



**Minutes of a “Follow-On” Executive Committee Meeting of the Australasian Society for Classical Studies, held at the University of Sydney, on Saturday 7th February 2009, commencing at 10.00 am.**

**Present:** Professor J. Davidson (President, in the Chair), Dr B. Marshall (Sec), Dr K.O. Chong-Gossard (UMelb), A/Prof. P. Davis (Editor), Mr R.W. Dolley (Treas), Dr G. Dunn (ACU), Dr P. Keegan (MacqU), Dr E. Minchin (Editor), Dr N. O’Sullivan (for UWA), Emer. Prof. R. Ridley (VP), A/Prof. J. Tatum (USyd), Dr M. Wilson (UAuck).

**Apologies:** Dr H. Baltussen (UAdel), Dr M. Johnson (UNewc), Dr G. Miles (UTas), Dr L. O’Sullivan (UWA), Mr J. Penwill (LaTrobe), Mr T. Scott (P/G Rep), Dr T. Stevenson (UQ), Dr P. Watson (VP).

**Items on the Agenda were resumed:**

**6. *Antichthon***

(b) Possibility of a second volume being published in 2009. EM reported that there was sufficient material for an extra volume this year, which would allow “normal” contributions to be published earlier and not be unduly held up by a “thematic” issue. The Treasurer reported that there would be sufficient funds to do this.

(c) Disposal of surplus back copies. It was agreed that no more than ten copies of each volume be held in storage (for possible sale). There will be less need to keep large numbers once the journal is available electronically. The surplus back copies could be made available at reduced prices or given to students (e.g. at conferences). Any remaining after a reasonable attempt to reduce the numbers would be pulped.

(d) Electronic storage of the journal. PD commented that there was a need to look at the arrangements with CAL/RMIT/APAFT and sort out whether newer technology might make a difference with how the journal is stored and with the wider availability and searchability of the data base. It was agreed that we should try to gain information about this and other possible data bases by the end of March. BM offered to approach Kit Morrell and Andrew Stephenson to join a sub-committee consisting of the Editors, the Secretary and the Treasurer to come up with recommendations in regard to the General Meeting motion about storing the first 20 volumes of the journal.

**7. *ASCS 31 (2010)***

(a) Following the offer made at the General Meeting by UWA to host ASCS 31, NO’S reported that the dates were likely to be 3rd to 5th February 2010; he indicated that an ASCS grant of \$3000 towards the cost of the airfare of the keynote speaker would be adequate.

**8. *Any Other Business***

(a) The Treasurer had attended the CHASS AGM on 13th October 2008, and he gave a brief summary of the CHASS President’s report. The main business of the meeting was the election of the new CHASS Board.

(b) Incorporation of the Society. This matter had already been covered at the General Meeting.

(c) Bid to host 2014 FIEC Congress. The previous President had been approached by an Australian conference company to ask whether ASCS would like to host the FIEC Congress; the Secretary reported that he had had approaches from similar companies over recent years. It was a business “try on” and they had no authorisation from FIEC. BM had raised the matter with the FIEC Secretary, who had advised him that it was unlikely that delegates for a FIEC Congress would be willing to travel to Australia. It was agreed not to proceed with any bid.

(d) Complimentary publications available. Greg Horsley, a former President, had accumulated a number of journals which had been sent to him. He was arranging with the Secretary to distribute these to any who wished to acquire them for their own university’s library.

**Additional items:**

- (e) Submission on Ancient History to the National Curriculum Board. The potential threat to Ancient History in NSW schools by the proposed National Curriculum in History was discussed at the Heads of Department meeting earlier in the week. Some from other states (e.g. KOC-G and RR from Victoria) said it might actually help the subject of Ancient History in their state. PK was preparing a response to the NCB from MacqU; it was agreed that he would consult with BM about an ASCS submission, and co-ordinate with Alanna Nobbs (MacqU) and Kathryn Welch (USyd).
- (f) Winning essays on website. PK raised the question whether winning entries in the essay prize competition could be placed on the ASCS website. BM agreed to investigate whether the two winners from the 2008 competition would be willing to have their essays placed on the website. A change to the competition guidelines could be made by which entrants would agree that, if their entry became a prize-winner, their entry would be put on the website.
- (g) History of the Society. In regard to the proposal of Doug Kelly at the General Meeting, it was felt that to have the history produced on a professional basis would be far too expensive. An alternative would be to secure written reminiscences (and photographs possibly) of some founding members and to publish an edited collection of them in *Antichthon* 50 (2017). The Editors agreed to write to founding members and seek such reminiscences; the Secretary agreed to provide a list of such members and to contact Doug Kelly to see if he would take on a co-ordinating role.
- (h) Prize for best postgraduate paper at an ASCS conference. KOC-G proposed that a prize competition be set up for this, and he read a set of rules for a similar competition in which he had been involved. There was some discussion of a possible procedure: a short list of competitors based on the abstracts submitted, a panel to be arranged to hear these short-listed candidates' papers, and the actual presentation to be taken into account. KO agreed to draft and circulate a proposal, in conjunction with EM and JT. It was thought that a prize of \$200 might be appropriate.

The meeting closed at 11.15 am.