



Minutes of the General Meeting of the Australasian Society for Classical Studies held at Rydges Hotel in Christchurch on Wednesday 30 January 2008, commencing at 5.05 pm.

1. *Present*

Mr John Penwill (President, in the Chair) and fifty-one members.

Apologies were received from: Dr E. Anagnostou-Laoutides, A/Prof R. Bond, Emer. Prof. G. Clarke, A/Prof P. Davis, A/Prof B.D. Hoyos, Mrs A. McKee, Dr I. McKee, Dr I. Plant, Dr B. Pütz, Prof. Emer. B. Rawson, Professor D. Runia, Mr J. Tillitzki.

2. *Minutes of the Meeting of 7 February 2007*

The minutes of this meeting at 'Noah's on the Beach' Hotel, Newcastle, which had been circulated, were taken as read. Marshall/Zanker moved that the Minutes be confirmed. Carried.

3. *Business arising from the Minutes*

(i) Honorary Life Membership

In accordance with a decision at the Newcastle meeting, the Secretary circulated a notice to members about a constitutional amendment dealing with this ongoing matter, with a variety of wordings in an attempt to resolve a division of opinion. Only three voting forms were returned. The previous President, Professor Greg Horsley, spoke in favour of Wording A: "Honorary life membership shall be awarded to those members who had served ASCS for a long time and/or in a distinguished manner, and to those who had made a significant contribution to classical studies in Australia or New Zealand." Horsley/Ridley proposed the acceptance of this wording. Carried. They also proposed the acceptance of the wording for the procedure: "Nominations for honorary life membership are to be made by the President, in consultation with two long-standing members of the Society and with the agreement of a full meeting of the Executive Committee." Carried.

(ii) Library of the Institute for Classical Studies, London

It had been moved and carried that the Society offer financial support to the ICS Library of \$1000 p.a. for three years, provided that the alternative scheme for its location in King's College London was implemented. The Secretary reported that no further information had been received, and also that our money may now be committed elsewhere (to the APA Capital Campaign). Davidson/Dolley moved that the Secretary be authorised, on receipt of an appeal for a financial donation to the ICS development campaign, to reply indicating that money voted at the General Meeting in 2006 has now unfortunately been re-allocated (given that no reply had been received to the Society's letter of March 2007), but that the Society will consider making a donation at a later stage, when or if it has resources available. Carried.

4. *Correspondence and Business arising from the Correspondence*

(i) FIEC subscription and donation

Tarrant/Dolley moved that that, as usual, the annual subscription to FIEC be paid, together with an equivalent amount as a donation. Carried.

(ii) Request for contribution to the APA Capital Campaign

The Executive Committee forwarded a recommendation that the amount of US\$1000 be donated to this Campaign. N.O'Sullivan/Tatum moved that the recommendation be adopted. Carried.

5. Reports

(i) The Secretary tabled a Report, commenting on the continuing steady increase in the number of members (now around 435 – though he bemoaned the fact that so many reminders have to be sent out), and listing the main areas of expenditure of the Society's funds – most of them new initiatives in the past five years. Kelly/Minchin moved that the report be adopted. Carried.

(ii) The Treasurer tabled a detailed financial Report, the audited accounts for the year 1 January-31 December 2007, and a proposed budget for 2008 (considered under Item 6). The Treasurer reported that, while the Society has reasonable funds on deposit, 2008 will be a tight year to fund the range of its activities. Whitehorne/Wilson moved that the report be adopted. Carried.

(iii) The Editors, A/Prof Peter Davis and Dr Elizabeth Minchin, tabled a Report, commenting that Vol 41 (2007) was distributed at the end of the year, *suo anno*, and thanking the typesetter, Bruce Marshall, for careful formatting and attention to detail. Tarrant/P.O'Sullivan moved that the report be adopted. Carried.

