

Astronomical Society of South Africa

Minutes of Council Meeting held at the Royal Observatory on Wednesday 27th October 1954 at 8 P.M.

Present: Dr Stoy (in the Chair) Dr. Cousins, Messrs Hirst, Borchards, Johnston, Russo and the Hon. Secretary.

Apologies for absence had been received from Prof. Gillie, Messrs Chiat, Krumm and Orpen.

The Minutes of Council meeting held on the 25th August 1954 were read and confirmed.

Alternates: The Hon. Secretary reported favourable replies to the appointment of alternates for Drs. Gillie, Kirchhoff, Thackeray and van den Bos, and for Mr. Venter.

Mr. J. B. G. Turner was appointed Alternate for Mr. Bentley, and Mr. Paingyik for Mr. Lagerweij, subject for their consent.

The Council accepted a proposal by Mr. Hirst seconded by Mr. Borchards that a Planetary Section be formed with Mr. J. R. H. Brickell as its Director.

The Hon. Secretary read a letter from Dr. Evans on the proposed establishment of a Medal, and Mr. Russo read a letter from Dr. Thackeray on the awarding of the medal.

A proposal by Mr. Hirst seconded by Mr. Johnston that the establishment of a Medal for meritorious work in Astronomy be proceeded with, was passed.

A quotation of £43 for printing 400 copies of the Handbook from the Bellgraphic Press was read to the meeting.

It was decided to obtain quotations from other firms before giving the contract to a printer.

New Members: The following whose names had appeared in the Monthly Notes were elected Members:

Mr. S. J. Benade, P.O. Box 14, Neilsonsdrift, C.P.

Mr. R. J. Boltman, 40 Rissik Mansions, Rissik Street, Johannesburg

Mr. J. F. de Beer, 568 10th Avenue, Secura, Pretoria

Mr. L. A. S. du Plessis, 11 Gauger St, Witboortje, P.O. Roodepoort, ^{Trial}

Mr. Jacques de Waele, B.P. 1513, Elizabethville, Belgian Congo.

Mr. H. Pahl, P.O. Box 91, Ladivity, S.W. Africa

Mr. J. Hayward, c/o Uranium Plant, Welkom, O.F.S.

Mr D G Hellyer, 34 Commissioner Street, Boksburg, Tol
Dr C B Jeppe, 10 Rutland Rd, Parkwood, Johannesburg
Mr M R Deane, Sandham, Brackenfell, Cape
Mr R S Harvey, 1a, Langton Terrace, Kimberley
Mr E Holmwood, 5 Nimipred Rd, Parktown, Johannesburg
Mr A C Human, PO Box 213, Jastryn, O.F.S.
Mr C D Thompson, 9/10 Lane + Thompson Ltd, Main Rd, Obeng
Rev. M. L. J. van Rensburg, PO Box 3, Hoofstad, O.F.S.

The election was confirmed of Mrs. A. M. Hellyer,
309 Trichardt Rd, Parkdene, Boksburg, as an Associate
of the Transvaal Centre.

The following nominations had been received.

Mr. J. C. Bremer, Crown Hotel, Main Rd., Claremont, Pret.
Mr McHugh, re. Mr. Meyers.

Mr. J. Buch, 9 Hillbrow St, Berea, Johannesburg
pro. Mr Brickett, re. Mr. Churns.

Mr. J. Levin, 213 Cumberland Rd., Kensington, Johannesburg.
pro. Mr. Brickett, re. Mr. Botham.

The meeting ended at 21 hours.

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David S. Evans