

ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

Minutes of Council Meeting held at the Royal Observatory on Tuesday 21st May 1963 at 8.00 p.m.

Apologies for absence had been received from Dr. Evans, Messrs. Churms, Meadows, Bentley and Orpen.

Present: Mr. Smits (in the Chair), Drs. Stoy, Cousins, Fuhr, Messrs. Russo, Bondietti, Lagerweij, Krumm, Raphaely and the Hon. Secretary.

The Minutes of Council Meeting held on the 3rd April 1963 were taken as read and confirmed.

Arising out of the Minutes Dr. Stoy reported that "Sky and Telescope" was being packed separately from MNASSA so as to avoid straining the capacity of the paper envelopes.

Correspondence received: Details of British Council Scholarships for 1964-65 were received from the Cultural Attache, British Embassy, Pretoria and had been published in MNASSA.

A letter from Dr. Wesselink requesting information on the delivery of his Presidential Address was read by the Hon. Secretary.

A circular letter asking for financial aid, received from the Society for the Protection of Child Life was read.

The Minutes of a Transvaal Centre Committee Meeting held on 9th April 1963 received from Mr. Bell, was circulated among Council members.

A letter from Mauritius asking for details of membership was read by the Hon. Secretary.

A letter from Mr. Orpen, who had spoken to Dr. Kirchhoff while in Johannesburg, was read to the meeting.

The following whose names have appeared in MNASSA were declared elected as Members:

Mr. J. R. Maguire, P. O. Box 1092, Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia.
Mr. K. Valla, 88 Boom Street, Asiatic Bazaar, Pretoria.

The following was elected a Member subject to the name appearing in MNASSA and no objection being received within a month:

Mr. P. Brittan, 406 Main Street, Waterkloof, Pretoria.

The election as an Associate of the Bloemfontein Centre was confirmed of
Mr. P. J. Roets, Master's Office, Bloemfontein, O.F.S.

It was noted that Master A. G. Dell, 92 Somerset Road, Kensington, Johannesburg, had been elected a Student Member of the Transvaal Centre.

Dr. Stoy said that in future the November issue of MNASSA would be called No. 11 and 12, to meet queries about the 12th number of each year

At this stage Dr. Cousins left the meeting at the request of the Chairman, Mr. Smits.

Gill Medal Award: The Hon. Secretary had received a nomination for the award of the Gill Medal to Dr. A. W. J. Cousins, the nomination being signed by four members of Council.

The Citation was as follows:

"In recognition of his services in the establishment of an accurate system of Photometry in the Southern Hemisphere, and of the high quality of the photometric observations of variable and other stars, made when he was still an amateur".

Letters expressing agreement with the award and the Citation, received from Messrs. Churms, Morribby, Lincoln, Drs. Thackeray, Cillie and Evans, were read at the meeting.

Council unanimously agreed that the Honorary Secretary should send out Ballot papers to all Members of Council asking for a vote for or against the award to Dr. Cousins and the Citation, the papers to be returned to the Hon. Secretary on or before the 10th June 1963.

Before closing the meeting Mr. Smits on behalf of members, wished Dr. Stoy bon voyage on his forthcoming visit overseas, and sent the regards of the Society to overseas astronomers, whom Dr. Stoy would meet while in Europe.

The meeting ended at 9.35 p.m.

A. Menzies

Hon. Secretary

Chairman.

