



DIE KLASSIEKE VERENIGING VAN  
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THE CLASSICAL ASSOCIATION OF  
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**CLASSICAL ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AFRICA**  
**Minutes of the General Meeting**  
Cape Town, 25 November 2023

**1. Opening and welcome**

- The chair opened the meeting and greeted the delegates.

**2. Attendance and apologies**

*Present:*

Steenkamp, Johan (Chair); Boshoff, Lynton (Treasurer); Haskins, Susan (Secretary)  
Ballard, Ross; Bentel, Berenice; Bosman, Philip; Chernotsky, Kaylie; Claassen, Jo-  
Marie; Daniels, Amy; De Marre, Martine; De Villiers, Annemarie; Ferreira, Natasha;  
Gammage, Sonja; Hilton, John; Idema, Simon; Innes, Stewart; Khumalo, Sihe; Klein,  
Bastienne; Kritzinger, Koos; Lehner, Amy; Lenahan, Helen; Liveri, Angeliki;  
MacDonald, Bronwen; Masters, Samantha; More, Jonathan; Muller, Louise-Mari;  
Murray, Jeffrey; Naidoo, Alison; Napier, Marian; Pfefferhorn, Julia; Roth, Roman;  
Schreiber, Reinhard; Shelton, Matthew; Steinmeyer, Elke; Stranex, Thomas; Westwood,  
Ursula

*Apologies:*

Chandler, Clive

**3. Personalia**

3.1 In memoriam

- Mrs Corrie Schuman (16 March 2022)
- Professor John Edward Atkinson (11 April 2022)
- Professor Bernhard Kytzler (6 October 2022)
- Professor Peter Tennant (20 January 2023)

3.2 Publications

- Howes, Llewellyn (2021) *The Formative Stratum of Q: Reconsidering Its Extent, Message, and Unity*. Mohr Siebeck.
- Kotzé, G.R. and Bosman, P.R. (2022) *Ancient Philosophy and Early Christianity: Studies in Honor of Johan C. Thom*. Leiden: Brill.
- Masters, S., Nzungu, I. and Parker, G. (2022) *(u)Mzantsi Classics: Dialogues in Decolonisation from Southern Africa*. Cape Town: African Minds/Liverpool University Press.
- Cillier, Louise (2023) *Van Alexandrië na Ithaka* (Afrikaans translation of Constantine Cavafy), Naledi.

- Martin, A. (2023) *A Heritage of Her Own? Allusion and Tradition in Female-Authored Poetry of the Hellenistic Age*. Berlin: Peter Lang.
- Westwood, U. (2023) *Moses among the Greek Lawgivers: Reading Josephus' Antiquities through Plutarch's Lives*. Leiden: Brill.

### 3.3 Appointments

- Peta Fox, Lecturer (Rhodes, 2022)
- Obert Mlambo, Senior Lecturer (Rhodes, 2023)
- Retha Kruger, Lecturer in Classical Studies (NWU, 2023)
- Helen Lenahan, Lecturer (UKZN, 2022)
- Siobhan Banwari, Lecturer (UKZN, 2022)
- Lethabo Molopyane, Lecturer (UJ, 2023)
- John Meyer, Lecturer (UFS, 2022)
- Evert Pistorius, Lecturer (UFS, 2023)
- Adrian Ryan, Lecturer (UNISA 2023)
- Mark Kirby-Hirst, Lecturer (UNISA 2023)

### 3.4 Promotions

- Lynton Boshoff promoted to Lecturer, NWU
- Susan Haskins promoted to Senior Lecturer, UP
- Samantha Masters promoted to Senior Lecturer, SU
- Martine de Marre promoted to Full Professor, UNISA
- Roman Roth promoted to Full Professor, UCT

### 3.5 Temporary Appointments:

- Sihe Khumalo (UP)
- Angela van Rooyen (UP)
- Tshiamo Roberts (UP)
- Glyn Lloyd-Jones (RU)
- Danielle Mackay (RU)
- Jessica Nitschke (SU) (2023)

### 3.6 Post-Doctoral fellowships

- Martine Diepenbroek (UJ, 2023)

