



DIE KLASSIEKE VERENIGING VAN  
SUID-AFRIKA  
THE CLASSICAL ASSOCIATION OF  
SOUTH AFRICA

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## CASA General Meeting (online)

16h00 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2022

Draft Minutes (Sonja)

### 1. Welcome and apologies

The Chairperson, Clive Chandler, welcomed all present.

Present: Bentel, Berenice; Bevis, Aileen; Boshoff, Lynton; Bosman, Philip; Claassen, Jo-Marie; De Marre, Martine; De Villiers, Annemarie; Essop, Nuraan; Gammage, Sonja; Haskins, Susan; Hilton, John; Howes, Llewellyn; Kotze, Annemaré; Kritzinger, Koos; Lamprecht, Liana; Masters, Samantha; Moyo, Madhlozi; Murray, Jeffrey; Parker, Grant; Pike, David; Roth, Roman; Schreiber, Reinhard; Shelton, Matthew; Steenkamp, Johan; Thom, Johan; Thom, Sjarlene; Van Zyl Smit, Betine; Wardle, David

Apologies:; Cowley, Nick; Henderson, William; Lambert, Michael; Pretorius, Christo; Van Zyl, Deon; Wortley, Albina

### 2. Personalia

#### a) In memoriam

Prof Piet Conradie (1931-2021)

Ann Delany (1945-2021)

Prof Benjamin Hendrickx (1939-2021)

#### **Mrs Margaret Hewett (-2022)**

A minute's silence was observed by members in memory of those who have passed away.

#### b) Publications

Murray, J. and Wardle, D. (eds.) *Reading by Example: Valerius Maximus and the Historiography of Exempla* Leiden: Brill (2021).

Du Plessis, J.C. *The Seleucid Army of Antiochus the Great*. London: Pen & Sword Military (2022).

**Pike, D. *Shadows Numberless* (2021)**

**\*Supplementum XI: Polemic in Ancient Historiography, Literature, and Culture**

Van Dijk-Coombes, R. M., Swanepoel, L.C. and Kotzé, G.R. (eds.) *From Stone Age to Stellenbosch. Studies on the Ancient Near East in Honour of Izak (Sakkie) Cornelius* Münster: Zaphon (2021)

Von Solms, C. *A Homeric Catalogue of Shapes. The Iliad and Odyssey Seen Differently* London: Bloomsbury Academic (2019).

Whitaker, R. and Skinner, D.R. *Catullus: Selected Lyric Poems* ul-llanga (2020).

Williams, H. (ed.) *Tolkien and the Classical World* Zurich and Jena: Walking Tree Publishers (2017).

**c) Appointments and promotions**

- i. Dr Lynton Boshoff was appointed as junior lecturer at NWU
- ii. Ms Kajil Kara was appointed as junior lecturer at Stellenbosch University
- iii. Dr Ursula Westwood was appointed as lecturer at Stellenbosch University (as of 1 July 2022)

Note: John Hilton reported that the University of KwaZulu-Natal positions are still unfilled

**d) Promotions**

- i. Dr Samantha Masters (Stellenbosch) was promoted to senior lecturer
- ii. Dr Jeffrey Murray (UCT) was promoted to senior lecturer

**e) Temporary Appointments**

- i. University of Western Cape: Ms Nuraan Essop
- ii. University of Pretoria: Ms Natasha Ferreira
- iii. UNISA: Dr Adrian Ryan
- iv. University of Johannesburg: Mr Sihle Ntuli
- v. Stellenbosch University: Prof Annemaré Kotze; Ms Shani Viljoen

#### **f) Post-Doctoral fellowships**

Dr Tycho Maas (NWU)

#### **g) Retirements**

- i. Prof Annemaré Kotze (Stellenbosch), 2021.
- ii. Prof Christo van der Merwe (Stellenbosch).

#### **h) Degrees obtained:**

Natasha Ferreira: MA (UP), 2020

Vasti Gouws: MA (UJ), 2021

Amy Martin: PhD (Stellenbosch)

John Meyer: PhD (Stellenbosch)

Andries Pieterse: PhD (UP), 2021

Thandi Welman: PhD (Stellenbosch)

#### **i) Awards, achievements, and bursaries**

- i. Dr Samantha Masters (SUN): Honorary Research Fellow, University of Exeter (4 years)
- ii. Dr Jeffrey Murray (UCT): Nelson Mandela Fellowship, Harvard

#### **j) Conferences and events**

None were reported.

### **3. Minutes of the previous meeting [see ATTACHMENT A]**

Draft had been circulated. Thanks were given to Philip Bosman and Johan Steenkamp for compiling these minutes in the absence of a secretary.

