



The Annual General Meeting of **The Australasian Society for Classical Studies** was held online, commencing at 4:30pm (Australian Eastern Daylight time) on 9 February 2022

## Minutes

### 1. Apologies

Dexter Hoyos, Ronald Ridley, Tom Stevenson, Anne Rogerson, David Runia, Eleanor Cowan, Sarah Gador-Whyte (Bruce Marshall)

### 2. Minutes of the Meeting of 9 February 2021

Proposed: Kathryn Welch; Seconded: Trevor Adams

### 3. Business arising from the Minutes

N/A

### 4. Correspondence and Business arising from the Correspondence

N/A

### 5. Obituaries

a. Margaret Beattie (Tom Hillard)

b. Alan Henry (Greg Stanton)

c. We also note with sadness the passing of Elizabeth Carvalho (Monash), Emily Matters, and Jim Adams, all of whom will be commemorated more fully in our next newsletter.

### 6. President's Address 2021

*Membership numbers continue to go up despite really rough times globally, including lockdowns in Auckland and Melbourne and Sydney. Jonathan has done an amazing job organizing the conference. Antichthon goes on very well, thanks to the efforts of Bob Cowan and Diana Burton. Finances have been well managed by Tristan Taylor and Annabel Florence. Job losses at Newcastle and elsewhere. Frustrating at a time like this one. Tom Stevenson identified a lack of diversity in Classics as an important matter to be addressed. We met in March and again in November. The creation of a Diversity Officer seems like a valuable contribution. Two formal complaints have been raised according to the Code of Conduct, and an item on the agenda relates to how we manage such complaints as well as how the Code can be maintained. Tonya Rushmer has done a great job managing our communication, Kit Morrell maintains newsletters and website with endless efficiency, Phoebe Garrett has done excellent and vital work for our Society over the past several years, thanks to the executive as well for helping them to do things for the future. JH will be helping manage 10 hundred pound dogs on a friend's farm when travel opens up.*

a. Discussion

Proposed: Janette McWilliam; Seconded: Kathryn Welch

### 7. Secretary's Report 2021 (tabled)

DO expressed his gratitude to outgoing members of the Exec., including Phoebe Garrett, Lea Beness, and Jon Hall.

a. Discussion

Proposed: Amelia Brown; Seconded: Janette McWilliam

### 8. Financial Matters

a. Membership Secretary's Report for 2021 (tabled)

PG referred members to the tabled report, and she recommended that those who already receive access to *Antichthon* through institutional access can indicate to the Membership Secretary that they do not need personal access, saving ASCS some funds. It would also be beneficial if more members who are able register at the Super Member rate.

Proposed: Daniel Osland; Seconded: Janette McWilliam

- b. Treasurer's Report for 2021 (Tristan Taylor)  
TT indicated that online conferences are inexpensive to run, and so the surplus of the past two conferences continues to accrue, though interest rates are very low so the income from this is minimal.  
Proposed: Daniel Osland; Seconded: Tim Parkin

Michael Champion suggested there may be more profitable ways to park up the Society's surpluses at a higher return.

- c. Budget for 2022 (Annabel Florence)  
AF echoed TT's note about inexpensive online conferences. Dipping membership numbers mean that we do have a negative cash flow, but at the current rate this is manageable. Still worth exploring ways to increase our numbers, as this is our primary source of income. Sarah Lawrence noted that Ownership Matters have given ASCS a physical mailing address for future official communications, and this will alleviate some of the paperwork issues that have accumulated over the years due to officer turnover.

Proposed: Katherine Prouting; Seconded: Bob Cowan

- d. Discussion

## 9. *Antichthon*

- a. Editors' Report

Bob indicates that the journal is ready to come out any moment now, we've had submissions enough to practically fill the Journal for next year, keep the submissions coming in everyone, and encourage colleagues around the world to submit.

Proposed: Daniel Osland; Seconded: Lea Beness

- b. Discussion

## 10. **Conference Program Review Committee report** (K.O. Chong-Gossard)

KO organized the conference review process with an excellent team of reviewers, and he will provide feedback on an appropriate timeframe for setting up the process for the next conference.

