the Website Manager for the continuing work of keeping the website up-to-date with information provided by or through the Secretary.
- (d) The Secretary's "Position Paper"
This had also been circulated with the agenda; there were three items:
 - (i) Restricting the number of papers at conferences
The Secretary spoke to his paper; one of his main concerns was the increasing number of papers offered by postgraduate students, and two of his suggestions were to vet more closely postgraduate offers of papers, and to divert some of the money spent on postgraduate travel subsidies for ASCS conferences to student conferences like Amphora in order to encourage

more students to offer papers there rather than at “big” ASCS. MW reported that the HoD’s meeting held the view that postgraduate students should not be considered “separate”, but that all offers of papers should be vetted. It was not clear from the discussion whether all of the Committee felt there was a problem and whether they would prefer to opt for the status quo. BC thought there was no problem with multiple sessions, while KO commented that refereed abstracts could tick a box in academic review processes.

- (ii) Instituting a prize or award for academic staff

This matter was deferred to an email consultation as there was not sufficient time to discuss it.

- (iii) Recognition of members who carry out tasks for ASCS

This matter was deferred to an email consultation as there was not sufficient time to discuss it.

- (e) Donation to Logie Collection restoration appeal

It was agreed to refer to the AGM a recommendation that a grant of \$500 be made to the appeal, with the possibility of further donations in the future.

- (f) Establishing reciprocal relationships with other Pacific-area Classical Associations

This matter was deferred to an email consultation as there was not sufficient time to discuss it.

- (g) Sub-committee to investigate payment of subscriptions online

This matter was deferred to an email consultation as there was not sufficient time to discuss it.

The meeting closed at 2.35 pm.

Bruce Marshall
Honorary Secretary
21st March 2011