

**ASSA AGM 2018 MINUTES**

<b>DATE</b>	6 Aug 2018	<b>TIME</b>	20:00 to 21:50	<b>VENUE</b>	The SAAO Auditorium, SAAO, Cape Town
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**Present**

**ASSA Council and Appointees**

Eddy Nijeboer	Cape Centre Chair (AGM Host)
Case Rijdsdijk	President, Chair - Garden Route Centre, MNASSA Editor
Dr Pierre de Villiers	Vice President, Chair - Hermanus Centre
Chris Stewart	Vice President, Director Instrumentation
Adv AJ Nel	Treasurer
Dr IS Glass	Committee Member
Bosman Olivier	Membership Secretary (outgoing)
Wilmi Nel	Membership Secretary (incoming)
Lerika Cross	Secretary
Christian Hettlage	Web Master
Chris de Coning	ASSA History Director
Douglas Bullis	Deep Sky Director
Piet Strauss	ASSA Durban Chair

**ASSET**

Peter Cramb	ASSET Trustee
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**Invited guests**

Tim Cooper, Andy Overbeek, Robin Overbeek

**Attendees**

Keith Gottschalk, Peta Cramb, R Sessions, H Sessions, Jannie Nijeboer, Marius Reitz

**Apologies**

Ronnie Glass	ASSA Independent Compiler, Honorary Member
José Campos	Honorary Member
Dr Claire Flanagan	ASSA Scholarship Convenor
Kos Coronaios	Outreach and Observing Director
Auke Slotegraaf	Sky Guide Editor, Section Director Deep Sky
Percy Jacobs	Section Director ASSA Spectroscopy and Photometry
Dave Blane	Section Director Double and Variable Stars
Allen Versfeld	Section Director Imaging
Clyde Foster	Shallow Sky Section Director, Committee Member

	<b>Agenda Points</b>	<b>Discussions / Decisions / Actions</b>
1	Welcome	Eddy Nijeboer, Cape Centre Chair, who fulfilled the role of host and Chairman for the AGM, welcomed everyone and opened the meeting. Apologies received are recorded in these minutes.
2	Minutes	The minutes of the previous AGM meeting held on 2 August 2017 were taken as read and confirmed to be available on the website <a href="https://assa.saa.ac.za/about/council-and-officers/aggm-reports/">https://assa.saa.ac.za/about/council-and-officers/aggm-reports/</a>
<b>NOTE: All reports will be placed on the website <a href="http://assa.saa.ac.za/">http://assa.saa.ac.za/</a> and in MNASSA</b>		
3	Report on Council	<b>3. Report on Council</b> The ASSA President, Case Rijdsdijk, presented his Report on Council.
4	ASSA	<b>4. Reports received from the ASSA Directors /Appointees</b>

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	Director Reports	<p>The reports for the year 2017 18 which were received from ASSA Directors/Appointees were presented by those present at the AGM or read by C Stewart on their behalf unless where otherwise noted below</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Deep Sky Section Report from outgoing Director, Auke Slotegraaf. Read by incoming Director: Douglas Bullis</li> <li>b) Observing and Outreach Reports from Director Kos Coronaios</li> <li>c) SA Astronomy History Section Report from Director Chris de Coning</li> <li>d) Shallow Sky Section Report from Director, Clyde Foster</li> <li>e) Double and Variable Stars Section Report from Director, Dave Blane</li> <li>f) Imaging/Astrophotography Section Report from Director, A Versfeld</li> <li>g) Photometry and Spectroscopy Report from Director, P Jacobs</li> <li>h) Instrumentation Section Report from Director, Chris Stewart</li> <li>i) Cosmology Section Report from Director, Bruce Dickson</li> </ul> <p>Case Rijdsijk read the Communications Report.</p>
5	ASSA Scholarships	<p><b>5. ASSA Scholarships</b> The report for the year 2017 18 received from the ASSA Scholarship Convenor, Dr Claire Flanagan, was read by Chris Stewart.</p>
6	Membership	<p><b>6. Membership</b> The 2016 17 Country Membership Fee with effect from 1 July 2018: subscription fee of R75 per year and R50 joining fee has been placed on the website. The outgoing Membership Secretary, Bosman Olivier, read his report and informed that at the end of June 2018 there were 122 paid up members. He also reported that the handover to the new Membership Secretary is in progress but not yet finalised.</p>
7	Financial Report	<p><b>7. Financial Report 2017 18</b> AJ Nel presented the Financial Report.</p>
8	ASSET	<p><b>8. ASSA Endowment Trust (“ASSET”)</b> Peter Cramb informed the meeting that C Turk has resigned as Secretary of ASSA Endowment Trust and Peter is acting Secretary. He handed a signed letter from ASSET to the Office of the Master of the High Court for Council’s records, which confirms activities undertaken to date, encloses required certified copies of certificates and end with request to receive the updated Registration Certificate.</p>
9	Office Bearers 2018 19	<p><b>9. Office Bearers 2018 19</b> The list of Office Bearers for 2018 19 are provided as an annexure below these minutes which will also be placed on the website at <a href="https://assa.saa.ac.za/about/council-and-officers/">https://assa.saa.ac.za/about/council-and-officers/</a></p> <p><b>Council</b> (other than the Centre Chairs) for 2018 19: only change is Wilmi Nel as Membership Secretary.</p> <p><b>Appointees:</b> The changes are noted in red in the annexure.</p> <p><b>Independent Compiler:</b> On 10 August 2017 Ronnie Glass confirmed he will continue in the role of ASSA Independent Compiler. ASSA Secretary undertakes to confirm his continuation in the role.</p>

