

# Astronomical Society of South Africa

Minutes of Council Meeting held at the Royal Observatory on  
Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May at 8 P.M.

Present: Dr Jackson (in the Chair) Dr. Hoy, Messrs Turner, Schirach,  
Davies, de Kock, Krumm, and the Hon. Secretary.

Apologies for absence had been received from Messrs Borchards,  
Cousins, Hint, and H.C.L. Johnston.

The Financial Statement (attached) read by Mr Krumm showed a  
balance in hand of £41<sup>2</sup> 5<sup>3</sup> 7.

The following were elected Members: Dr N.G. van Warmels, 1161 Kirk  
Street, Pretoria. pro. Mr. Krumm, sec. Mr. Menzies; Mrs Walter Versfeld,  
Stavel Klip, Piquetberg, pro. Mr. Menzies sec. Dr. Hoy.

Mr. B. ~~Schradet~~<sup>Schrader</sup>, 52, 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Walrus, Port Elizabeth pro. Mr.  
Bentley sec. Mr. Lautschel, was elected an Associate.

A letter dated 10<sup>th</sup> May received from Mr. Finnis of Natal and  
giving details of storm damage to the dome of the Durban  
observatory was read to the meeting.

Mr. Finnis said that in the event of the body responsible  
for the maintenance of the observatory being changed, it was  
likely that the Astronomical Society would be asked to  
state what sum could be contributed by the Society  
towards the upkeep of the observatory.

The Hon. Secretary was asked to reply stating that while  
the present confusion exists as to whom the observatory  
belongs, no contribution could be made by the Society  
towards maintenance. In any event the Society was  
not in a position to make any serious contribution  
towards the cost of repairing the dome.

It was agreed that not more than a third of the  
total subscriptions received from Natal Centre members  
could be spent on the upkeep of the observatory by the  
Society.

The Natal Centre were to be advised to store  
the object-glass of the telescope in a safe place while  
the dome continues to be in its present state of  
disrepair.

Mr. Krumm read a letter from the Port Elizabeth Centre asking for a contribution towards that Centre's Telescope Fund.

It was agreed to consider this request at the end of the financial year (July 1948)

Failing any further nominations, the following officers and members of Council would be elected in July:

President: Dr. A. E. H. Blesley.

Vice-Presidents: Dr. Jackson, Mr. Bentley, <sup>Mr.</sup> Dr. Finson.

Hon. Secretary: Mr. Henjies

Treasurer: Mr. Krumm

Members of Council: Mr. Finnis, Dr. Moy, Dr. Paraskew  
Loulos, Dr. Knox-Shaw, Mr. Johnson (Glanesburg)  
and Capt. Cameron-Iwan.

Auditor: Mr. G. Orben, hon. Mr. Borchards, see Mr. Turner.

This concluded the business for the evening.

W. P. Hind  
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