

CLASSICAL ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AFRICA
KLASSIEKE VERENIGING VAN SUID-AFRIKA

Minutes of the General Meeting / *Notule van die Algemene Vergadering,*

STIAS (Stellenbosch), 10 November 2019

1. Opening and welcome / *Opening en verwelkoming*

The chairperson, Prof. Philip Bosman, welcomes all present.

2. Attendance and apologies / *Teenwoordigheidregister en verskonings*

An attendance form is circulated in the meeting and apologies from the floor noted.

Attendance: Asante, Michael; Bednarek, Bartlomeij ; Bentel, Berenice; Bonati, Isabella; Bosman, Philip; Boshoff, Lynton; Chandler, Clive; Claassen, Jo-Marie; Cowley, Nick; Daniels, Amy; De Villiers, Annemarie; Gammage, Sonja; Harrison, Stephen; Haskins, Susan; Hilton, John; Howes, Llewellyn; Idema, Simon; Kotzé, Annemarie; Kritzinger, Koos; Lamprecht, Liana; Machin, Annéli; Masters, Samantha; Meyer, John; More, Jonathan; Muller, Louise-Marie; Murray, Jeffrey; Nel, Aiden; Piccin, Michela; Pistorius, Evert; Rautenbach, Carli; Roth, Roman; Shelton, Matthew; Steenkamp, Johan; Sutler, James; Thom, Johan; Van der Merwe, Cara; Vollgraaff, Stephanus; Warren, Lunette.

Apologies: Wardle, David & De Marre, Martine.

3. Personalalia

a. In memoriam

A moment of silence is observed in memory of the following members who have passed away since the previous meeting:

- Kenneth Ogilvie Matier (1934-2017)
- David Meiring Kriel (1930-2019)
- Maurice Wilden Montague Pope (1926-2019)

b. Publications / *Publikasies*

- i. O. Alieva, A. Kotzé, S. van der Meeren (eds.), *When Wisdom Calls: Philosophical Protreptic in Antiquity*. Turnhout: Brepols (2018).
- ii. PR Bosman (ed.), *Ancient Routes to Happiness. Acta Classica Supplementum 6*. Pretoria : Classical Association of South Africa (2017).
- iii. PR Bosman (ed.), *Intellectual and Empire in Greco-Roman Antiquity*. Oxford/New York: Routledge 2019.
- iv. L. Cilliers, *Roman North Africa : Environment, Society and Medical Contribution*. Amsterdam : Amsterdam University Press.
- v. R. Evans & M. de Marre (eds.), *Piracy, Pillage, and Plunder in Antiquity : Appropriation in the Ancient World*. Oxford/New York : Routledge (2019).
- vi. WJ Henderson, *Die geleerde digter: Antieke Griekse pastorale en epigrammatiese poësie*. Pretoria: Imprimatur (2019).
Band 1: Die Pastorale Poësie
Band 2: Epigrammatiese Poësie van Simonides tot Poseidippos
Band 3: Epigrammatiese Poësie van Kallimachos tot Meleagros
- vii. K.-J. Hölkeskamp, S. Karataş, R. Roth (eds.), *Empire, Hegemony or Anarchy ?* Stuttgart : Franz Steiner (2019).
- viii. A Domanski, *Plato Speaks*. Prometheus Trust (2019).

