

ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA  
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Minutes of Council Meeting held 1981 September 28 at 20h00 at the  
S A Astronomical Observatory, Cape Town.

Present: Mr A Gray in the Chair, Dr A Fairall, Messrs Bentley, Krumm,  
Hurley, Hers, C Larmuth, Spencer-Jones, Orpen, Turk,  
Miss Booth and Mrs M FitzGerald.

Apologies: for absence received from Drs. Feast and Holroyd, Messrs  
Bondiotti, C.Larmuth, Duveen and Simenhoff.

Minutes: of the previous meeting, copies of which had been circulated,  
were taken as read and signed.

Alternates: The following were appointed subject to the approval of  
the Principals concerned:

PRINCIPAL :

Prof E E Baart  
Rhodes University  
Grahamstown, 6140

Mr A Gray  
P O Box 2704  
Durban, 4000

Mr J Vincent  
P O Box U338  
Union Ave  
Salisbury, Zimbabwe

Mr J Hers  
P O Box 48  
Sedgefield, 6573

Mr C Papadopoulos  
22 Waterfall Road  
Westcliff, Johannesburg 2193

✓ Transvaal Representative:  
Mr D Overbeek.

✓ Pretoria Representative:  
Mr Wolterbeek

Salisbury Representative:  
Mr C Archer

✓ Bloemfontein Representative:  
Mr G Walker

ALTERNATE:

Mr R Hurlay  
8 Glebe Road  
Rondebosch, 7700

Mr C Larmuth  
4 Chalfont Road  
Newlands, 7700

Mr J. Spencer-Jones  
SAAO  
P O Box 9, Observatory

Prof B Warner  
University of Cape Town  
Rondebosch, 7700

Mr J Bondiotti  
5 Bath Street  
Tamboerskloof, 8001

Mr C Larmuth

Miss P Booth

Dr. Cousins

Miss P Booth

Natal Midlands Representative:		Mr V Duveen
✓ Natal Centre	" " :	Mr J Simenhoff
✓ Cape Centre	" " :	Mr C Turk

Matters Risng: A happy situation now seems to have arisen regarding the early delivery of Sky and Telescope and Messrs Bentley and Duveen were thanked by Council for all their efforts making this possible.

Finance: Mr Orpen, Treasurer, read out the attached financial statement which was accepted as correct by Council.

McIntyre Award: Mr Bentley suggested that R1000,00 of the McIntyre Award fund be invested on a long term period thereby realising an interest of between 13 - 14% per annum. And should the money be needed, it could still be used as collateral. It was agreed that Messrs Orpen and Turk discuss the matter at a later date to establish the best way in which to invest the R1000,00 of the fund.

MNASSA: Mr Bentley informed Council that due to an error on the part of the firm mailing MNASSA subscription reminders for the 1981/1982 year were included in the MNASSA copies posted to the overseas customers, who in turn sent the R17.50. It was suggested that the money be sent back to these overseas customers and the Chairman asked that Mr Bentley write to the firm expressing Council's discontent. Because of this mishap, Mr Orpen was asked to again send out subscription reminders as 180 had gone out to the overseas subscribers for MNASSA. Mr Turk asked that these new subscription reminders include a note regarding the ASSA Endowment Trust Fund.

As physical problems were delaying the production and publication of MNASSA, the Chairman suggested that a sub-committee be formed to iron out these problems. Dr Fairall and Mr Spencer-Jones volunteered to form the sub-committee and Dr Fairall is to approach Prof Wild and so discuss the matter, and then report back to Council. Mr Gray suggested it should perhaps be published quarterly rather than as is the position at present.

Mr Bentley enquired as to what the Price would be in 1982. Dr Fairall suggested that the price should stay unchanged, but will be revised for 1983. The Chairman seconded this suggestion.

New Members: The following were elected subject to publication of names in MNASSA and no objections being received.

Mr David Beard,  
42 Southfield Road  
Plumstead, 7800

Miss S M Baigent,  
100 Somerset Road  
Kensington, Johannesburg

Mrs Wenda V.A. Cherry  
9 Stanley Road  
Rondebosch, 7700

Mr Adriaan J. du Plessis  
43 Indaba St.  
Lynwood Glen, Pretoria

Mr C A T Gullifer  
14 Rothchild Rd  
Lindhaven, Roodepoort, 1725

Mr John Desmond Laing,  
S A Astronomical Observatory  
P O Box 9, Observatory, 7935

