



**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Australasian Society for Classical Studies held in the Owen G. Glenn Building at the University of Auckland on Wednesday 26th January 2011, commencing at 5.00 pm.**

**1. *Present***

Professor John Davidson (President, in the chair) and fifty-seven members.

Apologies were received from: Dr E. Baynham, Prof. B. Bosworth, Dr P. Burton, Prof. W. Dominik, Dr P. Edwell, Dr N. Hardwick, Prof. G. Horsley, A/Prof. D. Hoyos, Dr M. Masterson, Prof. E. Minchin, Dr L. O'Sullivan, Dr N. O'Sullivan, Dr I. Plant, Dr D. Pritchard, Mr T. Scott.

**2. *Variation in the Order of Business***

The President introduced Professor Bonnie McLachlan, who brought greetings from the Canadian Classical Association.

**3. *Minutes of the Meeting of 4th February 2010***

The minutes of this meeting at the University of Western Australia, which had been circulated, were taken as read. Marshall/Dolley moved that the Minutes be confirmed. Carried.

**4. *Business arising from the Minutes***

(a) Special Resolutions regarding a new Constitution for and Incorporation of the Society. With the required 21 days' notice having been given to members, the President moved the following Special Resolutions:

(i) "That the draft constitution signed by the Secretary for the purposes of identification and distributed to members for comment on 11th November 2010 and in its final format on 30th December 2010 be adopted as the constitution of the Australasian Society for Classical Studies, in place of the present constitution of the Society, with effect from 1st February 2011."

(ii) "That the following statement of the purposes of the proposed incorporated association be approved for inclusion in the application for incorporation:

1. The aim of the Society is the advancement of the study of ancient Greece and Rome and related fields by members of academic staffs in Australian and New Zealand universities, both current and past, by postgraduate students in these universities, and by other interested persons.

2. The aim is to be pursued by regular academic conferences to allow for the exchange and dissemination of research in relevant areas, by the publishing of an international-standard academic journal, by a regular flow of information through a website and other means of communication, and by the conduct of competitions and awards for both undergraduate and postgraduate students and by the involvement in public events to encourage the promotion of relevant subjects particularly at the tertiary education level."

(iii) "That Royce William Dolley being a person over the age of 18 and a resident of Victoria be authorised to apply to the Victorian Department of Consumer Affairs for the incorporation of the Society, and that he be appointed as the Society's Public Officer under the terms of the Associations Incorporation Act 1981."

There was no discussion, and all these special resolutions were passed on the voices.

(b) HAT Project of the AAH

The Secretary reported on several meetings he had with the Executive Director of the Academy and the Principal Researcher for this project on "Humanities in Australia Today". The findings of the project were due to be released later in the year, and were mainly of a statistical nature. It was unclear where the report would end up.

## (c) Application by Campion College for ASCS representation

This application had been accepted in principle in 2010 but deferred pending the adoption of the new constitution. Now that it has been adopted, including a clause which recognised tertiary educational institutions, it was a recommendation of the Executive Committee that Campion College have a representative on the Committee. Moved Kelly/Pitcher and carried.

## (d) Establishment of secretariat/archival storage

This matter had been covered by the President's Report earlier in the conference.

## (e) Revamp of website

The President had commented in his report on the excellent appearance of the revamped website which had been in operation for three months.

~~(f) Additional donation to APA Capital Fund~~

~~—Dolley/Marshall moved that an additional \$1000 be donated to the APA Capital Fund from the better than expected royalty payments made last year by CAL.~~

**5. Correspondence and Business arising from the Correspondence**

The Secretary summarised the correspondence which had been received.

## (a) FIEC subscription and donation

Dolley/Bond moved that the usual payment and equivalent donation be made to FIEC.

## (b) ARC and ARC related matters

There was nothing to report.

## (c) Developing relations with other Pacific Classical Associations

The Secretary commented that this is a project which he would like to develop in the next two or three years. A start had been made with the President's attendance at the conference of the Canadian Classical Association last year and the greetings extended by it at the present ASCS conference. Greetings are also to be conveyed to the annual conference of UNISA in Pretoria this year through the good offices of Professor Pauline Allen.

**6. Reports**

(a) The Secretary tabled a Report, commenting on the continuing steady increase in the number of members (now up to 488) and on the usual range of activities; he devoted some time to listing the amount of the Society's income spent on promoting postgraduate students, and expressed concerns about the burgeoning number of papers being presented at ASCS conferences, especially by postgraduate students. [The full version of the report would be contained in the April Newsletter.]

(b) The Treasurer tabled a detailed financial Report, the audited accounts for the year 1 January-31 December 2010, and a proposed budget for 2011 (considered under Item 7 a). The Treasurer reported that finances are still tight. Dolley/Ridley moved that the report be adopted. Carried.