- c. Appointments and promotions / *Aanstellings en Bevorderings***
- i. Dr. Sonja Gammage was appointed as lecturer at the University of Pretoria.
 - ii. Dr. Matthew Shelton was appointed as lecturer at the University of Cape Town.
 - iii. Dr. Madhlozi Moyo was appointed as lecturer at the University of the Free State, to start in January 2020.
 - iv. Dr. Matthew Scarborough was appointed as lecturer at Rhodes University, to start in 2020.
- Promotions*
- v. Dr. David van Schoor (Rhodes University) was promoted to senior lecturer (2018)
 - vi. Prof Llewellyn Howes (UJ) to Associate Professor
 - vii. Prof Risimati Hobyane (North-West) to Associate Professor
 - viii. Dr. Annemarie de Villiers (Stellenbosch) was promoted to lecturer (2018)
- d. Temporary Appointments:**
- i. Western Cape: Ms Chené van der Merwe
 - ii. Unisa: Dr Adrian Ryan, Ms Kajil Kara
 - iii. Free State: Ms Carli Rautenbach, Mr Evert Pistorius, Ms Anisja Smit, Ms Wanda Verster.
- e. Post-Doctoral fellowships**
- i. Stellenbosch: Dr. Lunette Warren; Dr. Luiz Felipe Ribero
 - ii. North-West: Dr. Aaron Beek, Dr. Everett Beek, Dr. Michela Piccin, Dr Isabella Bonati
- f. Retirements / *Aftredes***
- i. Prof. John Jackson (Rhodes) retired at the end of 2018 after 43 years of service in the department.
 - ii. Prof. Christoff Zietsman (UFS) retired at the end of 2017 but has since then continued involvement on a contract basis until the end of 2019.
 - iii. Prof Hansie Wolmarans retired at the end of 2018
 - iv. Prof Johan Thom (Stellenbosch) retires at the end of 2019 after 43 years of service.
- g. Degrees obtained / *Grade verwerf:***
- i. David van Schoor: PhD (Zürich), 2018
 - ii. Sonja Gammage: PhD, (UKZN), 2018
 - iii. Matthew Shelton: PhD (St Andrews), 2019
 - iv. Inandi Maree: MA (Pretoria) 2018
 - v. Belinda Duke: MA (Stellenbosch)
 - vi. Michelle Sanders: MA (Stellenbosch)
 - vii. Rolene Meyer: PhD, UNISA
 - viii. Lynton Boshoff: DPhil (Oxford), 2019
- h. Awards, achievements, and bursaries / *Toekennings, prestasies en beurse***
- i. Prof David Wardle (Cape Town): UCT Book Award for: *Suetonius, Life of Augustus (OUP)*.
 - ii. Prof Annemaré Kotze and Ms Amy Daniels (Stellenbosch): Teaching awards as nominated by students
 - iii. Prof Nandini Pandey received the Hugh le May Fellowship at Rhodes University (2019)
- i. Conferences and events / *Kongresse en geleenthede***
- i. 19th Unisa Classics Colloquium (2018): ‘Making and Unmaking Memory in the Ancient World’
 - ii. 20th Unisa Classics Colloquium (2019): ‘Anniversaries, Celebrations and Commemorations in the Ancient World’

- iii. Winelands Classics/Humboldt Kolleg 2018: ‘Manipulation of Discourse in Antiquity’

4. Minutes of the previous meeting / *Notule van vorige vergadering*

The minutes of the previous Business Meeting of CASA, held in Pretoria during November 2017 were distributed to all members attending the conference and posted on the CASA website before the Business Meeting.

The meeting approved the previous minutes.

Proposed / voorsteller: Dr. J P K. Kritzinger
Seconded / sekondant: Prof. J. Thom

5. Establishing the agenda / *Vasstelling van die agenda*

After adding agenda points under General Matters, the agenda is considered established.

6. Chairman’s report / *Voorsittersverslag*

The chairperson, Prof. Philip Bosman, delivers his report. The report is approved.

Proposed/ voorsteller: Prof. J. Hilton
Seconded / sekondant: Prof. J. Thom.

7. Treasurer’s report / *Tesouriersverslag*

The treasurer, Dr. Annemarie de Villiers, delivers her report. The report is approved. The meeting approves a proposal that Membership fees are from 2020 raised to R300 for full members (receiving both journals) and R100 for student members (receiving Akroterion only.)

