

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Astronomical Society of South Africa held at the Martin Melck House, 96 Strand Street, Cape Town, on Wednesday the 26th July 1933 at 8-15 p.m.

Present

Capt. Cameron Swan in the chair and thirty-two members and visitors, including Sir Frank Dyson (honorary member) and Dr Jackson (H.M. Astronomer)

Minutes

The minutes of the annual meeting held on the 27th July 1932 were read and confirmed.

Ballot

The ballot was declared closed at 8.30 p.m.

Presidential Address

The Hon. Sec. read extracts from a letter from the President, Dr Spencer Jones, conveying greetings to the members present and expressing regret that it was impossible to be present in person to read his presidential address.

Mr Long read the Presidential address, the subject being "The Expansion of the Universe"

Dr Jackson proposed that a letter of thanks be sent to Dr Spencer Jones and that the thanks of the meeting be accorded to Mr Long for reading the address. The motion was seconded by Sir Frank Dyson and carried unanimously.

Scrutineers

The Chairman appointed Messrs Sanders, Burrell & de Kock.

Reports

The annual report of the council ~~and the~~ was read by the Hon. Sec. and the financial statement by the Hon. Treas. The latter showed a balance of £16-3-1. These were adopted on the proposal of Mr. Houghton seconded by Mr. Hankivell. At the same time a vote of thanks was passed to the Cape Times for their readiness to assist the society by the publication of matter relating to its activities.

Mr Forbes' report of the work of the Comet Section was read by Mr Long and Mr Enson's report on the work of the variable star section together with a letter appealing for more members was read by the Hon. Sec.

Election of Officers and Council. The following officers were elected unopposed -

President	W. D. G. McIntyre
Vice-presidents	Dr. J. Jackson Dr. A. Rossiter Mr. E. L. O'B. Dutton
Secretary	Mr. H. Horrocks
Treasurer	Mr. W. H. Smith
Auditor	Mr. E. J. Steer.

There were only sufficient nominations for the quotas of the Johannesburg and Natal Centres on the Council. The following were therefore declared elected unopposed: - Messrs H. E. Wood, A. Forest, J. L. Forbes and C. E. Wickes. As a result of the ballot for Cape members, Messrs Long and Houghton were declared elected.

Induction of New President. Capt. Cameron Swan then called on the newly elected president to take the chair. Mr. McIntyre expressed his appreciation of his election to the presidential office and drew the members' attention to the inaugural meeting of the mathematical section.

On the president's motion from the chair it was agreed to send ~~to~~ a telegram to Dr. Roberts conveying the greetings and congratulations of the society on the occasion of the jubilee of the commencement of his work at Lovedale for the uplift of the native races.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed.

26.7.34.

Confirmed
Sfr. J. J. J.