

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Astronomical Society of South Africa held at No 35 Wake Street, Cape Town, on Wednesday, 31st July 1929 at 8 pm.

The President Mr. A. J. Long was in the Chair - there was a fair attendance.

Minutes

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the 25th July 1928 were read & confirmed.

Annual Report

The Secretary read the Council's Report for the year 1928-29. The adoption of the Report was moved by Captain Cameron-Swan, seconded by Mr Smith and agreed to.

Financial Statement

The Treasurer read the Audited Financial Statement showing a balance in hand of £28-8-2. This balance was largely due to various donations received in the course of the year. On the adoption of the report, thanking the Cape Council for their donation of £10: Capt Cameron-Swan seconded the report was agreed to.

Close of Ballot

at 8.30 the Chairman declared the Ballot closed and appointed Messrs Burrell & de Kock as scrutineers.

Reports of Sections

The Comet Section Report was read by Mr A. J. J. Forbes (Director). Mr Forbes was warmly thanked. The Variable Star Report was read by Mr Smith, in the absence of the Director, Mr. Eason. The Computing Section Report was read by the Secretary, in the absence of Mr Jones, the Director. The Meteor Section Report was read by the Secretary, in the absence of Mr Mackenzie, the Director. The Secretary was instructed to convey the thanks of the

Society to the absent Director.

Natal Actin The Secretary states that the Natal Astronomical Association regretted that their usual donation could not be sent. They had expended a good sum on renovating the Durban Observatory which had since suffered severely in a hailstorm. The sympathy of the Society was expressed.

Result of Ballot The following were declared elected (there being no other nominations for the respective offices) for the Session 1929-30

<u>President</u>	H. E. Wood, M.Sc., F.R.A.S.
<u>Vice President</u>	H. Spence Jones, M.A., Sc.D., F.R.A.S.
..	A. W. Long, F.R.A.S.
..	Senators Mr. Hon. A. W. Roberts, etc. F.R.S.E. F.R.A.S.
<u>Secretary</u>	H. Houghton
<u>Treasurer</u>	W. H. Smith
<u>Auditor</u>	E. J. Steer.

The result of the ballot <sup>to Members of Council</sup> was as follows:-

Capt. D. Cameron-Swan	34	Votes
H. W. Schonewald	31	..
W. M. Woosell	30	..
S. G. Kintyre	29	..
B. J. Jary	23	..
W. B. Jackson	22	..
H. C. Mason	22	..
S. Skewes	16	..
C. L. O. B. Dutton	13	..

Of these the Cape Centre was entitled to 4 representatives and the Johannesburg Centre to 2. The Chairman thereupon declared the following duly elected as Members of Council: Capt. D. Cameron-Swan, F.R.P.S., F.S.A. (Sw.), Messrs H. W. Schonewald, W. M. Woosell, F.R.A.S., S. G. Kintyre, B. J. Jary, F.R.A.S., F.R.M.S., and

W.B. Jackson, M.Sc.

Presidential  
address

The Chairman then delivered his presidential address on the Foundation & Development of the Astronomical Society of South Africa. He described the history of the Cape and Johannesburg Associations and their combination in 1922 to form the present Society, mentioning the parts which different members had played in the past and their present activities.

Mr Long then withdrew from the chair, and in the absence of Mr Wood (the new President), Dr Spencer Jones, (a Vice President) expressed the thanks of the meeting to Mr Long for his interesting and valuable address. He referred to the proposed establishment of two more observatories in South Africa, - by the Radcliffe Trustees & the Berlin - Heidelberg authorities respectively.

The meeting then terminated.

H.E. Wood

16 July 1930