The meeting accepted the report: Kritzinger and Howes.
Proposed/ voorsteller: Dr. JPK Kritzinger
Seconded / sekondant: Prof. L. Howes

8. Matters arising / *Sake voortspruitend*

8.1 Teaching and learning coordinator

Ms Ilse van Rooyen reported that she could not muster enthusiasm for the project from colleagues, indicating that it either does not arise from a real need, or that the aims of the projects are perhaps not properly defined.

8.2 Inventory of classical artefacts

Dr Masters continues work on the inventory in collaboration with Prof Grant Parker and Stanford University.

8.3 Proficiency testing for Greek and Latin

Possibilities for CASA to fulfil this role will remain on the agenda.

8.4 Academia Latina

The Academia Latina project moved from the University of Pretoria to the Afrikaanse Protestantse Akademie in Pretoria, with Mr Andries Pieterse as the responsible person.

8.5 Umalusi moderator for Latin

No moderator was appointed; the two examiners are Ms Jennifer Krumm and Ms Marthie Kruger. 5 students wrote the exam in 2018 and 6 will be writing in 2019.

8.6 Classical Civilisations/Ancient Studies in SA Schools

The CASA Executive have expressed their doubts about the possibilities of including either Classical Civilization or Ancient Studies as official matric subjects under the current circumstances. The chair had discussion with the SA Historians Society on CASA being involved in discussions about History as compulsory subject in South Africa Schools.

8.7 CASA website

Dr. Matthew Shelton reported back. The new website is functional (parallel to the existing website) but still requires user feedback. Issues that need to be settled by the incoming executive include: (1) whether Acta Classica is to be hosted on the new site (expensive) or be moved to a 3rd party Open Access platform; (2) the budget for maintenance and management of the new site; (3) the facility for CASA membership payment option (Payfast/PayPal or by credit card); (4) hosting: Gridhost (R99 p.. + R89 pm) to GoRedRobot (R99 pa + R49 pm).

The meeting decides that Dr Shelton should propose a budget and that the new executive should oversee a speedy implementation of the website and the online payment facility in particular.

9. Acta Classica

a. Editor's report / *Redakteursverslag*

The editor, Prof. J. Hilton, delivers his report. The report is approved.

b. Financial report / *Finansiële verslag*

The treasurer reports of the 2016/2017 and the 2018/2019 periods are put to the meeting. Both reports are approved.

The Chair thanked Prof Hilton and the editorial board of Acta Classica for their work.

10. Akroterion

The editor, Prof. Johan Thom, delivers his report and the financial report, and the meeting takes note.

The Chair thanked Prof Johan Thom and Dr. Sjarlene Thom and the other persons involved in the publication of Akroterion for the dedication over many years.

11. Ursula Vogel Memorial Bursary / *Ursula Vogel Gedenksbeurs*

The meeting took notice of the report submitted by Prof. Martine de Marre.

12. CASA Competitions / KVSA Kompetisies

CASA continues to support two competitions: Essay Competitions and Translation competitions: Winners receive prizes and winning works are published in *Acroterion*. Essay competition coordinated by Dr Sjarlene Thom; and Translation Prize by Dr Johan Steenkamp.

Winners: Translation 2017: Simon Idema; 2018: Reinhard Schreiber (NWU).
Essay: 2017: Nina-Mari Grobler (UP); 2018: Deborah Stein (Stellenbosch).

The meeting expresses thanks to the coordinators and the adjudicators of the competitions.

13. FIEC / CA conference report / FIEC / CA kongres verslag

The meeting took notice of the report submitted by the CASA representative at the conference, Prof John Hilton.

14. General Matters / Algemene sake

14.1 Review of constitution

Many sections of the constitution seem obsolete and in need of review. The Chair distributed ideas of how the Association can be transformed in terms of functionality and representation. The meeting approved a proposal that the incoming executive will launch a thorough review of the constitution to be put to the next CASA General meeting and implemented as far as possible on a preliminary basis.

14.2 Membership fees & conference attendance

The meeting approves a proposal that acceptance of conference paper proposals be subject to paid-up CASA membership fees.

14.3 Vakindaba

A proposal is accepted that the reinstatement of a subject-related meeting in years between conferences be investigated.

