

Astronomical Society of South Africa

Minutes of Council Meeting held at the Royal Observatory on Wednesday 10th February 1954 at 8 P.M.

Present: Dr Evans (in the Chair) Dr. Stoy, Messrs Cheat, Orben, Hirst, Johnston, Borcherts, Krumm and the Hon Secretary.

An apology for absence had been received from Prof. Henjies.

The Minutes of Council Meeting held on the 27th November 1953 were read and confirmed.

The Financial Statement read by Mr. Orben showed a credit balance at 10/2/54 of £1-1/-, after payment for "Sky & Telescope" had been made to December 1953.

The following whose names had appeared in the "Monthly Notes" were elected to membership:

Mr L. Frank, P. O. Box 141, Johannesburg, Tvl.
Rev. J. E. Garlock, P. O. Box 265, Brakpan, Tvl.
Mr E. F. Hull, 96, Eighth Avenue, Walmer, Port Elizabeth, Cape.
Mr S. T. Stuart, 8, First Street, Maraisburg North, Tvl.
Mr H. Wilsdorf, 15, Myrtle Court, Kempton Park, Tvl.
Mr J. G. F. Wollaston, "Gerene", Ryton Road, Claremont, Cape.

The following were elected Members subject to the names appearing in the "Notes": Mr J. P. Bennett, 12th Belmont Terrace, P.E.

Mr. D. D. Hunger, 72 Eusebes St., P.O. Box 47, Bethlehem, O.F.S.

Mr. S. C. Toll, 105 Willet St., Newton Park, P.E.

The election of Mr. J. W. Bawden, 352 Jules St, Malvern, J.B., as an Associate of the Transvaal Centre was confirmed.

Mr. W. P. Hirst was appointed Librarian in place of Mr. Archer who has resigned from the Society.

Mr. T. W. Russo was appointed Alternate for Dr. Thackeray, subject to Dr. Thackeray's consent.

It was agreed to continue the subscription to the Astronomical Society of the Pacific.

A letter from Dr. Finson was read by the Chairman. Dr. Finson said that each Centre should have the right to elect a Council member.

It was decided to send each member a copy of the Constitution with a page of explanatory matter.

The Hon. Secretaries of the Centres were to receive copies of the Minutes of Council meeting in future.

Dr. Finson was to be asked to elaborate his scheme for giving a prize to the best amateur paper published in the "Notes".

Mr. Hint was asked to report back to Council after his return from his proposed visit to Johannesburg, on the feeling of the Transvaal Centre on the relation between Headquarters and Centres.

It was agreed to enforce the Constitution more rigidly in the future, in particular the paragraph relating to the election of officers. Council members, who should be elected by Ballot each year.

The meeting ended at 10 P. M.

Attest in Hon Secy
David S. Evans

14th April 1954.