

Minutes of a meeting of the Council of the Astronomical Society of South Africa held at the Wesleyan Church School Rosebank on Monday 22nd June 1925 at 8 p.m.

Present — Dr. Halm (President) in the Chair, Messrs Cox, Forbes, Jearry, Long, Le Dityre, Reid, Schonegevel, Smith & Throughton (Hon. Sec.)

Minutes The minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.

Correspondence The Secretary laid on the table the letters received and copies of those written by him since the last meeting.

The following were considered:—

Letter from the Secretary of the Johannesburg Centre of the 17th April - certain new members; 11th May - reviews of the Journal in newspapers; and 11th June - list of members in good standing as at 31st May, and forwarding cheque for £2.12.6 as a contribution due to headquarters.

Telegram of 11th June from the Johannesburg Centre expressing their good wishes to Mr. Spence Jones and Dr. Roberts on the occasion of their visit to England to the meeting of the International Astronomical Union. This message was read at a meeting of the Cape Centre on 13th May.

Letter of 31st May from Dr. Knorr who had sent his report on the Mars Section for 1924-5 with a large number of drawings. The question of publishing these would be considered by the next Council after the Annual Meeting.

Nominations The Secretary reported that he had received lists showing that there were 61 Cape members and 15 Johannesburg members in good standing as at 31st May. The Council decided that the representation of the Johannesburg Centre on the Council should be three, giving the Cape Centre nine representatives. In view of the fact that the Johannesburg list had arrived some time after the due date, the

Secretary of the Cape Centre asked that two additional names might be added to the Cape Centre list. This was agreed to. The following nominations for the 1925-6 Council were received:-

<u>Office</u>	<u>Name</u>	(1) Proposed (2) Seconded
President	W. Reid	{ Mr. Spencer Jones Dr. Halm
Vice President	H. Spencer Jones, M.A., B.Sc., F.R.A.S.	{ Mr. McIntyre Mr. Jearry
do.	Senator the Hon. A.W. Roberts, D.Sc., F.R.S.E., F.R.A.S.	{ Mr. McIntyre Mr. Jearry
do.	H.E. Wood, M.Sc., F.R.A.S.	{ Mr. Long Mr. Reid
Secretary	H.E. Houghton	{ Dr. Halm Mr. Long
Treasurer	W.H. Smith	{ Mr. Long Mr. Cox
Member of Council	W.H. Cox	{ Mr. Reid Mr. Long
do.	W. Eaton	{ Mr. Geddes Mr. Stevens
do.	A.F.J. Forbes	{ Mr. Long Mr. Jearry
do.	K.E. Halm, Ph.D., F.R.A.S.	{ Mr. Long Mr. Reid
do.	W.B. Jackson, M.Sc.	{ Mr. Eaton Mr. Worsell
do.	B.F. Jearry	{ Mr. Cox Mr. Houghton
do.	A.W. Long, F.R.A.S.	{ Dr. Halm Mr. McIntyre
do.	D.G. McIntyre	{ Mr. Schoneveld Mr. Cox

Members of Council	H.W. Schonegevel	{ Mr. McIntyre Mr. Smith
do.	R. Watson	{ Mr. McIntyre Mr. Schonegevel
Auditor	E. J. Steer	{ Mr. Houghton Mr. Jearry

An election of members of Council was necessary and the Secretary was instructed to arrange for the issue of Ballot Papers accordingly. The Secretary reported that he would be away from Cape Town for some months in 1925. The President suggested that an Acting Secretary be appointed for that period and stated he would ascertain if Mr. A. Menzies would undertake the duties of Acting Secretary.

Amendment of Constitution

Mr. McIntyre stated that he had had in mind the following suggested amendment of the Constitution:-
 After Article VII (ii) add the following new Section
 "(ii a) The Director of Observing Sections and the Editor may *ex-officio* attend meetings of the Council; they may take part in discussions, but shall not be entitled to vote."

After discussion it was agreed that this suggested amendment need not be formally considered until the apparent necessity for it might arise.

Journal Committee

The Secretary read a letter from Mr. Wood of 6th June. The material for the next Journal was in the hands of the printers.

The Secretary read a postcard from the Astronomisches Rechen-Institut, with a letter from Dr. Jones recommending that the Institute be added to the Free List for the Journal. This was agreed to.

A book for review entitled "The graphic construction of Eclipses and Occultations" by W.F. Rigge,

had been received and Dr. Halm stated that the question of a review was being attended to.

Financial
Position

The Treasurer reported a balance in hand of £23.3.5

Annual
Report

After discussion it was decided that the Annual Report of the Council for 1924-25 should be prepared by the President and the Secretary, and that it was unnecessary to summon a meeting of the Council ~~to~~ to consider it in detail. The Annual Report and the Audited Financial Statement would accordingly be prepared and read at the Annual Meeting.

Presidential
Address

Dr. Halm stated that the subject of his address would be 'Present-day Problems of Astronomy.'

The meeting then terminated.

William Reid