

ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA

MINUTES OF THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
HELD IN SCIENCE LECTURE THEATRE S14, MONASH  
UNIVERSITY, 1977 MAY 30.

The meeting began at 1400 with the President, Professor K.C. Westfold, in the Chair.

1. APOLOGY:

Dr L.R. Allen.

2. MINUTES:

It was pointed out that the third sentence of item 4 in the minutes should read "The mailing of notices and journals to members now costs ...". After this amendment (McGee, Waterworth) the minutes of the Tenth Annual General Meeting were then taken as read and confirmed.

3. REPORT OF THE COUNCIL:

The report of the tenth Council, as distributed before the meeting, was received and adopted. The retiring President (Westfold) indicated that the Society currently has about 230 members and 3 Corporate members.

4. REPORT OF THE TREASURER:

This report was distributed to the meeting and the Treasurer (Ables) spoke to it. He warned about rising costs associated with the Proceedings ASA, due largely to the increases in postal and banking charges, and pointed out that the Society was currently incurring a financial loss with overseas journal rates on non-member subscriptions. The report was accepted (Ables, Lewis) by the meeting and it was resolved that the proposals put forward should be referred to Council for further consideration.

5. No auditor's report was tabled at the meeting.

6. EDITOR'S REPORT:

The Editor reported that No. 1, Volume 3 of the Proceedings was published in October 1976. By working directly with the printer a saving of 12% in costs was currently being achieved. In reference to alternative ways of producing the Proceedings, he reported that an expected saving of 40% in printing costs could be achieved with camera ready format provided the papers were received in satisfactory form.

7. AUDITOR:

The Treasurer nominated (Ables, McGee) Mr J.L. Clark as auditor for a further period and this was agreed to.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS:

- (a) Dr M. Lewis reported to the meeting that the arrangements for the IAU sponsored Asian-South Pacific regional meeting, to be held in Wellington during December 1978, were proceeding smoothly.

Following correspondence from the organizers it was announced that the proposed Christchurch Relativity and Astrophysics Conference (1977 August 31 to September 2) would not be held mainly because of a clash in dates with ANZUS and an international meeting in Canada.

(b) Dr M.V. Penston reported on the first Beach Meeting of the ASA held at Merimbula (1976 October 22-24). In view of the agreed success of this meeting it was proposed that the incoming Council consider other locations for further meetings of this nature.

9. Since there was only one candidate for each position the members nominated by Council were declared elected to the Eleventh Council.

President:	Professor W.N. Christiansen
Vice President:	Dr D.S. Mathewson
Secretaries:	Dr L.R. Allen Dr J.B. Whiteoak
Treasurer:	Dr D.K. Milne Ordinary
Councillors:	Dr W.G. Elford Dr A.R. Hyland Dr D.C. Morton Dr H.S. Murdoch Dr M.D. Waterworth

J.O. MURPHY SECRETARY

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'W.N. Christiansen', with a long, sweeping flourish underneath.