

ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA

MINUTES OF THE SECOND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD AT THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY IN
CANBERRA ON WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, 29, 30
NOVEMBER 1967.

The meeting began on 29 November at 1405 with the President, Harley Wood, in the Chair welcoming the 101 participants.

1. MINUTES.

Motion (Buscombe, Page): That the minutes of the First Annual General (the Inaugural) Meeting be taken as read and confirmed.

carried.

2. REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

Shobbrook reported that there were at present 140 Full Members, 8 of them not fully financial and 35 Student Members. He presented a balance sheet of income and expenditure to 1 November 1967.

The main items were:-

Expenditure	
Printing of Proc. ASA No.1, 500 copies and reprints	\$1,048
Proc. ASA No. I, distribution.....	31
Printing of publicity leaflets, envelopes and distribution.....	139
Society stationery and stamps.....	68
	\$1,286
Income	
Members' entrance fees and subscriptions ..	\$1,297
Profit from Inaugural Meeting	96
Income from Culgoora Meeting (1 bill	244
Sales of Proc. ASA No.1 and reprints	734
	\$2,371

On the basis of an estimated cost of \$900 for the printing of Proc. ASA No.2 and allowing \$90 for a bill not yet received for the Culgoora meeting, Shobbrook concluded that the Society's credit was about \$100.

The Treasurer's report was received and accepted on the motion of Shobbrook and Lockhart.

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3. REPORT OF THE COUNCIL.

The main items of business in the Report dealt with the organization of scientific meetings, the arrangements for publishing the Proceedings and the redrafting of the Constitution.

Since the Inaugural Meeting, a successful conference on 'Solar Research and Observational Techniques' had been held in September 1967 at the CSIRO Solar Observatory at Culgoora; the conference was sponsored jointly with the CSIRO and followed the official opening of the Observatory. The Council had approved a conference on 'The Solar System as an Astrophysics Laboratory' to be held in Adelaide in August 1968.

Arrangements had been made with the Sydney University Press to continue the publication of the Society's Proceedings. The Press will charge a commission of 12% of the printing costs but has generously waived that commission for at least one issue to allow the publication to become established.

The drafting of the Constitution for submission to this meeting had occupied much of the Council's and, more particularly, of the Executive Committee's time during the year. The principle followed in the preparation of the Constitution was that the latter should be as simple as was compatible with enabling the Society to carry on formal business.

The Report was received and accepted on the motion of McLean and Wild.

The President read a letter by Professor Pol Swings, then President of the IAU, conveying the compliments of the IAU on the formation of the Society. (Professor Swings has since joined the Society - Sec.)

There followed a discussion of the Council's policy for continuing the publication of the Proceedings. In discussion it became apparent that the cost to each member of No. 1 of the Proceedings was then \$1.55; there were about 180 outside subscribers, and the possibility of publishing, say, an Astronomical Journal of Australia had not yet been considered. Outside contributions could be published in the Proceedings, following the precedent with a contribution by Parthasarathy to the Proceedings of this meeting. It was moved (Gascoigne, Sheridan): That the Council's policy for continuing the publication of the Proceedings be endorsed.

carried with 1 vote against.

4. THE CONSTITUTION.

Wood suggested that Giovanelli submit the Constitution for adoption in blocks as under the headings in the draft Constitution that had been distributed to participant members. To this purpose it was moved (Giovanelli, Robertson): That Articles 1 and 2 of the draft Constitution on 'Name and Objects of the Society' be adopted.

An amendment was moved (Bray, Loughhead): That the draft Constitution be discussed at the meeting but not voted upon until the draft Constitution had been circulated to all members. Le Marne pointed out that two separate considerations were involved. He suggested that the General Meeting was clearly entitled to adopt the Constitution but that there was need for more time to consider the draft Constitution. The amendment was

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then put and lost. A second amendment was moved (Le Marne, McAdam): That voting on the Constitution be postponed until tomorrow.

This amendment was carried, became the motion and was again carried.

The Constitution was then open for discussion.

S. ELECTION OF THE COUNCIL.

Since the Society did not, as yet, have a Constitution an election procedure had to be agreed upon by the meeting. This was done through the following three motions:-

(a) (Wild, Gascoigne): That this meeting elect a Council to hold office until a Council is elected as prescribed by the Constitution.
carried.

(b) (Wild, Gascoigne): That occupation of positions on the first and second Councils elected 1966 November 30 and 1967 November 30 respectively be regarded as service in deciding eligibility for re-election as referred to in Article 33 of the draft Constitution.
carried.

(c) (Wild, Giovanelli): That the election of the second Council at this Annual General Meeting follow the principles outlined in the draft Constitution except that both Council's and members' nominations are made at the time of the meeting.
carried.

The following were nominated by Council:-

President:	H.W. Wood.
Vice-Presidents:	S.C.B. Gascoigne, J.P. Wild.
Secretaries:	K.V. Sheridan, S.F. Smerd.
Treasurer:	R.R. Shobbrook.
Ordinary Councillors:	O.J. Eggen, R.G. Giovanelli, B.J. Harris, K.G. McCracken, D. Mugglestone.

