

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Astronomical Society of South Africa held at 35 Wale Street, Cape Town, on Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July 1925 at 8 p.m.

Dr. Halm (President) was in the chair; there was a good attendance.

Presidential Address. To suit general convenience Dr. Halm proceeded at once to deliver his Presidential Address on "Present-day Problems of Astronomy" illustrated with diagrams shown on the screen. The address was received with applause.

Minutes. The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the 23<sup>rd</sup> July 1924 were read and confirmed.

Close of Ballot After the confirmation of the Minutes the Chairman ~~did~~ declared the ballot closed and appointed Messrs. Mason and Menzies as scrutineers.

Annual Report. The Secretary read the Council's Annual Report. On the motion of Mr. Long seconded by Mr. Smith, the Report was adopted.

Financial Statement. The Treasurer read the Audited Financial Statement for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 1925. He reported that since that date a donation of £15 had been received from the Natal Astronomical Association and moved that the Society's thanks be conveyed to the Association. This was agreed to and an expression of thanks was conveyed through Mr. E. Halm, a member of the Association, who was present. The adoption of the Financial Statement was moved by Mr. McIntyre, seconded by the Rev. R. Birt and agreed to.

Reports of Observing Sections. The Report of the Comet Section was read by the Secretary, the Director Mr. Reid being absent through ill-health.  
The Report of the Mars Section (Director, Dr. J. Moir)

was read by the secretary, and a large number of drawings of the planet were exhibited.

The Report of the Meteor section was read by the Director (Mr D. G. McIntyre)

The Report of the Variable Star section was read by the Director, Mr. W. H. Smith, who exhibited a curve showing the light-fluctuations of Nova Pictoris. The Chairman proposed to forward a copy of this curve to H. M. Astronomer, now in England.

The Society's cordial thanks were expressed to each of the Directors of the Observing Sections for the good work they had done during the past year.

### Result of Ballot.

The Chairman stated that the nominations received for the undermentioned offices were only sufficient to fill those offices, and the following were declared duly elected:-

<u>Office.</u>	<u>Name.</u>
President :	W. Reid Esq.
Vice President:	H. Spencer Jones Esq., M.A., B.Sc., F.R.A.S.
do.	Senator the Hon. A.W. Roberts, D.Sc., F.R.S.E., F.R.A.S.
do	H. E. Wood, Esq., M.Sc., F.R.A.S.
Secretary:	H. E. Houghton, Esq.
Treasurer:	W. H. Smith, Esq.
Auditor :	E. J. Steer, Esq.

The result of the Ballot was as follows:—

Name	Votes.	Name.	Votes.
Dr. J. K. E. Halm	36	Mr. W. H. Cox.	18
Mr. A. W. Long	35	Mr. W. Eaton.	17
Mr. R. Watson	29	Mr. W. B. Jackson.	17
Mr. H. W. Schonegevel.	26	Mr. A. F. J. Forbes.	15
Mr. D. G. McIntyre.	23	Mr. B. F. Jeany	9

Of these, the Cape Centre was entitled to four representatives, and the Johannesburg Centre to two. The Chairman thereupon declared Messrs Long, Watson, Schonegevel, Eaton, Jackson and himself duly elected as members of Council.

The Chairman voiced the Society's appreciation of the election of Mr. Reid as President, and regret at his unavoidable absence from the meeting.

Thanks were expressed to Dr. Halm for his services as President during the past year, and for his Presidential Address just delivered; to the Secretary and to the Treasurer for their services, and to Mr. Schonegevel for showing the slides at the present meeting.

The meeting then terminated.

J. Halm