MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE A.S.S.A. COUNCIL
HELD ON 7 APR 1997 at the S.A.A.O.

1 PRESENT:

Dr R S Stobie (in the Chair), Ms P Booth, Mrs A Joubert, Messrs C Gray, R Hurly, J Spencer-Jones, C D Allen, C Turk, P van Blommestein, M G Soltynski and B Skinner.

2 APOLOGIES:

Dr D Smits, Messrs A Gray, T Hilton, C Rijsdijk, H Krumm, D Overbeek and T Cooper.

3 MINUTES OF MEETING held on 17 Feb 1996 accepted and signed.

4 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

4.1 The Publications sub-committee could not meet because Sky & Telescope had not supplied pertinent information.   Meeting date set for 14 April 1997.

4.2 MNASSA: No Centre has shown any interest in owning the bound volumes donated by WC Bently.

4.3 Grahamstown Science Fair: C Rijsdijk Will attend.

4.4 Historical Section: Mr C De Coning is to be asked to take over as Director as from 1998.

5 FINANCE:

5.1 Report tabled.

5.2 It was proposed: (1) That the standard ASSA subscriptions would no longer include a Sky & Telescope subscription,   (2) that the Publications sub-committee be given the discretion to set the subscription for 1997/8 and   (3) that ASSA will act as the agent for members' subscriptions to Sky & Telescope and fix the subscription rates in consultation with the distributors.
Proposed: R Hurly Seconded P van Blommestein

6 NEW MEMBERS: No new member applications.

7 CORRESPONDENCE:

CONSTITUTION: All the return slips received supported the changes to the Constitution. Adopted. Proposed C Turk and seconded by CD Allen.

8 GENERAL:

8.1 SYMPOSIUM: The Natal Centre may not be able to host the 1997 Symposium. A Gray is to contact the Natal Centre urgently for a programme of events. Should they not be able to host the Symposium, Council will meet to consider alternative arrangements.

8.2 MNASSA: The Editor has established a presence for MNASSA on the Internet.

8.3 LONG SERVICE AWARD: Nominations are invited.

8.4 HONORARY MEMBERS: Nominations are invited.

9 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 17 June 1997.