

ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

Minutes of the Council Meeting held 1982 October 11 at 20h00 at SAAO,
Cape Town

1. *Present*

Prof A P Fairall in the chair, Prof Warner, Drs Cousins, Feast, Messrs Bentley, Bondiotti, Hurly, Krumm, G and C Larmuth, Orpen, Simenhoff, Spencer Jones, Watts and Miss Booth.

2. *Apologies*

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs Duveen, Gray, Hers, Overbeek, Turk and Vincent.

3. *Appointment of Alternates*

The following were appointed to act as alternates:

Mr J Spencer Jones	for	Mr J Vincent
Mr R Hurly		Prof E Baart
Mr C Larmuth		Mr A Gray
Prof B Warner		Mr J Hers
Miss P Booth		Bloemfontein Centre (Mr Walker)
Mr C Turk		Cape Centre
Dr A Cousins		Harare Centre (Mr Archer)
Mr J Simenhoff		Natal Centre
Mr V Duveen		Natal Midlands Centre
Dr P Mack		Pretoria Centre (Mr Wolterbeek)
Mr G Larmuth		Transvaal Centre (Mr Overbeek)

Also Mr W Bentley was appointed Business Manager, and Mr R Hurly the Handbook Editor.

4. *Minutes*

The minutes of the previous meeting held 1982 June 21, copies of which had been circulated, were taken as read, and adopted with the following insertion: that the CSIR would choose one member from the 2 or 3 nominations to serve on the IAU Committee. Mr Spencer Jones took the minutes for this meeting.

5. *Matters arising*

- (i) The post of Secretary: The ASSA still does not have a Secretary, and members are urged to do all they can to find someone to fill this position.
- (ii) The IAU Committee: Council have nominated the following members, Messrs Bondiotti, Krumm and Overbeek whose names will be forwarded to the CSIR for election to serve on the SA IAU Committee.
- (iii) Overseas subscriptions to MNASSA: Mr Bentley, after discussion with Mr Churms, proposed that the subscription to MNASSA be increased to \$10,00 overseas, and R7 local, as from next year. These were agreed upon.

6. *Finance*

Mr Orpen read the attached financial statement which was accepted. He stated that he had had to send out over 100 accounts, from which about 20 members had resigned, while a considerable number were still in arrears with their subscriptions.

7. *New Members*

The following new members were elected subject to the publication of names in MNASSA and no objections being received.

Dr M A G Andreoli, 2 Lita Court, 27 Mons Street, Bellevue, Johannesburg 2192
Mrs Edna Caddick, 51 Fortune's Gate Road, Matsheumhlope, Bulawayo, Zimbabwe
Mr Hugh Harry Barnett, Cleenwerck, 4 Colenso Road, Claremont 7700
Mr Brian Charles Davies, 211 Oak Avenue, Ferndale, Randburg 2194
Mr, Mrs or Miss Rene Hediger, P O Box 2223, Bloemfontein 9300
Mr Peter Martinez, 12 Olive Schreiner Street, Parow North 7500
Mr Edgar Francis Meerholz, 22 Gloucester Place, Sandringham, Jhb 2192
Mr Hendrik H Roos, P O Box 57, Simonstown 7995
Mr Daniel Jacobus Smith, 5 Hendriks Crescent, Duynefontein, Melkbosstrand 7405
Miss or Mrs Angela Beatrice Sutton, P O Box 340, Mooi River 3300
Mr Frederick Tyler, "Shepton Mallet", P O Hogsback 5312
Prof Zak van Straaten, Philosophy Dept., University of Cape Town, Private Bag, Rondebosch 7700
Mr David Peter Waywell, 13 Patterson Road, Hilton, Natal (P O Box 372, Pietermaritzburg 3200)
Mr Gregory Wessels, 13 Sarah Crescent, Randhart, Alberton 1450

8. *Other Business*

- (i) Project Galileo: Council noted the latest Project Galileo Circular No 3. Attention was drawn to the change of date for this Congress which is now 1983 April 22-25.
- (ii) Natal Centre Constitution: The Natal Centre have prepared an amendment to their Constitution in connection with "The Natal Centre Astronomy Award". This is an award, to be made to members of that Centre, for meritorious service in astronomy. This is to be held over until the next meeting for perusal by Mr Turk.
- (iii) MNASSA: Mr Hurly reported that the issue Vol.40 Nos 10-12 of MNASSA, which due to an omission by the mailing agency, was not sent out to subscribers last year, has been sent out with issue Vol.41 Nos 5-6.
- (iv) Physics Briefs: Prof Fairall reported that a letter had been received from a German Physics Abstracts journal, Physics Briefs, requesting a free subscription to MNASSA, which they would abstract. He is going to discuss the status of this journal with his colleagues at UCT.
- (v) Centre Reports: The only outstanding 1981-82 centre report is that for the Pretoria Centre. This is requested for MNASSA at the earliest convenient opportunity.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR PRESENTATION TO COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD
ON 18th OCTOBER 1982

EXPENDITURE.

	R. c.
Subscription to "Sky & Telescope" for July & August 1982	1389-31
Expenditure in connection with sales of Back Numbers of MNASSA	20-65
Expenditure in connection with sales of Summary Volume of M.N.A.S.S.A. (Nos 1 to XV)	19-35
Addressing and despatch of publications, July to Sept. 1982	76-48
Postage on publications (current)	354-69
Postage on Back Numbers of MNASSA	5-54
Postage on and packaging of Summary Volumes	16-46
Stationery and equipment	3-05
Postage, other than above	18-07
General Sales Tax on "Sky & Tele- scope, July to September 1982	122-53
10% Import Surcharge on above	180-20
Variable Star Charts	45-69
Insurance of Effects and Society Telescopes	55-55
Transferred to "Plusplan" A/c., July and August 1982	5000-00
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Bank Charges	21-90
Credit Balance at 11th Oct., 1982	<u>1433-94</u>
	<u>R8763-41</u>

RECEIPTS.

	R. c.
Credit Balance B/Fwd 1st July 1982.	63-03
<u>Subscriptions.</u>	
Arrears	3-75
Current	8187-93
Advance	<u>120-51</u>
	8312-19
Entrance Fees.	47-50
Sale of M.N.A.S.S.A.	18-00
Sale of MNASSA Back Numbers	43-54
Sale of Summary Volumes of MNASSA	177-00
Receipts for postage and Packaging of MNASSA Summary Volumes	13-35
Reprints of articles in MNASSA	25-00
Sale of Handbooks for 1982	9-00
Sale of spare back numbers of "Sky & Telescope"	33-60
Sale of miscellaneous Society Booklets	5-00
Receipts for prorata share of insurance of Society telescopes	3-35
Commission and exchange gains	12-85
	<u>R8763-41</u>

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

The balance in the "Plusplan" Account at date is R6850-00

The balance in the McIntyre Award Account is now R2572-63 of which R2000-00
is on Fixed Deposit with the United Building Society.


HON. TREASURER.