

# Astronomical Society of South Africa

Minutes of Council Meeting held at the Royal Observatory on  
Wednesday February 6, 1952, at 8 P.M.

Present: Dr Evans (in the Chair) Dr. Stoy, Messrs Wahl,  
Hint, Borchards, Turner, Krumm, Johnston, Orben, Prof. Menzies,  
Mr. Schirach and the Hon. Secretary.

Dr. Evans moved that the Council records <sup>the</sup> ~~its~~ deep  
regret <sup>of members</sup> at the death of His Majesty, King George VI.

The Minutes of Council Meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> November 1951  
were read and confirmed, after amendment.

The following new Members were elected:

Mr T. G. E. Doms, 33 Schoeman St., Pretoria.

Mr S A Buchholz, Hill St., Stutterheim, Cape

Mr B T Lurdie, 744 Ben Swart St, Rietfontein, Pretoria.

Mr E. Meier, 42 Denbigh Rd., Parkwood, Johannesburg

Mr N T vander Walt, P.O. Delmore, via Germiston, T'rad.

Mr B Chiat, P O Box 594, Cape Town

Mr M C du Plessis, P O Box 24, Estcourt, Natal

and the election as an Associate of the Transvaal Centre confirmed  
of Mr K. Möckel, 266 Jeppe St., Johannesburg.

Dr. Stoy reported that Mr. Venter's star-charts had been  
duplicated and sent to Pretoria.

A letter from Dr. Finzen with enclosures of letters  
from the C. S. I. R., and from the I. A. U., asking for the  
names of S. African astronomers who intend going to the  
General Assembly in Rome, to be forwarded to the General Secretary  
of the I A U., was read by Dr. Evans.

The Financial Statement read by Mr Orben showed a  
balance of £12.17.6. Dr. Evans thanked Mr Orben for  
his work as Treasurer.

The meeting adopted a motion by Dr. Stoy that the  
cost <sup>to</sup> the Society of the Monthly Notes be increased  
by 2/6 per side of a page.

Librarian: The Hon. Secretary was asked to convey the thanks of  
the Council to Mr H. C. Davies for his services in the past  
as Librarian.

It was decided to ask Miss Flux to act as Librarian to the Society.

Essay Competition: It was decided to continue with the Essay Competition for at least one more year. A committee consisting of ~~Mr.~~ <sup>Mr.</sup> ~~Wahl~~ Wahl, Dr. Evans, and Prof. Henjies was appointed to draft rules for the competition.

The following members, in arrears with their subscriptions, were to be asked whether they wished to continue their membership: Messrs M. Drucker, K. Haber, A. Russell, A. M. Shibley.

A debate followed on ways to be adopted to encourage the payment of their subscriptions by members.

The meeting ended at 9.40 P. M.

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