



Minutes of an Executive Committee Meeting of the Australasian Society for Classical Studies held at “Noah’s on the Beach” Hotel, Newcastle, on Tuesday 6 February 2007, commencing at 1.10 pm.

Present: Mr J. Penwill (President, in the Chair), Dr B. Marshall (Sec), Dr Eva Anagnostou-Laoutides (MonashU), Dr H. Baltussen (UAdel), Dr K.O. Chong-Gossard (UMelb), Prof. J. Davidson (VP), A/Prof. P. Davis (Editor, UTas), Mr R.W. Dolley (Treas), Dr G. Dunn (ACU), Dr A. Griffith (for UCant), Dr P. Keegan (MacqU), Dr B. Kelly (ANU), Ms L. Lockwood (LaTrobeU), A/Prof. J. Melville Jones (for UWA), Dr I. Plant (Bus Mgr), Dr B. Pütz (VUW), Professor R. Ridley (VP), Dr T. Stevenson (for UQ), Dr M. Wilson (UAuck).

Apologies: Dr B. Hopwood (UNE), Dr E. Minchin (Editor), Dr S. Puttock (UQ), Dr E. Sciarrino (UCant), Dr G. Salapata (MasseyU).

2. Minutes of Executive Committee Meetings

The following Minutes had been circulated electronically:

- (a) Wednesday 1 February 2006 in Hobart
- (b) Friday 3 February 2006 in Hobart
- (c) Result of email consultation on requests for financial support on 19 December 2006

It was moved that these sets of Minutes be confirmed. Carried.

3. Business arising from the Minutes

(a) Introduction of category of Honorary Life Membership. The Secretary reported that no further action had been taken on this following the last General Meeting. It would be referred for further discussion at the following General Meeting.

(b) Application for tax deductibility status. The President reported that no further action had been taken on this matter.

(c) HUMANZ/Humanities Research Network (NZ). JD and AG offered to make some more enquiries about this and to report to the Secretary.

(d) Institute of Classical Studies Library, London. JD and JMJ reported on their recent experiences there. A letter had just arrived from Professor Michael Crawford outlining the latest situation, and this letter would be referred to the following General Meeting.

(e) Website. The President reported that he would be meeting soon with the Website Manager to discuss ways of updating the website.

(f) Establishment of a permanent office and a paid secretariate. It was agreed that ASCS did not have sufficient funds at this stage for such a development. RWD made the point that there is a need for space for storing archives and back issues of the journal.

(g) Postgraduate conferences. Arising from the email consultation (Item 2 c above) there was discussion of the future of postgraduate conferences; they were likely to be held from time to time, but perhaps less frequently because students now seem more willing to attend ASCS conferences. It was moved that the subsidy for the forthcoming postgraduate conference at UQ in July be increased to \$1500. Carried.

4. Correspondence

The Secretary summarised the correspondence that had been received and sent.

The President had made a submission to the review of the School of History and Classics at the University of Tasmania; he was able to report that as a result of the review, a recommendation had been made for a fourth position to be added to Classics.

5. *Budget for 2007*

The Treasurer tabled his Report, the financial statements for 2006 and a proposed budget for 2007; these were to be considered more fully at the subsequent General Meeting, and there was no further discussion

5. *Antichthon*

(a) Arrangements for typesetting and layout. It was agreed that BM continue to do the typesetting under the existing arrangements, while other options were explored.

(b) Publication of the Language Survey. There was not sufficient time to consider this item, so it was held over to the Follow-On Meeting.

7. *ASCS 29*

(a) Arrangements for ASCS 29. The Secretary reported that the University of Canterbury had offered to host ASCS 29. There would be further discussion of this at the following General Meeting.

(b) Frequency of future general meetings/conferences. It was time to review the five-year experiment, and this will be an item on the agenda for the following General Meeting.

(c) Potential venues for future conferences. The following were suggested: UWA, UAdel and ACU. The Secretary was asked to contact each of these to see if they were willing to host a conference.

(d) Formalisation of heads of departments meeting. This meeting is not a formal ASCS activity, but has been held just prior to a conference as a convenient time when a number of relevant people is present. AG commented that it is regarded as an important meeting especially for NZ heads of department. The Secretary's view was that the machinery for convening it and the frequency of the meeting should rest with the heads themselves (e.g. as a standing item at the end of their agenda). It was agreed that it should continue.

8. *Any other business*

(a) Obituaries at AGM. This item had been initiated by Greg Horsley when President; it was felt that it was not an appropriate item for an essentially business meeting, so it was decided that it should be discontinued in future, and instead to report deaths in the Newsletter, which reaches a wider audience.

The meeting closed at 2.30 pm.