Neil O'Sullivan asked whether consideration has been given to putting the journal online. EM replied that such an availability is important and the matter had been and was continuing to be discussed with PD and the Executive Committee. N.O'Sullivan/Pritchard moved that the Editors be asked to investigate putting the journal online as a matter of urgency. Carried. Paul Burton commented that JSTOR is the best repository to use as it is the most widely recognised and available in libraries. John Whitehorne urged that PDFs of offprints be made available.

6. Matters Referred on by the Executive Committee and Financial Matters

(i) Budget for 2008

The Treasurer announced some slight adjustments to some items in the circulated copy of the 2008 budget. Hall/Deuling moved that the proposed budget for 2008 be adopted. Carried.

(ii) Appointment of Honorary Auditor and level of honorarium

Dolley/Pomeroy moved that Dr Peter Edwell be again appointed as Honorary Auditor. Carried. Dr Edwell has indicated that a sufficient honorarium would be membership of the Society for the year.

7. Election of Office-bearers, Editorial Committee and AAIA Representative

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

President: Mr John Penwill

Vice-Presidents: Professor John Davidson, Professor Ronald Ridley

Hon. Secretary: Bruce Marshall

Hon. Treasurer: Mr William Dolley

Business Manager: Dr Ian Plant

Editors: A/Prof Peter Davis, Dr Elizabeth Minchin

Website Manager: Dr David O'Brien

Postgraduate Representative: Mr Jeff Tillitzki

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

Editorial Committee: Mr R.J. Baker, Dr P. Burton, Professor J.F. Davidson,
Dr R.A. Kearsley, Ms F. Muecke

University Representatives:

Australian Catholic University: Dr Geoffrey Dunn

Australian National University: Dr Peter Londey

La Trobe University: Dr Rodney Blackhirst

Macquarie University: Dr Peter Keegan

Massey University: Dr Gina Salapata

Monash University: Dr Giulia Torello

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 Shawn Ross [to be confirmed]

University of Otago: Dr Jon Hall

University of Queensland: Dr Tom Stevenson

University of Sydney: A/Prof Jeff Tatum

University of Tasmania: Dr Paul Burton

University of Western Australia: Dr Neil O'Sullivan

Victoria University of Wellington: Dr Babette Pütz

8. *Competitions*

- (i) Early Career Award (ii) Essay Competitions (iii) Translation Competition

There was little to report on the organisation or terms of these competitions. The results and reports will be put up on the website and also reported in the April Newsletter.

9. *Next General Meeting and Conference*

(i) The President moved that the Society accept the offer of the University of Sydney to host the next General Meeting and Conference (ASCS 30) at Sancta Sophia College in February 2009. Carried. Dr Pat and A/Prof Lindsay Watson will act as the convenors. It was further agreed that an amount of AU\$1000 would be provided to assist with the organisation of the conference, AU\$3000 towards the cost of travel for a keynote speaker, and AU\$3000 for student travel subsidies.

(ii) Dr W. Barnes advised that ASCS 32 could be held at the University of Auckland in conjunction with the New Zealand triennial meeting in January/February 2011.

10. *Delegation of Authority*

O'Neil/Mackay moved that in accordance with clause 6 of the Constitution the General Meeting delegate to the Executive Committee full authority to transact all business of the Society until the next General Meeting. Carried.

11. *Any Other Business*

- (i) The President moved a vote of thanks to the convenor of the present conference, her team of helpers, and the local department for the hard work done to make the occasion such a success. The vote of thanks was carried with warm acclamation. A presentation was made to Enrica Sciarrino and Gary Morrison.
- (ii) Greg Horsley requested the the incoming Executive Committee continue to seek to secure deductible gift recipient status from the Federal Treasurer for taxation purposes.
- (iii) Han Baltussen announced that the Classical Association of South Australia was celebrating its centenary this year and at a special function A/Prof Chris Mackie would be the guest speaker.

The meeting closed at 6.30 pm.

Bruce Marshall
Honorary Secretary
January 2009