Proposed: Kathryn Welch; Seconded: Elizabeth Minchin

- a. Discussion

## 11. **FIEC report** (tabled)

- a. ASCS representation at FIEC: Amelia Brown has offered to represent ASCS at the Congress in 2022 (Mexico City, online) and has offered a panel with Anastasia Bakogianni and Sarah Mitford.

- b. Discussion

## 12. **Internationale Thesaurus-Kommission report** (tabled) (Sven Günther)

Proposed: Daniel Osland; Seconded: Michael Champion

- a. Discussion

## 13. **CHASS and AAH Relationships** (tabled) (Lea Beness and K.O. Chong-Gossard)

Kathryn Welch proposed that we forego membership in CHASS for now. Michael Champion indicated he is willing to explore the upcoming CHASS Spectacular (November/December 2022) for any potential opportunities it may offer to ASCS; joining/creating as many coalitions as possible seems like a beneficial exercise if the cost is relatively low. K.O. Chong-Gossard indicated he is happy to liaise further with MC. Elizabeth Minchin seconded KW's proposal, which passed.

- a. Discussion

## 14. **ASCS Diversity Initiatives** (Alison Griffith and Daniel Osland)

- a. Summary report on some of what members are doing in this arena

- i) Discussion

- b. Proposed addition of an ASCS Diversity Officer to the ASCS Executive

There was robust discussion and abundant feedback on the proposed creation of a new Exec office, and in the end Lea Beness proposed that the matter return to the Executive for further consultation,

incorporating the notes collected from members during the AGM and through wider consultation via the campus representatives. Alison Griffith seconded, and the motion carried.

i) Discussion

## 15. Revision of the ASCS Code of Conduct (Jon Hall/DO)

*JH has suggested problems with the ASCS Code of Conduct and the time commitments required to participating in an investigation. Katherine Prouting asks whether the conference WHOVA chats are game but twitter 3 weeks ago is not.*

*Anne Mackay is worried most about the code as it stands, as it can be used by/applied by people or organizations or online forums that are not affiliated with ASCS at all. This means that there is an implication that ASCS is involved, when in fact it is not, and the Code of Conduct implementation policy hasn't been followed. We were most concerned that anything brought to the Executive would be investigated in good faith through the regular method. Rider should be attached to the code of conduct to indicate it is only used in ASCS events. JH suggests bringing specific concerns to the working group. AA indicates that we don't need the code in social media, only in ASCS contexts. SL agrees that it can only be used in ASCS events including those events that take place in an online platform of ASCS. It should not be invoked in other spaces. Trevor Evans observes that ASCS can't be everywhere. Tonya Rushmer suggests as a user of social media that things can continue to happen outside the ASCS setting; concerns around people moving into messenger type contexts where things go on, other online settings where the code might not be able to get involved/invoked/enforced. Tristan Taylor indicates that the procedures prevent any use outside ASCS formal events or activities. Anne Mackay is concerned that anyone who wants to can use it. TT suggests putting them together into a single document will cut down on these types of issues.*

*Tristan Taylor has offered to contribute, Janette McWilliam had offered earlier Amelia Brown proposed, Daniel Osland seconded, passed with 39 votes and 63 members*

a. Discussion

## 16. ASCS Competitions (Lea Beness)

a. Winners 2021

- i) Early Career Award: Co-ordinator: Alison Griffith  
Dr Ashleigh Green (University of Melbourne)  
Project: Birds in Roman Life and Myth

Dr Leah O'Hearn (La Trobe University)  
Project: The Lover in Conflict: Catullus, Masculinity and Self Control

- ii) Essay Competitions: Co-ordinators: Babette Puetz (NZ); Peter Davis (Australia)  
**NZ Winner:** Elena Louverdis (VUW): Remembering the Past: Rhetoric of the Past and Historical Allusions in *On the Crown*  
**NZ Runner-up:** Catie Norman (VUW): Resurrecting the Other: Carthaginian Identity in the *Aeneid*

**Australia Winner:** Sophie Barnes (Sydney): The Truth, the whole Truth, and Nothing but the Truth: Did the Romans Believe in the Verdicts?

