

Minutes of Annual General Meeting of the  
Astronomical Society of South Africa  
Held at Temple Chambers 4. Princes Street  
Cape Town on Wednesday July 27. 1932 at 8pm.  
Present Dr H.L. Alden (President) in the Chair  
Dr H. Spencer Jones Capt D. Cameron-Swan  
Rev Andrew Graham, Messrs Burrell, Sekoek,  
Long, Landers, Jeany, J.G. McDutty, Pratt, Smith  
Mr Shepherd and the Acting Secretary Mr. W.  
Schonegevel. There were also several visitors.

Minutes The Acting Secretary read the minutes of Annual  
General Meeting of July 22 1931.

Mr Long called attention to the paragraph recording the  
reading of the Section Reports. As it stood it was misleading  
The Chairman directed the Secretary to insert the  
names of the directors of sections who sent the reports.

The minutes were then confirmed

Address The President Dr H.L. Alden then delivered his  
Presidential Address taking for his subject:

"Photographic Astronometry with Long Focus  
Telescopes".

At the conclusion Dr H. Spencer Jones proposed a  
vote of thanks which was seconded by Capt.

D. Cameron-Swan and carried with acclamation

Ballot The Chairman at his stage declared the Ballot closed  
and appointed Messrs Burrell & Sekoek scrutineers.

Reports The Acting Secretary then read the Annual Report  
of the Council

The Hon Treasurer (Mr. W.H. Smith) read the Fin-  
ancial Statement which showed a revenue  
of £62-12-4 and expenditure of £62-13-10

The balance carried forward being £32-17-4

This statement did not include the contributions  
from the Johannesburg Centre.

as required by by Article 18 (1) of the constitution this had arrived too late to be included in the statement and amounted to £7.10.0 the actual balance in hand was therefore = 30.7.4

The adoption of the reports was then proposed by Dr Spencer Jones and seconded by Rev. A Graham and carried nem. con.

Section Reports: Reports were received from Mr. A. F. I. Forbes, Director of the Comet Section and from Mr G. E. Ensor Director of the Variable Star Section. Both reports were read by Mr A. W. Long.

Election Officers. The following Officers were returned unopposed

President .. .. .	H. Spencer Jones, M.A., Sc.D., F.R.S.
Vice-Presidents .. .. .	G. E. Ensor.
	D. L. Forbes, F.R.A.S.
	J. S. Paraskevopoulos, Ph.D.
Secretary .. .. .	H. Horrocks, M.A., F.R.A.S.
Treasurer .. .. .	W. H. Smith.
Auditor .. .. .	E. J. Steer.

There were eleven nominations for the Council (six being required)  
The scrutineers reported the result of the ballot as follows.

Mr A. W. Long 37 votes	Mr. H. W. Schoneveld 31 votes
Dr H. L. Alden 28	Prof. S. Cameron Swan 28
Mr. H. E. Wood 26	Mr. J. G. McDintyre 26.
Mr B. Jeary 18	Mr A. Forrest 12
Mr H. C. Mason 11	Rev A Graham 8
Mr R. R. Pratt 8	

The chairman declared Messrs Long, Schoneveld, Alden, Cameron-Swan, Wood and McDintyre elected for the ensuing year.

Amendments  
to Constitution

The following Amendments to the Constitution unanimously recommended by the Annual were also balloted for.

"That in Article II. the title read 'Foundation' instead of 'Centres.'

That in Article VIII. the title read 'Centres and Branches' instead of 'Branches,' and that the following be added:—'A Centre of the Society may be established at a General Meeting of the Society upon the recommendation of the Council. If such Centre be formed by the entry of a previously existing organisation, all members in good standing of such organisation shall be deemed elected to membership of the Society.'

That in Article XI. 'either Centre or any Branch' read 'any Centre or Branch.'

That in Article XV. (viii.) 'each of the two Centres' shall read 'each Centre,' and 'which two members' shall read 'and these.'

The scrutineers reported that the result of the ballot showed 37 votes in favour and one against. The Chairman said that the objector had sent him a letter asking him that in certain circumstances to alter the objection to an affirmative; as these circumstances existed the result was that the amendments were accepted unanimously.

Induction  
of President

At this stage the retiring President S<sup>r</sup> Alden called on the newly elected President to assume his office - he then vacated the Chair

S<sup>r</sup> H. Spencer Jones then took the Chair

Amendments  
to Bye Laws

The Chairman read an amendment to Bye Law 1 unanimously adopted by the Council and submitted to the meeting for confirmation.

That the words "either centre or any branch" be amended to read "any centre or branch"

He asked if there was any objection to the amendment as no objection was made <sup>he declared</sup> the confirmation agreed to.

The Chairman then proposed the following resolution on behalf of the Council

Natal

Astronomical  
Association

"That in the event of the Adoption at the Annual Meeting of the Natal Astronomical Association of the proposal for union with this Society, the said Natal Astronomical Association be incorporated in this Society in terms of Article VIII as amended, and shall be established as the Natal Centre of the Society."

On being put to vote the resolution was unanimously agreed to. There being no further business the meeting was declared closed.

D. Jameron-Swan. Capt.  
(Chairman.)