1 amendment made (addition of DPhil awarded to Lynton Boshoff, 2019).

*Proposed:* Koos Kritzinger

*Seconded:* Johan Steenkamp

### **4. Chair's report [see ATTACHMENT B]**

The report was compiled by Clive Chandler and circulated before the meeting

## **5. Treasurer's report [see ATTACHMENT C].**

The report was compiled by David Wardle and circulated before the meeting.

David Wardle noted the benefits of the inclusion of the online membership payment and donation system via the website (with thanks to Matthew Shelton for setting it up).

Sharlene Thom noted that donations to CASA are tax deductible.

Philip Bosman asked about the Old Mutual investment in point [9] of the report. Betine VanZyl Smit asked who was treasurer at the time. Sharlene Thom volunteered to assist in following it up once we confirmed who was treasurer. Martine De Marre said she remembered something about it during her time as treasurer and would look back at her notes.

Johan Thom queried not receiving a receipt of membership payment, which should have been automatically generated and emailed. David Wardle said he could see the payment and it should have gone out.

Johan Thom mentioned that the drop in membership numbers could be related to retirements and suggested the inclusion of a pensioner's rate. David Wardle was concerned that payment by more members at a lower rate might be problematic for the society's finances. Clive Chandler suggested that the new executive consider the matter. This point came up again in the discussion of constitutional changes (16.b) and the role of associate members.

Philip Bosman made a query regarding access to updated membership lists (for the sending of journals). Susan Haskins suggested the creation of a Google Drive/shared file that could be updated regularly. Matthew Shelton said that this could be partly generated automatically from the online membership form, but would need to be supplemented manually with details of members who still renew membership using manual forms.

*Proposed:* Philip Bosman

*Seconded:* Martine De Marre

## **6. Matters arising from 2019 CASA General Meeting**

### **a) Actions on Treasurer's report 2019 (Membership list, Paypal option, Old Mutual signatory)**

Matters relevant to this discussed in 5 above, though note FastPay not PayPal is used.

### **b) Review of Constitution [see ATTACHMENT D]**

Given the rules regarding the making of constitutional changes (15.1-3) in the constitution, (notably "half plus one of bona fide members attending a Conference shall be present to constitute a quorum at meetings discussing Constitutional changes"), it was discussed whether any changes could be made during this online general meeting. John Hilton suggested that, as there was no

conference associated with this meeting, it may be sufficient to count those in attendance at the meeting as the quorum.

Clive Chandler suggested that a poll be taken to gather consensus from those present concerning the changes, but that the recommended changes thereafter be circulated to all members before final ratification. Philip Bosman reiterated this suggestion and Johan Thom seconded it.

The suggested changes had been circulated by Clive Chandler in Attachments D and D(i).

The main recommendation was to remove all reference to “associate members” (in sections 4 and 5). Philip Bosman remembered that a decision had been made to abolish the category of associate members previously but that the changes had not been reflected in the constitution. Jo-Mari Claasen said that the category was originally intended for individuals without degrees in Classics who did not qualify for full membership (e.g. school teachers). The question regarding retired members who might benefit from a reduced fee (see [5] above) was raised again with reference to this, and a suggestion was made to collapse associate and student members. No final decision reached on this matter.

Clive Chandler raised a problem with point 10.2 in the constitution which states that members of the executive and *Acta Classica* editorial board should not be nominated from the floor (despite this having been done in the past). Since no nominations had been given before this meeting (even though there had been a call for them), it was agreed that nominations could be made from the floor in these extraordinary circumstances, and that a proposed permanent amendment allowing nominations from the floor be circulated by email to other members along with the other proposed changes.

Mathew Shelton set up an anonymous poll to gain provisional approval for the changes: “Agree to the propose[d] constitutional changes”. 19/19 members who voted said “Yes”.

### **c) Membership fees for future conference attendance**

This had been discussed at the last conference and was settled in the affirmative.

### **d) Reinstatement of Vakindaba**

Clive Chandler apologised that this recommendation had not been followed up on, given the difficult circumstances of the last few years. He also pointed out that such meetings could be more easily arranged now that online meetings have become a more regular part of life.

Susan Haskins asked that a name other than “Vakindaba” be selected, and it was agreed that this was simply a term used in the past and other names for thematic conferences/meetings could be considered.

### **e) Transformation**

The executive discussed matters relating to transformation and inclusion in their last meeting and concluded that separate conference and meeting organisers should decide on formulating a code-of-conduct for specific conferences and other meetings.

#### **f) Social media presence for CASA**

It was noted that CASA does have a Facebook page, which generally duplicates information given on the CASA website.