(c) The Editors, Assoc. Prof Peter Davis and Professor Elizabeth Minchin, tabled a Report, stating that the contents of Volume 45 have now been finalised, and it will contain nine contributions – two from scholars based in the United States and seven from scholars based in Australasia. It is expected that this volume will appear in the first half of 2011. Davis/Penwill moved that the report be adopted. Carried.

**7. Matters Referred on by the Executive Committee and Financial Matters**

## (a) Budget for 2011

The usual amounts for the activities of the Society for this year were included in the budget put forward by the Treasurer, but increases in likely costs were anticipated. The printing cost for the journal may be reduced, as a quotation is being sought from a different printer.

## (b) Appointment of Honorary Auditor and level of honorarium

Dolley/Marshall moved that Dr Peter Edwell again be appointed as Honorary Auditor and that he receive honorary membership of the Society for the year. Carried.

## (c) Payment for office

The Committee agreed to the payment of an honorarium to the Website Manager because of the technical skills required. Because of the tightness of funds it did not recommend an increase in the rate paid for the typesetting of the journal.

## (d) Donation to Logie Collection restoration appeal

It was recommended that a grant of \$500 be made to the appeal, with the possibility of further donations in the future. Carried.

## (e) Limiting the number of papers at ASCS conferences

This provoked a great deal of discussion. A number of points were agreed: (a) a committee of review be set up to look at all papers submitted and with a range of universities and topic areas represented; (b) all papers should be reviewed anonymously; (c) postgraduate students should be encouraged to give a departmental presentation first and then deliver at a postgraduate conference; (d) postgraduate should not give papers at an ASCS conference too early in their candidature.

## (f) Instituting a prize or award for academic staff

It was agreed that this should be deferred to be considered by the Committee at a later date.

**8. Election of Office-Bearers, Editorial Committee and AAIA Representative**

The following were elected to fill positions on the Executive Committee:

*President:* Professor John Davidson

*Vice-Presidents:* Emer. Prof. Ronald Ridley, Dr Patricia Watson

*Hon. Secretary:* Bruce Marshall

*Hon. Treasurer:* Mr William Dolley

*Business Manager:* Dr Ian Plant

*Editors:* A/Prof Peter Davis, Dr Elizabeth Minchin

*Website Manager:* Ms Kit Morrell

*Postgraduate Representative:* Mr Tim Scott

*AAIA Representative:* Emer. Prof. Robert Milns [to be confirmed]

*Editorial Committee:* Assoc. Prof. R. Baker, Dr P. Burton, Professor J.F. Davidson,  
Dr R. Kearsley, Ms F. Muecke [all to be confirmed]

*University Representatives:*

Australian Catholic University: Dr Geoffrey Dunn

Australian National University: Dr Paul Burton

Campion College: Dr Susanna Rizzo

La Trobe University: Mr John Penwill

Macquarie University: Dr Peter Keegan

Massey University: Dr Gina Salapata

Monash University: Dr Eva Anagnostou-Laoutides

University of Adelaide: Dr Han Baltussen

University of Auckland: Dr Marcus Wilson

University of Canterbury: Dr Gary Morrison

University of Melbourne: Dr K.O. Chong Gossard

University of Newcastle: Dr Marguerite Johnson

University of New England: Dr Bronwyn Hopwood

University of New South Wales: Dr Geoff Nathan

University of Otago: Professor Bill Dominik

University of Queensland: Dr David Pritchard

University of Sydney: Dr Bob Cowan

University of Tasmania: Dr Geoff Adams

University of Western Australia: Dr Lara O'Sullivan

Victoria University of Wellington: Dr Mark Masterson

**9. *Competition Results***

The Secretary announced the results of the various competitions and awards:

(a) Early Career Award (b) Essay Competitions (c) Translation Competitions (d) OPTIMA  
Full details will be listed in the April Newsletter.

**10. *Next General Meeting and Conference***

The Secretary reported that it had been necessary to defer the original offer to convene ASCS 33 (2012) in conjunction with a special event in Sydney, but fortunately the Classics Program at MonashU has offered to over the hosting of ASCS 33 in early February 2012. Marshall/Dolley moved that the usual arrangements and financial provisions be made. Carried.

**11. *Delegation of Authority***

It was necessary to vote authority to the former Executive Committee to transact all business of the Society for the next five days only, before the new constitution came into force. Carried.

The President moved a vote of thanks to Assoc. Prof. Anne Mackay and Dr Jeremy Armstrong, the conference convenors, to their team of helpers, particularly the enthusiastic, cheerful and ever-helpful postgraduate students, and to members of the local department for the hard work done to make the occasion such a success. The vote of thanks was carried with warm acclamation.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 6.15 pm.

Bruce Marshall  
Honorary Secretary  
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