



Meeting of the Executive -Committee of the Australasian Society for Classical Studies
Wednesday 3 February 2016 12:30-2:00
Atrium 213, University of Melbourne

1. **Apologies :** Peter Keegan (represented by Lea Beness); Paul Burton (represented by Elizabeth Minchin); Geoff Dunn; Gillian Shepherd (represented by Rhiannon Evans); Babette Puetz (represented by Diana Burton); Suzanne Rizzo; David Pritchard (represented by Tom Stevenson); Nathan Leber; Graeme Bourke (represented by Tristan Taylor); Geoff Nathan
2. **Present:** Anne Mackay (president); Alison Griffith (vice-president); Tom Stevenson (vice-president); Kathryn Welch (secretary); William Dolley (treasurer); Eva Anagnostou-Laoutides; Han Baltussen; Lea Beness; Diana Burton; Marc Bonaventura; K.O. Chong-Gossard; Rhiannon Evans; Joel Gordon; Tom Hillard; Marguerite Johnson; Sean McConnell; Elizabeth Minchin; Kit Morrell; Gary Morrison; John Penwill; Arthur Pomeroy; James Richardson; Tristan Taylor; Jonathan Wallis; Heiko Westphal; Marcus Wilson.

3. Minutes of the Meeting of January 2015

4. Business arising from the Minutes

a) Conference program review report (Kathryn Welch and Elizabeth Minchin)

Changes for the future

- Exec moving to make the process fairer and even more efficient.
- Gatekeeper to have some wriggle room to adjust decisions of great sensitivity: can request rewrite but not acceptance of a rejected abstract.
- Returned abstracts will be placed in a separate folder for the second round.
- There is a need to encourage panels as they work well. The Abstracts Review Committee will receive a description of the panel to identify the intended purpose, and this description should be printed in the program; the abstracts of the papers in the panel will be printed together under the name of the organiser of the panel.

b) Commemorative Volume: progress report

Office bearers tasked with ensuring that the volume is produced during 2016.

Need to advertise for a page-setter familiar with InDesign or a similar desktop publishing program.

5. Correspondence and Business arising from the Correspondence*

- a) Anne Kelly to Anne Mackay and Anne Mackay to Anne Kelly
- b) Miriam Bissett to Anne Mackay

Correspondence tabled at the AGM.

6. Obituaries (for noting: obituaries are to be read at the AGM)

- a) Alan James (Lindsay Watson)
- b) Martin Stone (Sarah Lawrence and Kit Morrell)
- c) Douglas Kelly (Elizabeth Minchin)

Obituaries will be delivered at the AGM.

7. Secretary's Report

Held for AGM.

8. Antichthon

- a) Editors' Report
- b) Antichthon and Cambridge University Press
- c) Journal Production Manager and the future of this role

Summary

Thanks to reviewers and guidelines for reviewers.

- Need for a new production manager. Steps need to be taken to define the role and advertise for a replacement.
- Unfortunate problem that the printing was delayed.
- Electronic version available to members.
- Proquest and informit revenues will ultimately cease.

9. Financial Matters and Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer's report for 2015 and Budget for 2016
- Membership dues 2016 and beyond
- Appointment of Auditor and honorarium: Peter Edwell to be offered a five-year membership in exchange for acting as auditor. To be reviewed by him and us to see if the arrangement is still ok.
- Proposed Occasional Conference Funding 2015 and 2016

Moved from the chair that the budget be accepted. Passed nem. con.

10. Matters for discussion (* = prepared discussion paper)

- AAIA/ASCS reciprocal membership (Welch to report)

AAIA and ASCS now have a reciprocal institutional membership arrangement in place.

- Invitation to become a Constituent Member of the Royal Society of NZ*

Anne Mackay reported that this would cost money and she could perceive no apparent benefit. However, it should be discussed among NZ constituents to decide whether the matter should go forward or be dropped.

- Prize competitions: wording, funding (Welch)

Clarification of Australian Essay Prize: move to electronic submission for 2016?

- Early Career Award: clarifying eligibility (Griffith)*

Five years from date of the award of PhD. Until now, this has not been properly specified.

- New translation prize? (Welch)*

To be held over pending discussion with the original proposer.

- Conference funding and small campus assistance grants: changes to rules (Welch)*

In both cases, there will be a call for applications twice a year to enable better budgeting and awarding of funds.

- Structured pathway between tertiary preparation and Arts faculties (M. Bissett/ A. Mackay)*

Discussions have begun among members working in schools and supporting institutions with a view to reporting in 2017 on what ASCS can do to best assist them, and vice-versa.

- Outreach to art historians and archaeologists (Mackay)*

Archaeological reports already tabled for the AGM. Excavation and museum reports to be a feature of the Newsletter.

- Life memberships 2016*

List of those members to be awarded life-membership at the AGM was read and approved with acclamation.

11. ASCS Competitions

- Appointment of assessors and coordinators for 2016.
- (i) Early Career Award (ii) Essay Competitions (iii) Translation Competitions (iv) OPTIMA

Full list of awards and judging panels to be tabled at the AGM.

12. Future General Meetings and Conferences

- ASCS 38 2017 Wellington (Victoria) 31 Jan - 3 Feb 2017, Diana Burton, convener.
- ASCS 39 2018 Brisbane UQ
- ASCS 40 2019 Armidale (UNE)
- Amphorae University of Tasmania 29 June – 1 July 2016. Evan Pitt, Convener