#### **7. CASA Website**

Thanks was given to Matthew Shelton for his work on the website.

#### **8. *Acta Classica***

##### **a) Editor's report [see ATTACHMENT E]**

The report had been compiled by John Hilton and circulated prior to the meeting. Clive Chandler thanked John Hilton for his years of service to the journal, noting he was not available for re-election as editor. John Hilton thanked the editorial board, readers and proof-readers for their hard work.

John Hilton expressed concern that the pool of possible editors is shrinking (see also [8c] below).

John Hilton also asked members to take note of *Supplementum 11*. He said that it is a departure from previous supplementa as it was not externally financed. Costs will be covered by sales. Members and institutions were encouraged to purchase copies.

##### **b) Financial report [see ATTACHMENT F]**

The report had been compiled by Martine De Marre and circulated. Philip Bosman queried an error in the calculations and Martine realised that this was not her final version. She said she would circulate the corrected one. It was noted that *Project Muse* has generated substantial income for the journal.

##### **c) Editorship [see ATTACHMENT G]**

John Hilton had circulated some proposed changes to the editorial board structure, which no longer reflects the needs of the journal, as attachment G. Clive Chandler summarised these in attachment G(i). The main recommendation is that the secretary role should be replaced by two sub-editors (possibly one for Greek and one for Latin content, though other divisions are possible). It would be their responsibility to appoint readers, taking some of the burden from the managing editor. It was also suggested that online submissions be considered for more transparent and practical processing.

It was recommended that the new editor take these changes into consideration.

#### **9. *Akroterion***

A report on *Akroterion* had been compiled by Philip Bosman and circulated [as Attachment K]

#### **10. Ursula Vogel Memorial Bursary [see ATTACHMENT H]**

Martine De Marre had compiled a report on the status of the Ursula Vogel Trust. There have been difficulties transferring the trusteeship after the death of the family lawyer. Clive Chandler appealed to members who may be able to offer support or information on legal processes to assist Martine De Marre with getting the new trustee registered by the Master of the Court.

The new executive should in the meantime consider temporary alternatives for the awarding of funds.

#### **11. CASA Competitions**

CASA Essay Competition 2020: Nikola Bruni (UNISA)

CASA Essay Competition 2021: Thomas Stranex (UCT)

#### **12. FIEC / CA conference report [see ATTACHMENT I]**

A report was compiled and circulated by John Hilton. No further discussion required.

#### **13. Election of office-bearers [see ATTACHMENT J for nomination forms]**

Members were invited to nominate individuals and submit the nomination form, by 28 February 2022, but none were received.

##### **a) Patron/Honorary presidents & vice-presidents**

No recommendations made at the time of the meeting.

##### **b) Executive committee**

The current Chair (Clive Chandler) and Treasurer (David Wardle) were not available for nomination.

The following elections were made:

Chairperson: Johan Steenkamp

*Nominated from floor: Philip Bosman    Seconded: Johan Thom*

Vice Chairperson: Clive Chandler

*Nominated from floor: Koos Kritzingger    Seconded: Johan Thom*

Secretary: Susan Haskins

*Nominated from floor: Koos Kritzingger    Seconded: Martine De Marre*

Treasurer: None appointed (no nominees accepted). Fresh nomination to be circulated after the General Meeting by email.

Additional members: 1. Matthew Shelton (*Nominated from floor: Johan Thom; Seconded: John Hilton*)  
2. David Van Schoor (*in absentia*) (*Nominated from floor: Johan Thom; Seconded: Jo-Mari Claasen*) - since declined

### **c) Editorial Board for *Acta Classica***

The current Editor (John Hilton) and Treasurer (Martine De Marre) were not available for nomination. Bill Henderson is also no longer available to continue on the editorial advisory board.

The following elections were made:

Editor: Martine De Marre

*Nominated by form: Philip Bosman    Seconded: Johan Thom*

Treasurer: Sonja Gammage (with signing authority on the account)

*Nominated by form: John Hilton    Seconded: Martine De Marre*

Other positions will be filled once the list of editorial members has been reconsidered (see [8c] above).

### **14. CASA bank account**

No new comments made.

### **15. CASA emails for office bearers and *Acta Classica***

John Hilton and Matthew Shelton were thanked for introducing office-bearers' email accounts. These will help with continuity.

### **16. Venue, date, and theme of next CASA conference**

This will be finalised in the coming months.

### **17. Any Other Business**

Philip Bosman asked if the date of the next meeting needed be set. It was agreed that this would be dependent on the date of the next conference.

### **18. End of Meeting**