### 3.7 Retirements

- None

### 3.8 Degrees obtained

#### 3.8.1 MA

- I. van Rooyen, NWU 2023; S. Idema, NWU 2023, L.-M. Muller, NWU, 2022; M.J. Kruger, NWU 2023; J. Rout, UKZN 2023; M. Labuschagne, UFS 2023; B. MacDonald, SU 2022; B. Calmeyer, UNISA 2022, A. Hay, UNISA 2022, J. Nel, UNISA 2022, I. de Winnaar, UNISA 2023, R. Ballard, UCT 2023

#### 3.8.2 PhD

- Daniel Malamis, Rhodes 2022
- Andries Botha, UJ 2023
- Maggie Steyn, UNISA 2022
- Ann Byl, UNISA 2023
- Jonathan Otchere, UNISA 2023

- Berenice Bentel, UCT 2022

3.9 Awards, achievements, and bursaries

- S Masters & S Harrison, Africa Oxford (AfOx) Catalyst Grant for support of the African Classics Network (2023)

3.10 Conferences and events

- 'Virgil and the Land'. 1st Stellenbosch-Oxford-Stanford Conference. Stellenbosch, 23-24 February 2023

**4. Minutes of the previous meeting**

- The minutes were accepted without amendment.

Proposer: Koos Kritzinger

Seconder: Philip Bosman

**5. Additional matters for the agenda**

- No New Matters presented from the floor.

**6. Chairman's report**

- The chair's report was tabled for noting. The chair congratulated all members of CASA for their hard work during the previous two years.

- The chair's report was accepted.

Proposer: Reinhard Schreiber

Seconder: Roman Roth

**7. Treasurer's report**

- The association is currently in good standing.

- There have been no requests for regional branch funding. The Treasurer encouraged regional branches to request funding, especially for those branches that have become dormant.

- The Treasurer was asked by Philip Bosman to follow up on a Nedbank Investment made by the Association, the details of which appear to have vanished.

- The Treasurer thanked the Webmaster for the new online payment system which has made paying Association dues easier and has also led to an increase in donations.

- A suggestion was made, for further consideration, to subsidize CASA conference keynote speakers from CASA funds.

- The treasurer's report was accepted.

Proposer: Jeffrey Murray

Seconder: Matthew Shelton

**8. Matters arising**

8.1 Teaching and learning coordinator

Discussion of this item was postponed until item 8.4, with the hope that a coordinator could be found as part of the Indaba relaunch.

Proposer: Jo-Marie Claassen

Seconder: Elke Steinmeyer

8.2 Inventory of classical artefacts

- Samantha Masters (SU) presented feedback to the meeting on this project. Many artefacts from across South African museums, universities and other collections have been catalogued, with a description and photos of the item. These have been placed on a database, using NOTION.

- The 1<sup>st</sup> goal of the project was to safeguard the objects by collecting information about them and collating the data. The 2<sup>nd</sup> goal is now to make this information accessible and sustainable.

- Members were asked to forward information on any collections that have not yet been catalogued.
- A request was made to link the database to the CASA website.
- The following suggestions were made from the floor:
  - > Collaborate with the IT Departments of universities to help to achieve the 2<sup>nd</sup> goal.
  - > A database could also be used to facilitate the sharing of teaching and learning materials compiled at different universities so that lecturers don't have to keep reinventing the same materials.
  - > A person could be paid from CASA funds to create and maintain a database.
  - > Proposals could be sent to CASA for funding, like paying to get students to help with the database.
  - > A data coordinator could be made a member of the CASA executive. Philip Bosman proposed that someone be co-opted to the post by the CASA Executive. This was seconded by Jo-Marie Claassen.

### 8.3 Additional member for CASA social media

- A proposal was put forward to have an additional member of the CASA Executive responsible for social media. Sonja Gammage proposed Natasha Ferreira. This was seconded by Philip Bosman. The member was accepted.

### 8.4 Vakindaba: relaunch, rebrand?

- The chair suggested that the Vakindaba be relaunched in some way, with an online conference or by putting relevant papers on a website.
- No firm decision was reached. The matter has been left to the new CASA executive in the hope that they would be able to find someone to host an Indaba in which ever form is feasible.
- A suggestion was made to change the name of Vakindaba. Classics Indaba was suggested instead.

