

Astronomical Society of South Africa

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Society was held at the Royal Observatory on Wednesday 26th July 1950 at 8 P.M. Mr. Krumm presided. The attendance was very good.

Mr. Krumm extended a hearty welcome to Mrs. Wood, Colonel Bowman, Mr. Finson and Mr. Bentley on behalf of those present.

The Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on the 13th July July 1949 were read and confirmed.

The Financial Statement read by Mr. Krumm showed a credit balance of £75. 2. 10. Mr. Krumm said that the proprietors of "Sky and Telescope" had agreed to reduce the cost to the Society of this periodical, while due to the efforts of Dr. Stoy, the Monthly Notes were costing the Society less this year than last year. The Financial Statement was adopted on the motion of Mr. Krumm, seconded by Dr. Stoy.

The following officers and members of Council were declared elected for 1950-1951:

President: Mr. H. E. Krumm

Vice-Presidents: Mr. Finson, Dr. Thackeray, Mr. Bentley.

Hon. Secretary: Mr. Menzies

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. Schirach [Mr. Orben]

Members of Council: Mr. Finnis, Dr. Stoy, Mr. Hint, Dr. Bleksley, Prof. Menzies, and Dr. Kirchhoff. [Daries]

Mr. Schirach said that he did not see his way clear to accepting the post of Treasurer, and the meeting was left in doubt as to the way in which this office was to be filled.

The Annual Report of Council was read ~~by~~^{by} the Hon. Secretary, and adopted on the motion of Mr. Davies, seconded by Mr. Hint.

The Port Elizabeth Centre Annual Report was read by Mr. Bentley.

Mr. Turner read the Cape Centre Report.

The Variable Star Report, presented by Mr. de Kock, was read by Mr. Hint, who informed the meeting that the number of observations (5487) of variables made during the year by the Director of the Section, Mr. de Kock, constituted a record for this observer.

The Meteor Section Report, presented by Mr. Venter who continues to be the only observer in the section, was read by Mr. Krumm.

Mr. Venter had observed 140 meteors in 26 observing hours. The Report was adopted on the motion of Mr. DeKench, seconded by Mr. Russo.

Mr. Hint said that comet orbits had been computed during the year by Mr. Archer and himself.

Mr. Finson, in his Presidential Address on "Double Star Interferometry", which was well illustrated by lantern ~~slides~~ slides shown by Mr. Davies at the lantern, showed how the resolving power of a telescope could be increased by the use of slotted masks to cover the object-glass of telescopes.

Mr. Finson, whose address was very well received by the large audience, was accorded a hearty vote of thanks at the conclusion of the talk, on the motion of Dr. Hoy.

The meeting ended at 10 P.M.

W. J. Finson
25/7/57.
Chairman.