



**Minutes of a Committee of Management Meeting of The Australasian Society for Classical Studies, held at the Hellenic Museum, Melbourne, on Tuesday 6th February 2012, commencing at 1.00 pm.**

**Present:** Professor R. Ridley (Vice-President, in the Chair), Dr B. Marshall (Sec), Dr P. Watson (VP), Mr R.W. Dolley (Treas), Assoc. Prof. P. Davis (Editor), Professor E. Minchin (Editor), Professor H. Baltussen (UAdel), Professor W. Dominik (UOtago), Dr G. Dunn (ACU), Dr V. Howan (for MasseyU), Dr M. Johnson (UNewc), Dr G. Miles (UTas), Dr G. Morrison (UCant), Mr J. Penwill (LaTrobeU), Assoc. Prof. K. Sheedy (for MacqU), Dr M. Wilson (UAuck).

**Apologies:** Dr M. Champion, Emer. Prof. J. Davidson, Dr P. Keegan, Dr G. Nathan, Dr L. O'Sullivan, Dr B. Pütz, Dr G. Salapata

**2. Minutes of Executive Committee Meetings**

- (a) The Minutes of the following meetings had been circulated and were confirmed:
- (i) face-to-face meeting of 3rd February 2010 in Auckland
  - (ii) email consultation of 27th March 2011
  - (iii) email consultation of 3rd June 2011
  - (iv) brief email consultations of 6th August and 28th October 2011
  - (v) email consultation on 6th December 2011

**3. Business arising from the Minutes**

- (a) Wording of Early Career Award (especially with regard to full-time non-academic employment)
- There had been considerable email discussion of this matter, especially the question whether someone in full-time but non-academic employment should be eligible to apply. A narrow majority was in favour of a particular instance of this in the email consultation of 06/12/11, but it was agreed to consider the wording again.
- (b) Retention of conference program review committee
- In discussion of the matter of program review, KS put forward the view that such work should be left to the convenor(s), but others thought that this would create too much extra work. It was pointed out that convenors were ex officio members of the review committee. It was agreed that the program review committee be retained for the next conference in 2013, but with more guidance both for its members and for those members who wish to offer conference papers.

**4. Correspondence**

This was deferred until the AGM.

**5. Budget for 2012**

- (a) The Treasurer spoke very briefly about the proposed budget for 2012; there would be an opportunity for further discussion of it and the annual accounts at the AGM. It was pointed out that the payment to Smartyhost for web hosting appeared twice.
- (b) Increase in membership subscription for 2012
- The Committee had discussed this on two occasions in 2011; there was a need for some sort of increase because of the increasing cost of the journal due to its growing size (and therefore printing cost) and increase in postage due to its weight. It was agreed to recommend to the AGM a \$5.00 increase in all annual categories, with a proportionate increase in the five-year rate.

**6. Antichthon**

- (a) Word length of articles
- There had been discussion of the word-length for articles in previous email consultations. As a result of further discussion at this meeting and in the light of a suggested overall length for the

journal, it was agreed to recommend to the AGM that the word-length should be 5-10,000 words, inclusive of footnotes and bibliography.

Because of the increasing cost of distribution of the journal (e.g. the postage to New Zealand costs \$9.00 per copy, and to other international destinations \$14.10), and the need to bear in mind how much the Society can afford to expend on the journal, it was agreed that a desirable overall length should be around 200 pages. The journal has increased in size in recent years, largely due to an increase in the number of submissions. Even so, PD reported that there was a high rate of rejection.

- (b) Increase in hourly rate for typesetting/journal production management [BM absented himself for discussion of this item]. It was pointed out that the average national rate for this type of work was \$99 per hour; the ASCS typesetter currently receives \$30 per hour. RWD/RR moved that the rate be increased to \$45 per hour. Carried.

#### 7. *ASCS 34 (2013)*

KS verbally tabled an offer by Macquarie University to convene ASCS 34 in conjunction with a special event in Sydney and in tandem with a special Alexander conference in honour of Brian Bosworth. Co-convenors would be Dr Blanche Menadier (MacqU) and Dr Elizabeth Baynham (UNewc).

#### 8. *Any other business*

The following items on the agenda were all deferred until a later meeting or email consultation:

- (a) ASCS 50th anniversary – some form of celebration?
- (b) Restructuring the Society – any suggestions?
- (c) Further donation to Logie Collection restoration appeal
- (d) Establishing reciprocal relationships with other Southern Hemisphere Classical Associations

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Honorary Secretary  
21st March 2012