14.4 3rd stream income and collaborative research

The Chair urged members to stay abreast with developments in research funding and involved in collaborative research projects between institutions locally and abroad. Two guests at the meeting, Prof. Stephen Harrison (Oxford) and Mr. Michael Okyere Asante (Ghana) informed the meeting of current collaborative projects involving South African colleagues.

14.5 Transformation

The meeting discussed various ideas from the floor, including better representation of postgraduate students and a code of conduct for CASA meetings.

14.6 Social media

The meeting voiced possibilities of a social media presence for the Association, such as Twitter and Instagram in addition to the CASA facebook pages.

14.7 Library acquisitions

Prof. Clive Chandler urged members involved in library acquisitions at the various institutions to insist on hard copy books where possible for the sake of interlibrary loans between South African institutions.

14.8 Internationalization

Dr. Isabella Bonati encouraged members to remain involved in international conferences in order to create greater awareness of the research and teaching of Classics in South Africa.

15. Election of office-bearers / *Verkiesing van Ampsdraers*

15.1 Patron, Honorary presidents, Honorary Vice-presidents/*Beskermheer, Erepresidente, Ere-vicepresidente*

No nominations for honorary presidents, honorary vice-presidents were received.

15.2 Executive Committee/*Hoofbestuur*

The incumbent executive committee makes the following suggestions for the various positions, which are adopted without objection:

Chairperson / *voorsitter*: Prof. Clive Chandler (UCT)
Vice-Chairperson / *visevoorsitter*: Dr. Johan Steenkamp (NWU)
Secretary / *sekretaris*: Dr. Sonja Gammage (UP)
Treasurer / *tesourier*: Prof. David Wardle (UCT)
Additional Member / *addisionele lid*: Dr. David van Schoor (Rhodes).

The meeting decides to give signing rights to the CASA bank accounts to the Chairperson, secretary and the treasurer, who will also have internet access to the bank accounts. viz.:

- Prof. Clive Chandler (Chair)
- Dr. Sonja Gammage (Secretary)
- Prof. David Wardle (Treasurer)

a. Editorial Board: *Acta Classica*/*Redaksie: Acta Classica*

The meeting accepted the proposal that the current editorial board be retained as is. The editorial board for *Acta Classica* for 2019-2021 is: / *Die hoofredaksie van Acta Classica vir 2019-2021 is:*

Editor / *Redakteur*: Prof. John Hilton
Secretary / *Sekretaris*: Prof. Clive Chandler
Treasurer / *Tesourier*: Prof. Martine de Marre
Reviews editor / *Resensieredakteur*: Dr. Jeffrey Murray
Miscellanea & Supplementa Editor / *Miscellanea & Supplementa Redakteur*: Prof. Phlip Bosman.
Additional Members / *Addisionele Lede*: Prof. William Henderson and Prof. Roman Roth.

The meeting accepted the proposal by the editor of *Acta Classica*, Prof. John Hilton, that the following members be elected to the editorial advisory board:

Emeritus Professor J.E. Atkinson,

Professor R.A. Whitaker
Professor K. Coleman

16. Venue, date, and theme of next conference / *Plek, datum, en tema van volgende kongres*

The meeting accepted the proposal that the next CASA Biennial Conference (2021) will be hosted by the University of Cape Town, and that the date and theme be communicated to the Association in due course.

17. Votes of thanks / *Bedankings*

The incumbent Chair, Prof Clive Chandler, expressed thanks to the outgoing executive of CASA and the organisers of the 2019 Conference.

Signed:

Date:



Prof. P.R. Bosman

28 January 2020.

Chair: Classical Association of South Africa, 2017-2019)

MINUTES APPROVED AT CAPE TOWN

SIGNED:

DATE: 2 March 2022



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Chair: Classical Association of South Africa, 2020-2021

(Approval proposed by: Koos Kritzinger)

(Seconded by: Johan Seenkamp)