



Minutes of a Follow-On Executive Committee Meeting of the Australasian Society for Classical Studies held at “Noah’s on the Beach” Hotel, Newcastle, on Thursday 8 February 2007, commencing at 9.05 am.

1. **Present:** Mr John Penwill (in the chair), Dr Bruce Marshall (Sec), Dr Han Baltussen (UAdel), Professor John Davidson (VPres), Mr William Dolley (Treas), Dr Alison Griffith (for UCant), Dr Marguerite Johnson (UNewc), Dr Peter Keegan (MacqU), Dr Babette Puetz (UOtago), Dr Tom Stevenson (UQ), Mr Jeff Tillitzki (P/Grad Rep), Dr Andrew Turner (for UMelb), Dr M. Wilson (UAuck).

Apologies: Dr Geoffrey Dunn (ACU), Dr Bronwyn Hopwood (UNE), Dr Elizabeth Minchin (Editor), Dr Jane Montgomery Griffiths (MonashU), Dr Ian Plant (Bus Mgr), Dr Sonia Puttock (UQ), Dr Enrica Sciarrino (UCant), Dr Gina Salapata (MasseyU).

2. **Welcome**

The President welcomed all present and in particular those attending their first Executive meeting.

3. **Order of Business**

- (i) **Tax Deductibility Status.** There was discussion how to proceed with this matter. Suggestions included working via the AAH or via a university, finding other examples of similar associations which have tax deductibility status, or setting up a separate fund which might fit the tax deductibility guidelines. The question was asked whether to make another approach to the Federal Treasurer.
- (ii) **Publication of Language Survey.** It was agreed that, because it contained useful information, the overview of the language survey be published in a forthcoming issue of *Antichthon*.
- (iii) **Subsidy for UNE for ASMA.** A request had just been submitted by Greg Horsley for a subsidy of \$1445 to support for the seventh Armidale Seminar in Mediterranean Antiquity, a strand on ancient historiography within the conference of the Australian Historical Association, to be held at UNE in September 2007. It was agreed to provide the subsidy.
- (iv) **Relations with State Classical Associations.** JP said that he had spoken to the Classical Association of Victoria, and it was favourably inclined to some sort of connection. BM expressed the view that bringing in a larger number of “interested persons” would alter the scope and purpose of ASCS. TS supported the desirability of a schoolteacher presence, and cited the example of the UK Classical Association which has strong schoolteacher input; AG compared the US experience. JP argued that ASCS acts as a lobby group occasionally and that numbers are important for lobbying: JP/AG proposed that the matter be referred to a future General Meeting with a specific proposal and with some background information on state associations.
- (v) **Keynote Speaker.** There was discussion whether ASCS was getting value for the expenditure of funds on an overseas keynote speaker. It was felt that the public lecture at this conference was not much more than a travelogue. The President commented that, when asked by the speaker how he should pitch his lecture, he had been advised to pitch it to the non-specialist. Given that not many members of the public attend these lectures, there may be the need for wider publicity to attract a larger non-member audience.

The meeting closed at 10.30 am.