Mr Giorgio G. Lovato  
48 Westmoreland Rd  
Kensington, 2094

Dr H Plit,  
P O Box 554  
Vereniging, 1930

Mr Mervyn Frank Reynolds  
19 Carlisle Crescent  
Durban North, 4051

Mr. S.J. Smit,  
Swaellaa 8, Onder Papagaaiberg  
Stellenbosch, 7600

Master Brian van der Spuy  
668 Kameel Street,  
Bronkhorstspuit, 1020

Mr K. Wentzel,  
461 Rodericks Road  
Lynwood, Pretoria, 0081

Mr A D Baigent,  
5 Ferdinand Ave  
Eastleigh, Edenvale, 1610

Mr Lawrence Gerald Baxter  
P O Box 375  
Pietermaritzburg, 3200

Mr Kenneth H. Davel  
P O Box 1125  
Durban, 4000

Mr Michael H. du Plessis  
P O Box 174  
Oudtshoorn, 6620

Mr Ernst Albert Kellerman  
390 - 23rd Ave  
Villieria, Pretoria, 0186

Mrs R A Learmonth  
P O Box 2396  
Kempton Park, 1620

Miss Lesley Sharon Lowe  
28 Watsonia Close  
Pinelands, 7405

Mr Douw J. Pretorius  
112 Charles Hoffe Ave  
Duinefontein, Melkbosstrand, 7405

Mrs Louise E. Smallie  
110 Rusdon Park  
College Road, Rondebosch, 7700

Mr. H.I. Terblanche  
Postbus 182, Dewetsdorp, 9940

Mr Walter Gerald Weber  
26A Diaz Ave, Eastleigh Ridge  
Edenvale, 1610

Mr J W Woodman  
P O Box 65216  
Benmore, 2010

Suspended Members : The Treasurer read the names of about 113 members and it was agreed that these members be suspended.

FURTHER BUSINESS:

- a.) The Chairman suggested that a list of all the Society Members be made and circulated yearly to all members. Miss P Booth suggested that the names be put onto computer tapes and so can easily be printed out. Miss Booth will investigate and report back to Council.
- b.) A request for free copies of MIASSA was received from the Polish Astronomical Society. It was agreed that they be sent copies on a one off basis, and if more were required, they should pay for any further copies. Mr Bentley will attend to the matter.
- c.) Mr Spencer-Jones advised that 110 back copies of Sky and Telescope was lost in transit to Roodepoort. It was agreed that if these lost copies could not be traced they were to be replaced. The Chairman suggested that should Council not have sufficient for replacement, Mr Spencer-Jones should write Natal Centre for the missing copies.
- d.) Mr Hurley reported that the quota for the Handbook has not increased very much more and therefore the same amount will be printed for 1982. The Handbooks should be out of the printer's hands by October and available by November.
- e.) The Chairman informed Council that Inter-Centre contact appears to be non-existent and bad, and feels that the Centre Secretaries should communicate with one another. Mr Gray asked whether Council could in fact do anything about this situation.
- f.) The Secretary is to write to the publishers of Archimedes, giving Council's approval of the publication of the Forbes Essay competition.
- g.) The Chairman suggested that Prof Baart be asked whether he would present Mr Chris Papadopoulos with the Gill Medal, and in so doing gain some publicity for the ASSA.
- h.) The Chairman advised Council that the Centenary of the Durban Observatory is to be on December 5th, 1982; the historic site is being proclaimed and set out. Plans for the official function will be on the same day.
- i.) Mr Gray also suggested that should Council require any finance for the ASSA, the National Education Council could be asked for funds/grants.

- j.) Certain proposals for the 1983 National Convention were made by Mr Gray. He proposed that it should take place in Bloemfontein during early Autumn or spring; that grants in aid be obtained from Dept. of National Education and other institutions. Mr Gray asked Council's assistance in this matter and requested that Council circularise all ASSA Members, enclosing with Sky and Telescope or MNASSA a tear-off reply slip to judge the response.
- k.) Dr Fairall proposed that the Hon. Treasurer and Secretary both be given a honorarium of R50 per year, and that the Hon. Secretary be paid 15c per km for travelling expenses. This was seconded and accepted.
- l.) The Secretary asked Council to look into the matter of obtaining a typewriter and how best to have copies made of notices and minutes as the present equipment is very old and outdated. The Secretary is to liaise with Mr Larmuth regarding the typewriter and Mr Turk has offered to have the duplication done.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.15 p.m., the next Council Meeting being fixed for November 23, 1981.

*Ray P. Full*

HON. CHAIRMAN

HON. SECRETARY

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR PRESENTATION TO COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 28/9/1981

EXPENDITURE.

R. c.

Subscription to "Sky & Telescope" and Freight Charges for July and August 1981	1004-33
Addressing and Despatch of Publications	18-24
Postage on Publications	295-49
Miscellaneous Postage	4-35
Stationery & Equipment Transferred to "Plusplan" Account, July and August 1981	5-23 2000-00
Bank charges	7-55
General Sales Tax	59-52
Credit Balance at 28/9/1981	973-09

R.4367-80

RECEIPTS.

R. c.

Credit Balance at 1/7/1981	38-38
<u>Subscriptions</u>	
Arrears	2-50
Current	3756-49
Advance	<u>26-76</u>
	3785-75
Entrance Fees	45-00
Sale of M.N.A.S.S.A.	257-71
Sale of Summary Volume of M.N. A.S.S.A.	49-00
Sale of Handbooks	22-00
Sale of back and extra copies of "Sky & Telescope"	40-10
Sale of Society Booklets	3-25
Interest on Fixed Deposit	40-00
Pro-rata share of Telescope Insurance Premium	12-74
Unnecessary Commission on cheques, airmail postage paid and exchange gains	<u>73-87</u>
	<u>R.4367-80</u>

R1000-00 is on Fixed Deposit with the United Building Society.

The Balance in the Plusplan A/C is R3750-00 at date.

The Balance in the McIntyre Award Account is now R2091-59, R61-53 having been received since 1st July.

*Garnett Orpen*  
HON. TREASURER?