



Minutes of an Executive Committee Meeting of the Australasian Society for Classical Studies, held at Sancta Sophia College at the University of Sydney, on Tuesday 3rd February 2009, commencing at 1.10 pm.

Present: Mr J. Penwill (President, in the Chair), A/Prof. B. Marshall (Sec), Dr K.O. Chong-Gossard (UMelb), Prof. J. Davidson (VP), A/Prof. P. Davis (Editor), Mr R.W. Dolley (Treas), Dr G. Dunn (ACU), Dr J. Hall (UOtago), Dr V. Howan (for MasseyU), Dr P. Keegan (MacqU), Dr P. Londey (ANU), Dr G. Miles (UTas), Dr E. Minchin (Editor), Dr N. O'Sullivan (UWA), Emer. Prof. R. Ridley (VP), Dr T. Stevenson (UQ), A/Prof. J. Tatum (USyd), Dr M. Wilson (UAuck).

Apologies: Dr H. Baltussen (UAdel), Dr M. Johnson (UNewc), Dr G. Morrison (UCant), Dr B. Pütz (VUW), Dr G. Salapata (MasseyU), Mr J. Tillitzki (P/G Rep), Dr G. Torello (MonashU).

2. Minutes of Executive Committee Meetings

The following Minutes had been circulated electronically:

- (a) Tuesday 29th January 2008 in Christchurch
- (b) Thursday 31st January 2008 at the University of Canterbury
- (c) Email consultation on 31st August 2008
- (c) Email consultation on 18th November 2008

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

3. Business arising from the Minutes

- (a) Donation to APA Capital Campaign. This will be paid in 2009, as agreed at last year's General Meeting.
- (b) Application for Deductible Gift Recipient status. The Secretary reported on discussions he had had with a representative of the Kudos Foundation about the possibility of channelling funds through it, but quarantined so ASCS can have control over decisions about how the funds should be expended. It was suggested that a similar discussion be held with the Academy of the Humanities. The Secretary offered to follow this up. It was proposed that, if these discussions did not work out, ASCS should approach the Federal Treasurer again. PD suggested working through a university, but it was felt that this would tie ASCS to one university; and JD put forward the idea of working through a NZ association.
- (c) Implications of new CAL arrangements. The Treasurer reported on his investigations into this. A new arrangement was to be introduced whereby authors who are registered with CAL would receive 50% of any royalties resulting from the electronic downloading of the journal through APAFT; this arrangement is likely to be implemented in late 2009. So as to receive all of the royalties itself, ASCS would need to get contributors to *Antichthon* to waive their copyright. PD/EM moved that a document be prepared for authors to sign waiving their copyright. Carried. BM will prepare the document in consultation with the Editors.
- (d) Institute of Classical Studies Library, London. JD reported that, according to information he had received from Michael Crawford via Alanna Nobbs, the appeal for funds to support the Library, and in particular the retention of the specialist staff, had been re-activated. The matter is on the agenda for the following General Meeting.
- (e) Website. There was nothing to be considered except the application by CUP to place a 'banner' on the website. BM reported on the proposal he put to CUP: that ASCS would agree to placing the three versions of the 'banner' for six months (i.e. two months for each version) at a cost of \$300, and that this had been agreed to by the CUP representative. It was agreed to proceed with this proposal.

The President reminded university representatives of the role they play in providing information for the website, particularly lists of postgraduate students and their thesis topics. JD pointed out that VUW's website maintains such a list for NZ postgraduates.

- (f) Conditions attached to subsidies for one-off conferences. BM presented figures which showed that over the last three years ASCS had provided \$15,455 in seeding grants, but had received only \$223.60 back. TS and EM both commented that it was difficult to return some funding because it was run through a university account; BM replied that a number of such conferences had opened specific bank accounts from which it would be easy to make a refund. JT suggested that in future smaller grants be made with less expectation of a return. In any case, it was felt that more control may need to be exercised over the number and size of grants.
- (g) Electronic storage of *Antichthon*. WD had sought some information about APAFT run by RMIT Publishing as part of our agreement with CAL, through which we receive royalty payments. He explained that it is a non-exclusive arrangement, but could not find out how widespread its client-base is, since that was regarded as commercial-in-confidence. PL moved that the journal be put up on ASCS's own website and therefore be freely available. BM said that, if the journal was freely available, there might be a drop in subscriptions (and therefore a reduction of ASCS activities); NO'S countered by saying that an embargo on the last five or so years' issues of the journal could be imposed. It was decided to refer this proposal to the following General Meeting.

5. *Correspondence*

The Secretary summarised the correspondence that had been received and sent. There was no business arising from it.

6. *Budget for 2009*

- (a) The Treasurer tabled his Report, the financial statements for 2008 and a proposed budget for 2009; these were to be considered more fully at the subsequent General Meeting.
- (b) After some discussion of a proposed increase in subscriptions for 2009, PD/WD moved that the committee recommend to the General Meeting that the ordinary rate be increased to AU\$50 p.a., the concessional rate to AU\$25, the five-year ordinary rate to AU\$225, and the five-year retiree rate to AU\$125. Carried.

7. *Antichthon*

- (a) Increase in typesetting payment rate. [BM absented himself from the meeting at this point.] EM/PD moved that the hourly typesetting rate be increased from the current \$20 per hour to \$30 per hour. Carried.

7 (a) *Additional item of business*

Taking advantage of BM's absence from the meeting, the President moved the conferral of Honorary Life Membership on Bruce Marshall for his long service to ASCS. Carried nem. con.

8. *Any other business*

The remaining items on the agenda and items of any other business were held over to the "follow-on" Executive Committee meeting on 7th February 2009.

The meeting closed at 2.25 pm.