## 9. *Acta Classica*

### 9.1 Editor's report

- The editor's report and the reviews editor's report were tabled for noting.
- It was noted that printed copies of the latest volume of the journal would be out in the week following the meeting.
- There was a request for a closer relationship between *Acta Classica* and CASA, such as the journal publishing conference proceedings. CASA members were encouraged to send papers from the current conference for consideration for publication in *Acta Classica*.
- The editors' reports were accepted.

Proposer: Amy Daniels    Secunder: Annemarie de Villiers

### 9.2 Financial report

- The financial report will be accepted after amendments.

Proposer: Koos Kritzinger    Secunder: Roman Roth

- A vote of thanks was offered to John Hilton by Philip Bosman for editing the journal for many years and for getting the journal onto Project Muse. Further thanks were offered

to Martine de Marre (current editor), Jeffrey Murry (reviews editor) and Sonja Gammage (treasurer) for their work on the journal.

**10. Akroterion**

- An issue was tabled for discussion, as to whether or not to merge the two existing South African Classics journals, as Akroterion is currently not getting many article submissions.

- This suggestion was rejected. It was reiterated that *Akroterion* is a Stellenbosch University publication and that CASA, although it appreciates being involved in the journal, has no executive privileges in it.

**11. Ursula Vogel Memorial Bursary**

The Executive is currently awaiting the Master of the Court to register the new board of Trustees. The matter is on hold until more information is forthcoming.

**12. CASA Competitions**

- It was decided that the rand amount for the winner of each CASA prize would be R 1500.

- CASA will also pay all page fees associated with the publication of the winning submissions.

**13. FIEC report**

- The report was tabled for noting.

**14. New Matters**

14.1 Merging of SA Classics journals feedback

Dealt with at 10.

14.2 Prize money for CASA prizes

Dealt with at 12.

14.3 Language policy of CASA

With the shift towards multilingualism in South African universities, especially in underrepresented South African languages, it was suggested that CASA revisit its language policy. It was decided that this matter would be considered by the new CASA Executive.

14.4 Partnership with Save Ancient Studies Association, [www.saveancientstudies.org](http://www.saveancientstudies.org)

A request has been made for CASA to partner with the Save Ancient Studies Association. This was agreed to by unanimous consent.

**15. Election of office bearers**

15.1 Nominations for honorary membership

- Nominations were received, and put to the vote, to make the following members honorary presidents of CASA after a lifetime of service to the Classics and the association.

> Mike Lambert (nominated by Johan & Sjarlene Thom)

Accepted with 1 abstention

> John Hilton (nominated by Matthew Shelton)

Accepted with 2 abstentions

15.2 Election of CASA Executive Committee

15.2.1 Chairperson

Johan Steenkamp was reappointed.

- 15.2.2 Vice-Chairperson  
Annemarie de Villiers  
Proposed: Lynton Boshoff      Seconded: Reinhard Schreiber
- 15.2.3 Secretary  
Ursula Westwood  
Proposed: Lynton Boshoff      Seconded: Reinhard Schreiber
- 15.2.4 Treasurer  
Lynton Boshoff was reappointed, with a vote of thanks.
- 15.2.5 Additional Members  
Webmaster: Matthew Shelton was reappointed, with a vote of thanks.  
Social Media: Natasha Ferreira. See point 8.3.

- 15.3 Election of Editorial Board: *Acta Classica* office-bearers  
- All members were available for reappointment, and were reappointed.  
Proposed: Stewart Innes      Seconded: Jo-Marie Claassen

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

- The next conference will be hosted by the University of KwaZulu-Natal in Durban.
- The proposed date is the September vacation. It was noted that universities had their September vacations at different times. UKZN will take an online poll to find the best dates.
- The proposed theme is 'Old Age in Antiquity'.

**17. Votes of thanks**

- The chair thanked all members for their attendance.
- The chair thanked the organisers of the conference, especially Matthew Shelton and Roman Roth.