

ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

Minutes of Council Meeting held at the Royal Observatory on Monday 18th June 1962 at 8.00 p.m.

Apologies for absence had been received from Dr. Fuhr, Messrs. Russo and Raphaely.

Present: Mr. Smits (in the Chair), Drs. Stoy, Evans, Cousins, Messrs. Bondiotti, Churms, Krumm, Bentley, Orpen and the Hon. Secretary.

The Minutes of Council Meeting held on the 21st May 1962 were read and confirmed.

Arising out of the Minutes a letter from the C.S.I.R. was read in which it was stated that documents relating to the second Publication of Research Results Conference had been posted to Dr. Thackeray, as the Society's representative.

The result of the Ballot on the proposed amendments of the Constitution was: for: 53, against: 4, spoilt papers: 2. The amendments would be declared carried at the Annual General Meeting in July 1962.

Essay Competition: Six essays had been received, and were handed to Mr. Meadows to adjudicate, and later to be sent to Stellenbosch.

Finance: A letter from Mr. Raphaely was read by Mr. Smits. By taking monthly averages of expenditure and revenue it was shown in the letter that at present the Society was spending in excess of revenue.

After a letter from the President, Mr. Overbeek, had been read to the meeting by Mr. Smits, the following members of Council were nominated for election at the General Meeting:

President	:	Dr. Wesselink (nominated by Mr. Overbeek)
Vice-Presidents	:	Messrs. Churms, Smits, Morrisby
Hon. Secretary	:	Mr. Menzies
Hon. Treasurer	:	Mr. Orpen
Hon. Librarian	:	Mr. Churms
Hon. Auditors	:	Messrs. Raphaely and Bentley
Members of Council	:	Drs. Stoy, Evans, Thackeray and Cillie.

Dr. Evans said that Alternates for Council members should exert themselves to find out the wishes and views of their principals.

Dr. Evans reported that the 1963 Handbook was nearly completed by his Computing Group.

The Hon. Secretary was reminded to write to Directors of Observing Sections for their Annual Reports, and for the Annual Reports of Centres, including the Library Report.

The date of the Annual General Meeting was fixed as Wednesday 25 July 1962.

The following were elected as Members subject to their names appearing in the Monthly Notes and no objection being received within one month:

Mr. P. V. Hiles, 52 Edingight, Duke Road, Rondebosch, Cape.

Mr. M. C. Chadwick, 29 van Buuren Road, Bedfordview, Transvaal.

Mr. F. L. Boer, 10 Seventh Avenue, Florida, Transvaal.

The election as an Associate was confirmed of

Mrs. F. L. Boer, 10 Seventh Avenue, Florida, Transvaal.

Mr. Churms said that future ballots on Society matters should be by secret Ballot.

Council gave Mr. Churms assurance that secrecy would in future be observed in ballots.

The draft Annual Report was read by the Hon. Secretary. A sub-committee consisting of Dr. Evans and the Hon. Secretary was appointed to complete the Report of Council for 1961-1962.

The meeting ended at 10.00 p.m.

A. Menzies,
Hon. Secretary.

