

# Astronomical Society of South Africa

Minutes of Council Meeting held at the Royal Observatory on  
Wednesday 26 October 1955 at 8 P.M.

Present: Dr. Stoy (in the Chair) Dr. Cousins, Prof. Menzies, Messrs  
Turner, Johnston, Krumm, Russo, Chiat, Borchards, Duncan and  
the Hon. Secretary.

An apology for absence was received from Dr. Evans who  
was on duty at Pretoria.

The following whose names had appeared in the Monthly  
Notes were declared elected members:

Mr. P. R. Gittens, 72 <sup>th</sup> 14 Avenue, Edenvale, T'vaal

Mr. William Bell, 51 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue Mayfair, G'burg

Mr. Bruno Bode, Farm Stroben, PO Box 107 Otari, S.W.A.

The following were elected members subject to the names  
appearing in the Monthly Notes:

Mr G H Covarr PO Box 9634 G'burg

Miss Rosemary Smith 377 Rufert St., Brooklyn, Pretoria

Mr W J Smith 7 McLaren St, Waverley, Pretoria

Mr J. L. Ring, PO Box 289 Cape Town J. L. Ring

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Johnston seconded by  
Mr. Krumm that the Society print a Handbook for 1956, and  
that tenders be called for from: Peninsula Press, Rustica  
Press, Salesian Institute, and Cape Times.

Members of Council recorded their thanks to the Trans-  
vaal Computing Section under the direction of Mr. Chumms  
for preparing the material for the Handbook.

The Minutes of Council Meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> July 1955  
were read and confirmed.

Natal Centre: Dr. Cousins reported that Mr. Robertson, Hon.  
Secretary of the Natal Centre, had resigned, and that a Society  
formed for Telescope-making, was unwilling to amalgamate  
with the Society.

Mr. Borchards reported that the Durban Observatory was in  
a state of disrepair.

The books and papers of the Natal Centre were in the hands  
of Mr. Chubb, together with a bank balance of £170.

It was decided to ask that the balance be sent to the

Hon. Treasurer of the Society.

Dr. Stoy said that it was contemplated to change the format of the Monthly Notes to make them more attractive.

A sub-committee to care for the lantern, screen, to draft rules for the borrowing of slides and the lantern, and to prepare a catalogue of slides, was formed, consisting of Dr. Cousins, Messrs Krumm, Chiat, Johnston, and Borchardt.

The following Alternates were appointed:

Mr. Krumm for Dr. Van den Bos.

Mr. Chiat " Dr. Kirchhoff

Dr. Cousins for Mr. Ventel

Mr. Russo " Dr. Thackeray

Mr. Duncan " Mr. Lagerweij.

Mr. Turner " Mr. J. Bentley

Mr. Borchardt " Dr. Gillie.

It was decided that the Essay Competition for schools be continued for 1956.

The meeting ended at 21 40 hrs

A. Menges

Hon Secretary

R. H. Stoy.

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