ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA Minutes of the Council Meeting Held on 19 February 1996

- PRESENT:
 P van Blommestein (in the chair), C Gray,
 J Spencer-Jones, B Skinner, Ms P Booth, C Turk, H Krumm,
 Mrs A Joubert, C D Allen, J Bondietti, M A Gray and R Hurly.
- 2 <u>APOLOGIES</u>: Prof B C Raubenheimer, Dr Bob Stobie, D Duprez, MG Soltynski, W Bremer, A Slotegraaf, CD Allen and J Spencer-Jones
- 3 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING : Accepted.
- 4 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES :
- 4.1 Proposal received from Danie Overbeek that the following be inserted into the minutes without further comment: In response to comments received, Council agrees that the items marked 4.2 and * * in the 1995 August 21 minutes should have read: "Section Reports: The meeting discussed a statement that the Hon Secretary has experienced difficulties in obtaining reports from Observing Section Directors."
- 4.2 Letter from the Hon Auditor, Mr R Glass tabled. A gratis Handbook will be sent to Mr Glass annually as a show of appreciation for the work he undertakes on Council's behalf. Proposed by R Hurly Seconded by C Turk. A Sub committee will revise the advertising rates in MNASSA and the Handbook. Mesdames Booth and Joubert and Messrs Turk and Gray to meet asap and report to next meeting.
- 4.3 MNASSA Sub Committee Report-back: The MNASSA Editor must check with the Membership Secretary and Business Manager on the quantity of each issue that is to be printed. The Editor is to provide five copies of each published article to the author thereof (These are unbound copies requested from the printers).
- 4.4 Constitution changes are required and these will be formulated by Messrs Turk and Gray.
- 4.5 Symposium: The proceedings of the 1995 Symposium are being published in MNASSA. Council are grateful to the Bloemfontein Centre who sent R500 towards the cost of publication.
- FINANCE:
 Financial Report tabled. The Honoraria Sub-Committee report is awaited. Letter from the Hon Auditor read. It states inter alia: "I would like to thank Colin Gray for the exemplary way in which the books have been maintained and presented to us in respect of the year ended 30 June 1995." A vote of thanks to Mr Colin Gray for his efforts on behalf of the Society was proposed by Rupert Hurly and adopted unanimously.
- 6 NEW MEMBERS: Mrs A Joubert provided a list of applicants who were duly proposed and accepted as members.