

ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA

MINUTES OF THE TENTH ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING HELD IN THE CARSLAW BUILDING
UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY, 1976 MAY 12th.

The meeting began at 1100 with the President, Professor K.C. Westfold, in the Chair.

1. APOLOGIES:

Dr J.O. Murphy, Professor J.H. Carver, Mr A.A. Page.

2. MINUTES:

The minutes of the Ninth Annual General Meeting were taken as read and confirmed.

3. REPORT OF THE COUNCIL:

The report of the Ninth Council, as distributed before the meeting, was received and adopted. Notices was taken of the deaths of Professor D. Mugglestone and Dr I.A. Lockhart and the meeting agreed that letters of condolence should be sent to the nearest relatives.

4. REPORT OF THE TREASURER:

This report was distributed to the meeting and the Treasurer spoke to it. Particular attention was directed to the outstanding fees (\$1320) and to the increased cost of postage. The mailing of notices and journals to members of the Society now costs \$240 apart from stationery. Some discussion occurred concerning the loss of \$1 per copy of the Journal sent overseas, and it was suggested that overseas institutional sub-subscriptions should be increased.

The report was adopted.

5. The Treasurer nominated Mr J.L. Clark as auditor for a further period and this was agreed to.

6. EDITOR'S REPORT:

The Editor reported that with the publication of No.6, Volume 2 of the Proceedings has been completed. There was considerable discussion of the cost of the journal. The editor estimated that \$400 might be saved by working direct with the printer. Several members suggested that since the delay in publication is so great it may be an advantage to discontinue the journal and prepare abstracts instead. The meeting referred the matter to the Council.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS:

- (a) The President reported that the Minister for Science had stated that the government intention for 1977 was not to reduce ARGC funding below the 1976 level.
- (b) A document prepared by Dr W.M. Goss concerning an informal meeting during the Eclipse (1976 October 22-24) was presented, discussed, and favourably received.

(c) Members were notified of the arrangements for the reduced subscription to the Australian Journal of Physics.

8. The death of Professor Mugglestone referred to earlier had required Council to prepare a new nomination to complete the Council nominations for the next election. The meeting accepted the Council's nomination.
9. Since there was only one candidate for each position the members nominated by Council were declared elected to the Ninth Council.

President: K.C. Westfold

Vice President: J.G. Bolton

Secretaries: J.J. Monaghan

J.O. Murphy

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