

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council of the
Astronomical Society of South Africa held at
No. 35, Wale Street, Cape Town, on Wednesday,
the 25th July, 1923, at 7.30 p.m.

Present. Dr. Halm, Messrs: Cox, Dutton, Forbes, Long,
McIntyre, Reid, Schonegevel and Smith.
Dr. Halm as Vice-President took the chair.

Late President The following resolution was passed, nem. con.
"That the Council record, with profound regret,
the death, after a long and painful illness,
of the first President of this Society, Mr.
S. S. Hough, M.A., F.R.S., His Majesty's Astronomer
at the Cape of Good Hope."

Minutes The Minutes of the last Meeting were read
and, with a slight alteration, confirmed.

Nominations The Secretary reported the following nominations
received - all in order :-
as President. T. T. A. Innes, Esq. D.Sc., F.R.S.E., F.R.A.S., F.R.Met.A.
Proposed by J. D. Stevens, seconded by F. Hall.
as Vice-President J. D. Stevens, Esq.
Proposed by W. B. Jackson, seconded by W. Eaton.
as Vice-President J. K. E. Halm, Esq. Ph.D., F.R.A.S.
Proposed by A. W. Long, seconded by H. W. Schonegevel
as Vice-President Senator the Hon. A. W. Roberts, D.Sc., F.R.S.E., F.R.A.S.,
Proposed by C. L. O'Brien Dutton, seconded by W. H. Smith
as Secretary C. L. O'Brien Dutton, Esq.,
Proposed by A. W. Long, seconded by W. H. Smith.
as Treasurer W. H. Smith, Esq.
Proposed by A. W. Long, seconded by C. L. O'Brien Dutton
as Member of Council W. Eaton, Esq.,
Proposed by W. B. Jackson, seconded by F. Hall.

as Member of Council. W. B. Jackson, Esq., M.Sc.

Proposed by W. Eaton, seconded by W. M. Woressell.

as Member of Council A. W. Long, Esq., F.R.A.S.

Proposed by C. L. O'Byrne Dutton, seconded by D. G. McIntyre

as Member of Council D. G. McIntyre, Esq.,

Proposed by H. W. Schonegevel, seconded by C. L. O'Byrne Dutton

as Member of Council W. Reid, Esq.

Proposed by C. L. O'Byrne Dutton, seconded by H. W. Schonegevel

as Member of Council H. W. Schonegevel, Esq.,

Proposed by A. F. J. Forbes, seconded by W. H. Smith.

as Auditor E. J. Steer, Esq.

Proposed by A. W. Long, seconded by H. W. Schonegevel.

The above nominations sufficed to fill the vacant places, therefore it had been unnecessary to take a ballot in terms of Art. XV.

Correspondence. The Secretary laid on the table the correspondence that had taken place since last Meeting.

The Secretary read letters from the President-Elect (D^r Innes) and the Secretary to the Johannesburg Centre intimating that D^r Innes would be unable to visit Cape Town before next April when, if the Society could wait so long, he would deliver his Presidential Address, and stated that he had sent suitable acknowledgments to them. The letters were ordered to be brought up at the first Meeting of the new Council.

Annual Report of Council The Secretary read a draft of the Annual Report of the Council which had been prepared by D^r Halm and himself.

On the motion of Mr. Long, seconded by Mr. Reid, the Report was adopted with slight alterations.

Treasurer's Statement The Treasurer submitted the audited Financial Statement of the Society for the year ended the

30th June, 1923.

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see p. 29.

Mr Schonegevel moved that the Statement should be amended to include on both sides of the account the contribution of £8 made by the Late Cape Astronomical Association towards the cost of printing the Constitution. Mr Reid seconded, and this was agreed to.

On the motion of Mr. Long, seconded by Mr. Schonegevel, the Financial Statement, as amended, was adopted.

Reports of Directors of Observing Sections The Secretary reported the receipt of Reports from all the Directors of Observing Sections, except the Director of the Lunar Section.

Condonation of certain breaches of the Constitution It was resolved to submit the following resolution to the Annual Meeting:-
"That this Annual Meeting of the Astronomical Society of South Africa condone the under-mentioned breaches of the Constitution, reported by the Council, for the reasons indicated:-

<u>Article or Bylaw infringed</u>	<u>Nature of infringement</u>	<u>Reason for Condonation</u>
Art. VII (iv)	The Council did not meet during the Jan. Mch 2tr.	Serious illness of the President.
Art. XIV	Lists of Members who had paid their due subscription not posted by Johannesburg Centre till 7 th and 12 th June and not handed in by Cape Centre till 5 th June, but notwithstanding terms of Art. XIV Council allowed members whose names were entered on these lists the right to vote at the Annual Meeting.	Misunderstanding as to interpretation of terms of Art. XIV
Bylaw 5.	Payments made by Treasurer in cash instead of by cheque.	Late Treasurer found it more convenient to operate through Post Office Savings Bank account (Account about to be opened with National Bank, Wynberg.)

Bylaw 5 On the motion of Mr Long, seconded by the Secretary, it was resolved

"That Bylaw 5 be amended by the deletion of the words 'and the President' in line 9."

Journal The Secretary read a letter from the Editor, dated 1923, June 30.

The Secretary reported the receipt of a communication from the Johannesburg Centre in which it was stated that the Editor was prepared to review books on astronomy for the Journal.

On the motion of Mr Reid, seconded by Mr Smith, it was resolved

"That, in terms of Bylaw 7, a Committee of the Council, consisting of Mr Long, Mr McIntyre and the Secretary, be associated with the Editor in bringing out the next Journal."

Donation of Books. It was resolved, nem. con., that the thanks of the Council be accorded to the Union Observatory for the donation of a complete set of the Union Observatory Circulars to the Society's Library.

J. Kalm