Members added the following nomination which was accepted by the nominee: McCracken and Haynes nominated M.D. Waterworth for Ordinary Councillor.

Faulkner and Shobbrook were appointed as scrutineers.

It was then moved (Gascoigne, Sheridan): That the result of the election be announced tomorrow morning.

carried.

6. ELECTION OF THE AUDITOR.

It was moved (Wild, Sheridan): That Mr. J.L. Clark, Chartered Accountant; be appointed Auditor to the Society for 1968.

carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 1535 and continued at 0907 on 30 November 1967.

5. ELECTION (Contd.).

The following were elected as Ordinary Councillors; the other office bearers were declared elected unopposed as in the above list of nominations.

Ordinary Councillors: O.J. Eggen, R.G. Giovanelli, K.G. McCracken, D. Muggleston, M.D. Waterworth.

4. CONSTITUTION (Contd.).

Giovanelli then introduced the various sections of the Constitution and By laws for adoption.

Motion A (Giovanelli, Sheridan): That Articles 1 and 2 of the draft Constitution on 'Name and Objects of the Society' be adopted.

carried.

Motion B (Giovanelli, Gascoigne): That Articles 3 to 13 of the draft Constitution on 'Membership' be adopted.

After a brief discussion an amendment was moved (McAdam, Westfold): That the words 'Graduate students of' in Article 4 be replaced by 'Students reading for a higher degree in'.

The amendment was carried and the motion B became: That Articles 3 to 13 with Article 4 as amended be adopted.

carried.

Motion C (Giovanelli, Wild): That Articles 14 to 24 of the draft Constitution on 'The Council of the Society' be adopted.

An amendment was moved (Bray, Loughhead): That in Article 20 the period of 6 months be reduced to 1 month.

lost.

Another amendment (Rothman, Clarke): That the words 'and one Student Councillor, being a Student Member elected by Student Members' be added after 'Ordinary Councillors' in Article 14.

was also lost.

The motion C was then put and carried.

Motion D (Giovanelli, Gascoigne): That Articles 25 to 28 of the draft Constitution on 'Meetings' be adopted.

carried.

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Motion E (Giovanelli, Sheridan): That Articles 29 to 36 of the draft Constitution on 'Ballots and Elections' be adopted.

Three amendments

- (i) (Bray, Robertson): That the words 'the same' in the second sentence of Article 33 be replaced by the words 'at least the';
- (ii) (Loughhad, Bray): That the words 'on the full list of candidates' be added at the end of article 34;
- (iii) (Loughhad, Bray): That the words 'the Chairman' in Article 35 be replaced by the words 'his deputy';

were carried, while

one amendment (Rothman, Hunstead): That 'Student Members' be added in Article 30 to the list of members who are entitled to vote,
was lost.

Giovanelli, who had spoken against amendment (iii), and Sheridan withdrew motion E. It was then moved E (Robertson, Smerd): That Articles 29 to 36 of the draft Constitution on 'Ballots and Elections' with Articles 33, 34 and 35 amended as in (i), (ii) and (iii) respectively be adopted.

carried'

Motion F (Giovanelli, Gascoigne): That Article 37 of the draft Constitution on 'Amendment of the Constitution' be adopted.

carried.

Motion G (Giovanelli, Sheridan): That Articles 38 to 0 6f the draft Constitution on 'Disbandment of the Society' be adopted.

carried.

Motion H (Giovanelli, Gascoigne): That By-law A1 of the draft Constitution on 'Membership (entrance fee)' be adopted.

carried.

Motion I (Giovanelli, Gascoigne): That By-l w AZ of the draft Constitution on 'Membership (annual subscription)' be adopted.

carried.

The proposed increase in the annual subscription had been discussed and generally approved the previous day.

Motion J (Giovanelli, Gascoigne): That By-laws A3 and A4 of the draft Constitution on 'Membership' be adopted.

carried.

* The amendment (ii) to Article 34 was mistakenly omitted from the printed Constitution in Proc. ASA, 1 (3), 119 (1968); it will be printed together with amendments and new By-laws adopted during 1968 in Proc. ASA No. 5. - Secretary.

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Motion K (Giovanelli, Gascoigne): That By-laws B1 to B6 of the draft Constitution on 'The Council of the Society' be adopted.

carried.

Motion L (Giovanelli, Gascoigne): That By-laws C1 to C6 of the draft Constitution on 'Meetings' be adopted.

An amendment (Bray, Loughhead): That the number of Full Members quoted in By-law C6 shall be 30, not 15;

was lost.

Motion L was then put and carried.

Motion M (Giovanelli, Gascoigne): That By-laws D1 to D5 of the draft Constitution on 'Ballots and Elections' be adopted.

After a brief discussion of the need for regional representation on the Council, the motion M was put and carried.

Motion N (Giovanelli, Gascoigne): That By-law E1 of the draft Constitution under 'Miscellaneous' be adopted.

carried.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS.

Motion (Le Marne, Ausburn): That Council be congratulated on framing the Society's Constitution.

carried.

The Meeting finished at 1005.

S.F. Smerd,
Secretary

Harley Wood
4 December 1968