

# **Astronomical Society of Southern Africa**

## **Annual General meeting 16 August 2006**

1. The meeting opened at 20h03 with 23 members present (more arrived later)
2. The Notice of meeting was taken as read having been circulated to all members with the June Mnassa.
3. Apologies were received from: Drs IS Glass and T Lloyd Evans, Mrs M Streicher, Messrs M Poll and MG Soltynski.
4. Minutes of last AGM were taken as read, having been published in Mnassa, and there were no matters arising.
5. The Report of Council was read by the retiring President, Miss P J Booth and will be published in Mnassa
6. The reports of the observing and other sections were read, either by the Directors of those Sections or various other members standing in for them. The reports will be published in Mnassa. The exceptions to this were the Imaging and Computing Sections which are presently without directors and the Double Star Section whose Director has just resigned.
7. The Financial report from the Hon Treasurer was presented and will also be published in Mnassa. It shows a very healthy state of affairs.
8. The report of the ASSA Scholarship committee, prepared by Mr MG Soltynski, was read on his behalf. It too will appear in Mnassa.
9. The ASSA Endowment Trust report was read by the Secretary of the Trust and will also appear in Mnassa.
10. The Auditor, Mr R.G. Glass was re-elected on the proposal of the treasurer, Mr CR Turk seconded by Mr AB Jones.
11. The Retiring President, Miss PJ Booth read the list of nominees for office and as there were no conflicting nominations, the following were declared elected by unanimous agreement of the meeting:

President:	Dr CDL Laney
Vice Presidents	Dr P Martinez
	Miss PJ Booth
	Mrs M Streicher
Members	Dr IS Glass
	Mr A Herder

	Mr M Poll
	Mr A Van Zyl
Hon Treasurer	Mr CRG Turk
Editor Mnassa	Mr WP Koorts
Director Comet & Meteor	Mr TP Cooper
Deep Sky	Mr A Slotegraaf

The remaining offices will continue to be filled by the current incumbents, subject to their agreement, or failing that Council will appoint a member to the position at the first opportunity.

12. The formal part of the meeting closed at 20h59 and was immediately followed by the retiring President's address in which she gave details of her trip to Libya to see the recent Total Eclipse of the Sun on 2006 March 29 for which she was thanked in the usual way.
13. From 21h18 until final closure at 22h05, Mr C de Coning gave a resume of his investigation into a future path for the Society which created some lively discussion. Mr de Coning was thanked for his efforts in collecting and collating all the suggestions as well as for his able presentation.

Cliff Turk  
Acting Secretary for AGM