



**Minutes of a "Follow-On" Executive Committee Meeting of the Australasian Society for Classical Studies held in the Logie Room, The University of Canterbury, on Thursday 31 January 2008, commencing at 10.00 pm.**

**Present:** Mr J. Penwill (President, in the Chair), Dr B. Marshall (Sec), Dr H. Baltussen (UAdel), Dr P. Burton (UTas), Dr K.O. Chong-Gossard (UMelb), Prof. J. Davidson (VP), Mr R.W. Dolley (Treas), Dr G. Dunn (ACU), Dr J. Hall (UOtago), Dr P. Keegan (MacqU), Dr P. Londey (ANU), Dr E. Minchin (Editor), Dr G. Morrison (UCant), Dr N. O'Sullivan (UWA), Professor R. Ridley (VP), Dr G. Salapata (MasseyU), Dr E. Sciarrino (for UCant), Dr M. Wilson (UAuck).

**Apologies:** A/Prof. P. Davis (Editor), Dr I. Plant (Bus Mgr), Dr B. Pütz (VUW), Dr T. Stevenson (UQ), A/Prof. J. Tatum, Mr J. Tillitzki (P/G Rep).

**2. Continuation of items from agenda for earlier Executive Committee Meeting**

3 (f) Relations with state Classical Associations. JP mentioned this in his Presidential Address; perhaps ASCS could create a joint-membership, with a discount. His aim was to increase membership to provide a larger lobbying group and to increase income. Linked to this matter is the relationship with schools. MW suggested encouraging the conference in Sydney to have a panel of relevance to schoolteachers; JP said he will follow this up with the Convenors. ES agreed with the idea of the teacher organisations offering a panel at an ASCS conference, e.g. on the transition from school to university. BM expressed the view that teachers do this sort of thing better for themselves, and besides, our conferences are held at a time when schools have already resumed and it would be difficult for teachers to attend therefore. JD said that in NZ it would not be necessary since teachers have their own flourishing organisation. BM offered to approach various organisations with information about ASCS and about membership for interested persons.

6 (b) New CAL arrangements. WD reported on a meeting he attended in July on the proposed new arrangements, principally that royalties would be split between publishers and authors registered with CAL. It was suggested that a © notice be placed in the journal (it has never had one) and that authors be asked to sign a statement assigning copyright to ASCS. BM will co-ordinate this with the Editors.

8 (a) CHASS AGM. WD and KOC-G attended this meeting in October where it was reported that CHASS had had a successful year; there were now 100+ organisations as members over four sections; CHASS had been active in representing its membership (e.g. HASS on the Hill, workshops on RGF); the new CHASS Board was elected. EM commented that the membership fee is a worthwhile kind of insurance for representation of our subject.

8 (b) Definition of "small department" in guidelines for promotional funding. It was felt that there was no need for a change (from the equivalent of four full-time staff members), since it was possible for larger departments to make an application backed by suitable argument. A request was made for a system of better advertising of forthcoming visitors, so that applications to invite (and fund) them could be made under this scheme. The Secretary explained that a regular system was initiated two years ago, but it was stopped because University Representatives did not send in information when asked. He said that he would try to get a system going again.

8 (c) Subsidies for one-off conferences. Despite the guidelines, very little money ever comes back; convenors seem to think the subsidy is a gift. The question is raised: should we

try to get some of our money back? The answer might be that the convenors should impose a higher registration fee to recover some of the costs.

**8. *Any other business***

(a) Status of ECU. NO'S reported that there was little of Classics and Ancient History interest in the current courses there; previously there was an occasional one-semester course. Peter Bedford had moved on, and Bill Leadbetter was currently on secondment to a government department. Since there is currently no presence, it was decided to consult Bill Leadbetter whether ECU should have a Representative on the Executive Committee. BM asked whether there were any other campuses with an Ancient World presence.

(b) Further on "Work-in-Progress" website. It was felt that someone will eventually set it up anyway, but at the moment ASCS's efforts should go into getting the journal on-line and continuing the improvement of the ASCS website. It may be best to advise Paul McKechnie to locate his proposed website on a departmental or university website.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 11.45 am.