

ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA

MINUTES OF THE NINTH ANNUAL GENERAL  
MEETING HELD AT THE A.N.R.A.O., PARKES,  
ON WEDNESDAY 14 MAY 1975.

The meeting began at 1330 with the President, Professor G.R.A. Ellis, in the Chair.

1. APOLOGIES:

F. Andrews, S.C. Baker, K.B. Fenton, L.J. Gleeson, J.McK. Luck,  
J.A. Thomas, A.A. Page, R. Van der Borcht, P.R. Wilson.

2. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the Eighth Annual General Meeting were taken as read and confirmed.

3. REPORT OF THE COUNCIL:

The report of the Eighth Council, as distributed before the meeting, was presented. The report was adopted.

4. REPORT OF THE TREASURER:

This report was distributed before the meeting and the Treasurer spoke to it. He noted that the healthy state of the Society's finances was largely due to the fact that only one issue of the Proceedings had appeared in the previous two years. There was a current cash balance of \$5 449 with a considerable number of full and corporate membership fees still outstanding. Sufficient reserves exist for two issues of the proceedings to appear in the coming year. However, if two issues a year should become once again the regular publication rate, it will be necessary to consider a rise in membership subscription rates in 1977.

The Treasurer expressed his appreciation to Mrs Hoollcott who had assisted him in his work over the years he had held his office and gave notice to the meeting that he would be tendering his resignation following the Council Meeting that evening. The President, on behalf of the Society, thanked the Treasurer for the long service he had given.

5. EDITOR'S REPORT:

The Editor gave a break-down of the times involved in the various stages leading up to the appearance of the last issue of the Proceedings. Part of the delay is due to late submission

of manuscripts. Ten had not been submitted one month after the A.G.M. The manuscripts were not able to be sent off to Sydney University Press until two months after the meeting. The editor felt that rapid manuscript submission and good diagrams would save one month in this stage. There are also delays in the printing process. Eight weeks were taken by Sydney University Press to produce galley proofs, and a further 10 weeks interval occurred in the production of page proofs. It was agreed that Council should examine ways to speed up the printing procedures.

6. ELECTION OF THE AUDITOR:

The Treasurer nominated Mr J.L. Clark, Chartered Accountant, as the Auditor of the Society and this was agreed to.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS:

(a) Meeting Arrangements:

No invitations were received for meeting sites and this matter was left to Council. A general discussion of meeting arrangements was held. A number of people spoke in favour of resuming the practice of having two meetings a year. The suggestion of a possible meeting in New Zealand met with good support.

(b) Other Business:

The secretary indicated that a communication from the Australian Journal of Physics had been received. This offered 50% reduction on the cover price of the A.J.P. to members of the A.S.A. if subscriptions were collected by the Society with its normal dues. The meeting agreed to this.

8. ELECTION DECLARATION:

Six nominations had been obtained for the five positions of Ordinary Councillors. A ballot had been held prior to the Annual General Meeting in accordance with the Constitution. Kerr and Hyland acted as scrutineers. As a result of the ballot, the following were declared elected to the Ninth Council.

President:	K.C. Westfold	
Vice-President:	J.G. Bolton	
Secretaries:	J.J. Monaghan	
	J. Murphy	
Treasurer:	A.G. Little*	
Ordinary Councillors:	J.H. Carver	W.M. Goss
	D.J. Faulkner	D. Mugglestone
		A.A. Page.

The Immediate Past President, G.R.A. Ellis, and the Editor, R.X. McGee are ex officio members of the Council.

\* Replaced by J. Ables following the Twentieth Council Meeting.

The meeting concluded at 1410 hours.

R.D. WATSON  
SECRETARY.