

DATE	7 August 2013	TIME	19:30 to 21:30	VENUE	SAAO Cape Town
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ATTENDANCE**Council****Present**

	Role
Dr I Glass	President (Chair)
Matie Hoffman	Vice President
Adv AJ Nel	Treasurer
Lerika Cross	Secretary
Christian Hettlage	Web Master
Auke Slotegraaf	Sky Guide Editor
Maciej Soltynski	Council Member, Convenor of Scholarship Committee
Lia Labuschagne	Chair - Cape Centre

ASSA Cape Centre Members

Hettie Glass, Keith Gottschalk, Cliff Turk, Karen Kock, Tony Jones, Peter Cramb, Chris Forder, Carol Botha, Richard Ford, Richard Sessions, Heather Sessions

Apologies (a)

Bosman Olivier (a)	Chair – Pretoria Centre
Peter Dormehl (a)	Chair - Durban Centre
Case Rijdsdijk (a)	Chair - Garden Route Centre, MNASSA Editor
Pierre de Villiers (a)	Chair - Hermanus Centre
Chris de Coning (a)	Section Director – Historical Section
Chris Stewart (a)	Council Member
Edward Foster (a)	Cape Centre Member
Lynette Foster (a)	Cape Centre Member

	Agenda Points	Discussions / Decisions / Actions
1	Welcome	M Soltynski fulfilled the role of Master of Ceremonies for the AGM and he welcomed everyone, opened the meeting and thanked the ASSA Cape Centre Chair, L Labuschagne, and the Cape Centre for their hospitality in hosting the AGM. Apologies received are recorded in these minutes.
2	Minutes /Matters arising	The minutes of the previous AGM meeting held on 1 August 2012 were accepted without amendments. There were no matters arising from previous AGM meeting noted for discussion at the AGM.
3	Report on Council 2012/ 13	Report on Council Dr I Glass presented his Report on Council. NOTE: All reports will be placed on the website http://assa.saa.ac.za/ and in MNASSA.
4	Section Director Reports	Reports received from the Section Directors The reports that were received from Section Directors were tabled and read: 4.1 The Deep Sky Section Report was read by the Director, A Slotegraaf. 4.2 The Comet, Asteroid and Meteor Section Report received from T Cooper was read by M Soltynski. 4.3 The Double Star Section Report received from D Blane was read by M Soltynski. 4.4 The Cosmology Section Report received from J de Bruyn was read by M Soltynski. 4.5 The Historical Section report received from C de Coning was read by M Soltynski.
5	Scholarships Report	ASSA Scholarships 5.1 The ASSA Scholarships Convenor Report was read by the Scholarship Convenor, M Soltynski.
6	Financial Report	Financial Reports 2012/13 6.1 AJ Nel presented the 2012 /13 Financial Report – available on the website. 6.2 AJ Nel also advised the meeting that the Financials for the year 2010/2011, 2011/2012 and

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		2012/13 were forwarded to the ASSA Auditor, R Glass. (Copies were also sent to the I Glass, M Hoffman and L Cross)																														
7	ASSET	<p>ASSA Endowment Trust Report</p> <p>7.1 P Cramb, a Trustee of the ASSA Endowment Trust, reported to the meeting that the financials are up to date and audited (also by R Glass).</p> <p>7.2 P Cramb advised that the Trust is financially sound and that it is willing to accept requests for grants.</p> <p>7.3 P Cramb also noted that the request to ASSA Members to give a donation to the Trust - which used to appear on the advice of subscription renewals /new membership – has disappeared and asked ASSA Council to re-consider this.</p>																														
8	Election of Auditor	<p>ASSA Auditor</p> <p>8.1 Adv AJ Nel advised the meeting that the current auditor, Ronnie Glass, was contacted to ask if he will be prepared to be continue as ASSA Auditor and that Ronnie Glass agreed to continue. There was no objection to this.</p>																														
9	Election of Office Bearers 2013/14	<p>Election of Office Bearers 2013/14</p> <p>9.1 The meeting was advised that there was no need for voting for the positions of Council. The Treasurer, Membership Secretary and Secretary have agreed to continue their roles on Council. There were three nominations for Members without Portfolio and as there was a vacancy as Vice –President (to be elected by Council) all 3 nominees may be accepted as council members:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="395 954 1517 1196"> <thead> <tr> <th>Nominee</th> <th>Proposer</th> <th>Seconder</th> <th>Accepted by Nominee</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Pierre de Villiers</td> <td>Case Rijdsdijk</td> <td>Auke Slotegraaf</td> <td>Yes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Maciej Soltynsky</td> <td>Auke Slotegraaf</td> <td>Christian Hettlage</td> <td>Yes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chris Stewart</td> <td>Bosman Olivier</td> <td>Johan Smit</td> <td>Yes</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The Council positions for the 2013/14 year were presented and accepted as follows – excluding the Centre Chairs who will be elected at the Centres’ AGMs:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="424 1339 1273 1809"> <thead> <tr> <th>Title</th> <th>Council Members 2013/14</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>President</td> <td>Prof Matie Hoffman</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vice President</td> <td>To be elected</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Treasurer</td> <td>Adv AJ Nel</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Membership Secretary</td> <td>Pat Booth</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Secretary</td> <td>Lerika Cross</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Member without portfolio</td> <td>Pierre de Villiers Maciej Soltynski Chris Stewart</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Nominee	Proposer	Seconder	Accepted by Nominee	Pierre de Villiers	Case Rijdsdijk	Auke Slotegraaf	Yes	Maciej Soltynsky	Auke Slotegraaf	Christian Hettlage	Yes	Chris Stewart	Bosman Olivier	Johan Smit	Yes	Title	Council Members 2013/14	President	Prof Matie Hoffman	Vice President	To be elected	Treasurer	Adv AJ Nel	Membership Secretary	Pat Booth	Secretary	Lerika Cross	Member without portfolio	Pierre de Villiers Maciej Soltynski Chris Stewart
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11	Any other business	As no other business was raised, M Soltynski closed the formal part of the meeting and thanked the Cape Centre again for the hospitality.																														
12	Presidential Address	Dr I Glass presented his presidential address titled "The Nearest Stars".																														
	Closure	Prof Matie Hoffman, the new ASSA President, extended a gracious thank you to Dr Glass for his very well researched Presidential Address. Prof Hoffman also thanked Dr Glass for his dedication and leadership to the ASSA																														

ASSA AGM 2012/13 MINUTES

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		during his tenure as President over the past two years. L Labuschagne, thanked everyone for their attendance and wished them well. The meeting closed at 21:50

Minutes Approved: _____ Date: _____

Chair: Dr I Glass