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10	Special presentation	Tim Cooper presented an interesting short talk on “June 2 bolide and meteorite” and his contribution in the search for the meteorites.
11	Awards	<p><b>11. ASSA Awards</b> The ASSA Awards Committee comprises the ASSA President and two Vice Presidents and the Committee decided on the following awards, announced by Case Rijdsdijk. All awards and citations will be posted <a href="https://assa.saao.ac.za/about/awards/">https://assa.saao.ac.za/about/awards/</a></p> <p><b>11.1 President’s Award</b> Case Rijdsdijk announced that Magda Streicher has been awarded the President’s Award for her contribution to MNASSA on 88 Constellations over the past 15 years.</p> <p><b>11.2 Long Service Awards</b> Case Rijdsdijk announced Long Service Award to Dr Ian Glass in recognition of 46 years of service to the Society in various meaningful capacities.</p> <p>Dr Pierre de Villiers announced Long Service Award to Case Rijdsdijk in appreciation for his many valuable contributions made to the furthering of ASSA interests over 44 years.</p> <p><b>11.3 Overbeek Medal</b> Case Rijdsdijk announced Tim Cooper to be recipient of the Overbeek Medal. The meeting was very fortunate to have the Overbeek siblings, Robin and Andy at the meeting to congratulate Tim on receiving the Medal. (The Medal casting has been delayed and will be handed to Tim as soon as available)</p>
12	Presidential Address	Case Rijdsdijk presented his presidential address.
13	Any other business	As no other business was raised, the Chairman closed the formal part of the meeting.
14	Closure	<p>Case Rijdsdijk extended a gracious thank you to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- SAAO for the use of the venue;</li> <li>- Eddy Nijeboer and ASSA Cape Centre for their excellent arrangements and their kind hospitality, and</li> <li>- All the ASSA members that attended the AGM.</li> </ul> <p>The first Council meeting will be confirmed in due course but is scheduled at this time for: 27 September 19:30 and the Financial Sub Committee is proposed for 18 September 19:30. The meeting closed at 21:5</p>

Minutes Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Attachments:

Reports to be placed on the ASSA website:

1. Report on Council (C Rijdsdijk)
2. Presidential Address (C Rijdsdijk)
3. Financial Report: ASSA Financial Report
4. Scholarships Report (Dr Claire Flanagan)

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Reports received from ASSA Directors

5. Astrophotography (Allen Versfeld)
6. Deep Sky Section (Auke Slotegraaf)
7. Double/Variable Stars (Dave Blane)
8. History Section (Chris de Coning)
9. Instrumentation Section (Chris Stewart)
10. Observing and Outreach (Kos Coronaios)
11. Photometry/Spectroscopy Section (Percy Jacobs)
12. Shallow Sky Section (Clyde Foster)
13. Cosmology and Astrophysics (Bruce Dickson)

ASSA Council and Appointees 2018 19 to be updated on <https://assa.saa.ac.za/about/council-and-officers/>

Role	Council 2018 19
President	Case Rijdsdijk
Vice President	Chris Stewart
Vice President	Dr Pierre de Villiers
Treasurer	AJ Nel
Membership Secretary	Wilmi Nel
Secretary	Lerika Cross
Council Member	Dr Ian Glass
Council Member	Clyde Foster
Bloemfontein Chair	Prof Matie Hoffman
Cape Chair	Eddy Nijeboer
Durban Chair	Piet Strauss
Garden Route Chair	Case Rijdsdijk
Johannesburg Chair	Jerome Jooste
Midlands Chair	To be confirmed
Pretoria Chair	Johan Smit
Hermanus Chair	Dr Pierre de Villiers

Sections (Groups) (references are in Communications Document)	Directors 2018 / 19
A - Shallow Sky: Asteroid, Meteors, Comets, Lunar, Occultations, Planetary, Satellites, Solar	Clyde Foster

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B1: Deep Sky	Douglas Bullis
B2: Double and Variable Stars Section	Dave Blane
C: Photometry, Spectroscopy	Percy Jacobs
D: Cosmology and Astrophysics	Bruce Dickson
E: Southern African Astronomy History	Chris de Coning
F: Dark Sky	Not filled
G: Imaging Section	Martin Heigan
H: Instrumentation: including ATM	Chris Stewart
I: Citizen Science	Allen Versfeld

### ASSA Council Appointees

Role reporting into Council	Appointees 2018 /19
Convener of Scholarships	Dr Claire Flanagan
ASSA Communications Director	Case Rijdsdijk
SAAO Liason for Website	Dr Christian Hettlage
Webmaster	John Gill
ASSA Observing Director	Kos Coronaios
ASSA Outreach Director	Kos Coronaios
ASSA Archivist	Chris de Coning

### Editorial Board (for information)

MNASSA - Editor	Case Rijdsdijk
MNASSA Assistant Editor/Layout Editor	Ian Glass
MNASSA Assistant Layout Editor	Willie Koorts
Nightfall Editor	Douglas Bullis
Sky Guide – Editor	Auke Slotegraaf
Book Review Editor	Maciej Soltynski
Professional Astronomer	Emeritus Prof. Brian Warner
Professional Astronomer	Emeritus Prof. Michael Feast

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### Scholarships Committee (for information)

Dr Claire Flanagan	Scholarship Convenor
Dr Ian Glass	Retired Professional Astronomer
Dr Vanessa McBride	IAU-OAD and SAAO
Sivuyile Manxoyi	SAAO
Maciej Soltynski	Previous Scholarship Convenor

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