**Australia Commendation:** Jacinta Lin (Sydney): Repetition in and of *Aeneid* Book IV

- iii) Greek and Latin Language Competition: Co-ordinator: Estelle Strazdins  
**Greek Winner:** Thomas Langsford (Macquarie)  
**Honourable Mention:** Bryce O'Connor (Macquarie)

**Latin Winner:** (Jacqueline) Yvonne Chadderton (UNE)  
**Honourable Mention:** Hannah Watson (UQ)

- iv) OPTIMA: Co-ordinator: K.O. Chong-Gossard (to be announced at the end of the Conference)

## 17. Announcement of Officers for 2022

President: Alison Griffith, alison.griffith@canterbury.ac.nz (McIntyre/Allan)

Vice President: Sarah Lawrence, slawren4@une.edu.au (Beness/Welch)

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AAIA Representative: Stavros Paspalas, stavros.paspalas@sydney.edu.au (Osland/McConnell)

AWAWS Representative: Janette McWilliam, j.mcwilliam@uq.edu.au (Beness/Brown)

NESA Representative: Michael Hayes, michael.hayes1@students.mq.edu.au (Osland/McConnell)

### University Representatives

| University          | First Name   | Surname    | Nominated     | Seconded        |
|---------------------|--------------|------------|---------------|-----------------|
| ACU                 | Michael      | Hanaghan   |               |                 |
| ANU                 | Pertisinidis | Sonia      |               |                 |
| Campion             | Thomas       | Flynn      |               |                 |
| LaTrobe             | Gillian      | Shepherd   |               |                 |
| Macquarie           | Trevor       | Evans      | Laurence      | Neil            |
| Massey              | James        | Richardson | Salapata      | Tracy           |
| Monash              | Andrew       | Connor     | Osland        | McIntyre        |
| Adelaide            | Han          | Baltussen  | Clarke        | Blazevic-Bastow |
| Auckland            | Jeremy       | Armstrong  | Bailey        | Hellum          |
| Canterbury          | Alison       | Griffith   |               |                 |
| Melbourne           | Tim          | Parkin     | Chong-Gossard | Turner          |
| Newcastle           | Ryan         | Strickler  | Johnson       | Tarrant         |
| UNE                 | Sarah        | Lawrence   |               |                 |
| NSW                 | David        | Bronstein  |               |                 |
| Notre Dame          |              |            |               |                 |
| Otago               | Arlene       | Allan      |               |                 |
| Queensland          | Janette      | McWilliam  | Morrell       | Stevenson       |
| Sydney              | Tamara       | Neal       |               |                 |
| Tasmania            | Jonathan     | Wallis     |               |                 |
| UWA                 | Yasmin       | Haskell    |               |                 |
| Victoria Wellington | Mark         | Masterson  |               |                 |

## 18. Future General Meetings and Conferences

a. ASCS 44, 2023: Canterbury

b. ASCS 45, 2024: TBD

c. ASCS 46, 2025: ANU?

Discussions are ongoing to determine the host of the 2024 ASCS General Conference and Meeting, and the Secretary has assembled a list of institutions that have not hosted in quite some time.

d. Amphorae XV, 2022: University of Queensland

## 19. Delegation of authority

Kathryn Welch moved: That the Executive Committee be tasked with conducting the Society’s business for the next 12 months. Seconded: Lea Beness. The motion passed.

NB: As part of this delegation of authority, the ASCS Executive hereby authorises the Elected Treasurer (Annabel Florence), Assistant Treasurer (Tyla Cascaes), Membership Secretary (Brianna Sands) and at least one (1) other (Kit Morrell, Sarah Lawrence) as joint signatories to the ASCS bank accounts:

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The signatories are also authorised to access ASCS’s [online] banking facilities. Any two (2) signatories must sign.

**20. Any other business**

- a. The ASCS NSW Educational Standards Authority representative Michael Hayes has tabled a report in which he indicates that he is investigating how we can reinstate ASCS Conferences as an accredited inservice provider.

13 February 2022

Daniel Osland  
ASCS Honorary Secretary