

# Astronomical Society of South Africa

Minutes of Council Meeting held at the Royal Observatory on Monday  
at 1956  
18 June, at 8 P.M.

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs Russo, Turner and Chiat.

Present: Dr. Stoy (in the Chair) Dr. Cousins, Prof. Menzies, Messrs Hirst, Orben, Krumm, Duncan, Johnston and the Hon Secretary.

The Minutes of Council Meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> May 1956 were read and confirmed.

A letter from the Royal Society asking whether the Astronomical Society was interested in <sup>sending a delegate to</sup> attending a meeting to be held later in the year at Cape Town or Johannesburg or Pretoria to discuss the financing of publications, was read by the Hon. Secretary.

The Hon. Secretary was asked to reply that a representative of the Society would attend such a meeting.

The ballot on the Gill Medal award was unanimously in favour of Dr. Knox Shaw's being the first recipient, and the citation was unanimously agreed to.

Dr. Stoy said that only a few entries had been received for the Essay Competition, and that the quality of those submitted was poor.

The discussion on the management of the Monthly Notes was left over for the new Council's first meeting.

The Financial Statement read by Mr. Orben showed a credit balance of £22.

The following nominations had been received for Council and would be declared elected at the Annual General Meeting to be held on the 25<sup>th</sup> July:

President: Mr. S. C. Venter, proposed by Mr. Lagerweij, seconded by Mr. Hirst.

Vice-Presidents: Dr. R. H. Stoy, Dr. A. D. Thackeray, Prof. G. H.

Menzies, all proposed by Mr. Lagerweij, sec. Mr. Hirst.

Members of Council: Dr. D. S. Evans, Prof. Cillie (proposed by Mr. Lagerweij, sec. Mr. Hirst) Dr. M. W. Feast, (pro. Dr. Evans, sec. Dr. Thackeray), Dr. A. V. J. Cousins, pro. Mr. Krumm, sec. Mr. Orben.

Hon. Secretary: Mr. A. Menzies (hon. Mr. Krumm, sec. Mr. Johnston)

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. G. Orben, hon. Mr. Hint, sec. Mr. Menzies.

Hon. Auditors: Messrs Duncan & ~~Johnston~~ Johnston.

The report of the sub-committee on amendments to the Constitution was adopted.

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

~~Mr R.C. Allen~~

Mr J. G. Barker, 27 High Rd., Overholt, Durban.

Mr. L. R. B. Dunkerley, C/o Barclay's Bank, Port Alfred.

Mr J. C. Stuart, 18 Bernick Place, Durban North  
(P.O. Box 218, Durban)

The following nominations had been received:

Dr J. D. Strachan, Mafeteng, Basutoland.

Mr. P. Jacobs, 36 Saratoga Ave., Doornfontein, J'burg.

Resignations had been received from:

Mr. G. W. Anderson, Mr D. A. Philpott, and the

Bulawayo Astronomical Society, which has been disbanded.

The next Council meeting would be held on Monday July 23

The meeting ended at 10 P.M.

A Menzies Hon Secretary

W. Brindley