



Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee of Management of The Australasian Society for Classical Studies held at Sydney Grammar School, College St, Sydney, on Friday 18th January 2013, commencing at 12.30 pm.

MINUTES

Present: Professor R. Ridley (President, in the Chair), Dr B. Marshall (Sec), Mr R.W. Dolley (Treas), Assoc. Prof. P. Davis (Editor), Mr J. Penwill (Journal Business Manager), Dr E. Anagnostou-Laoutides (MonashU), Professor H. Baltussen (UAdel), Dr P. Burton (ANU), Dr K.O. Chong-Gossard (UMelb), Dr B. Cowan (USyd), Dr G. Dunn (ACU), Professor A. Pomeroy (for VUW), Dr D. Pritchard (UQ), Dr G. Salapata (MasseyU), Dr T. Taylor (for UNE), Dr M. Wilson (UAuck).

Apologies: Dr G. Bourke, Prof. W. Dominik, Prof. E. Minchin, Dr G. Morrison, Dr L. O’Sullivan, Dr P. O’Sullivan, Dr B. Pütz

2. Minutes of Committee Meetings

- (a) The Minutes of the following meetings, which had been circulated, were confirmed:
- (i) face-to-face meeting of 6th February 2012 in Melbourne
 - (ii) email consultation initiated on 13th June 2012

3. Business arising from the Minutes

- (a) Wording of Early Career Award (esp. with regard to full-time non-academic positions)
At the meeting during the Melbourne conference, Elizabeth Minchin was asked to consult with Bob Cowan and come up with a proposed set of words to allow for those in full-time non-academic positions to apply for the Early Career Award. They provided such a proposed set of words; there was discussion of the wording via the email consultation of 13th June, and the resulting agreed wording has since been placed on the ASCS website.
- (b) Continuation of conference program review committee – a report of the 2012 review process and suggestions for the future had been circulated.
There was discussion of the lengthy report on the CPR Ctee prepared by John Davidson. HB commented that there needed to be some clarification of what was required in the abstracts, but that was covered in recommendation 2 of the report. AP thought that there was a case for the rejection of some papers, otherwise the exercise will be seen as not sufficiently rigorous. MW was of the view that there was a mismatch between the workload of the review process and the end result, but JP disagreed. GS expressed the view that the current process might not allow for staff to “tick the box” of a peer-reviewed conference paper. BM/JP moved that it be recommended to the AGM that the CPR Ctee be continued for the 2014 conference. Carried.
- (c) Signatories to Society’s bank account(s)
The Treasurer undertook to arrange this once the new senior executive positions were filled.

4. Correspondence

This was deferred for consideration at the AGM.

5. Financial matters and Budget for 2013

- (a) The Treasurer tabled the proposed budget to be referred to the AGM.
RWD pointed out that the finances were in a healthy state, largely due to the regularisation of receipt of institutional subscriptions.
- (b) Electronic payment of subscriptions
RWD informed the meeting that a number of members had taken up the option of paying their subscription via bank direct debit, and the system was working well. It is likely that more will avail themselves of this method as they became more aware of it.

- (c) Donation to Library of the Institute of Classical Studies in London
Deferred for consideration at the AGM.
- (d) Increases in the value of some prizes and awards – a proposal by the Secretary had been circulated.
BM/RWD moved that increases in various prizes and awards as proposed in Discussion Paper 3 be recommended to the AGM. Carried.

6. *Antichthon*

- (a) Change of Editors
Peter Davis indicated that he wished to stand down as one of the Editors: a vote of thanks to him is to be moved at the AGM, proposed by Elizabeth Minchin, to be read out by the Secretary. Professor Art Pomeroy had been approached to take over from Peter, and he has indicated his willingness by nominating for the position.
- (b) Retention of current typesetter/journal production manager
BM volunteered to continue in the role of Journal Production Manger under the same conditions as at present; the offer was accepted and will be referred to the AGM for final approval.
PD passed on the information that Cambridge University Press is interested in taking over the production of *Antichthon*. The matter will be followed up by the new Committee.
- (c) Making journal available to members in electronic format
The journal production manager pointed out that there could be complications with producing hard copies as well as electronic copies. The idea would need to be further investigated by the Committee.
- (d) Institutional subscription rate
Discussion Paper 5, prepared by the Journal Business Manager, had been circulated; it set out a schedule for the regular determination, around August each year, of the institutional rate. There was not time to discuss it in detail, but the general principle was approved. JP felt that the current price underestimated the actual cost of production and distribution; he also asked that he be provided with something in writing after it had been further considered by the new Committee. BM/JP moved that the institutional rate be kept at the current level while the process is reviewed. Carried.

7. *ASCS 35 (2014)*

- (a) An invitation has been extended by Dr Gina Salapata on behalf of Massey University to host ASCS 35 in Palmerston North. Professor Steven Hodkinson from the University of Nottingham has been informally sounded out as a potential keynote speaker.
Dr Salapata was thanked for the invitation, and it was agreed to refer the invitation to the AGM. The dates had not yet been determined, but most likely it will be late January. PB commented that holding the conference over a weekend was time-eroding for those with families.
- (b) Moving forward date of annual conference
The Committee noted Discussion Paper 2, prepared by BM, proposing that the annual conference be held at the end of January, rather than early February, as (generally) at present, but did not have time to discuss it further, except that TT agreed with the point that holding the conference in late January allowed school teachers to attend. The matter was referred to the incoming Committee for further consideration.

8. *Any other business*

- (a) ASCS 50th anniversary – some form of celebration? co-ordinator?
It was noted that this matter was on the agenda for the AGM for consideration.

- (b) Restructuring the Society – a position (sic) paper has been circulated by the Secretary. Discussion Paper 2, prepared by the outgoing Secretary, containing suggestions for restructuring, was discussed by the Committee. It agreed that one of the proposals, namely the creation of two new extra-constitutional positions, a Messages Secretary (to co-ordinate the distribution by email of general ASCS messages, as had been done by the outgoing Secretary) and a Membership Secretary (to assist the Treasurer with keeping the membership list up-to-date) be referred to the following AGM as worth adopting.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 1.35 pm.

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Bruce Marshall
Honorary Secretary