

Classical Association of New South Wales

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting, held at CCANESA, Madsen Building, University of Sydney, at 6.30 p.m. on 19 March 2012.

1. Attendance

Present

Anthony Alexander (in the Chair), Paul McKechnie, Andrew Miles, Ian McLeod, Roger Pitcher, Libby Jones, Rod West, Nicholas Hardwick, John Sheldon, Margaret Gillies, Kit Morrell, Katherine Paloumis, Robert Harper, Peter Brennan, Bob Cowan, Kathryn Welch, Anne Rogerson, Paul Roche, Josephine Wiseman, Peter Brown, Matthew Ross, Michael Smee.

Apologies

Ian Plant, Paul Reisner, Frances Muecke, Peter Wilson, Dexter Hoyos, Alanna Nobbs.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the 2011 AGM had been circulated in advance, and were approved (Proposed: Rod West; seconded: Roger Pitcher).

3. Annual reports

i. *The Treasurer presented* the financial statements as at 1 March 2012:

- There was an excess of expenditure over income of \$4,325.21.
- The Latin Summer School had an excess of income over expenditure of \$255.81.
- The Classical Association had a term deposit to the value of \$26,000, and the Latin Summer School had a term deposit to the value of \$64,511.94, as compared to \$56,086.49 at the time of the last AGM.¹

Dr. Peter Edwell BComm (Accy.), BA (Hons.), PhD had audited the accounts. His letter dated 15 March said that in his opinion the accounts and the closing balance of funds presented fairly the financial position of the Association as at 29 February 2012.

A member asked if the total assets were down from 2011. Yes, a little, said the Treasurer. The reason was that some donations had been made.

A member asked if it were possible to consolidate funds into a single \$100,000 investment. The Treasurer said that in his view this was not possible.

¹ The sum of the CANSW account (\$550.28), the *Classicum* account (\$4,934.70), the LSS account (\$9,837.53), the Term Deposit (\$26,000), the online business Saver account (\$12,537.69) the second Term Deposit (\$64,511.94) was \$118,372.14. The comparable sum at March 2011 had been \$118,601.37.

A member asked if it were possible for more favourable term deposits to be found. Maybe, said the Treasurer, but there were constraints on what could be done in this area.

The financial statements were accepted *nem. con.* A vote of thanks to the Treasurer was proposed.

ii. *The President said* that the second number of *Classicum* for 2011 was with the printers. Copy was in hand for 2012 (1).

Dr. Plant had asked the Association to name a new editor for *Classicum*. He had served since 2000. There was discussion; the President asked members to contact the Secretary with suggestions.

It was agreed that the report should be received.

iii. The report from the *Latin Summer School* was distributed. The President reported that the Summer School had been particularly successful.

A member asked about a library of recordings: the lectures which were listed were evidently interesting, and it would be worth being able to circulate recordings. The President said this would be worth considering: he could not, however, give an answer at once.

It was agreed that the report should be received.

4. Election of office holders

Not being a candidate for reelection, the President retained the chair.

i. President:

The election of Dr Robert Harper SC (who had already been duly nominated) as President was proposed by Ms. Jones and seconded by Dr. Welch. There being no other nominations, Dr. Harper was declared elected.

ii. Secretary:

The election of Assoc. Prof. Paul McKechnie (who had already been duly nominated) as Secretary was proposed by Dr. Roche and seconded by Dr. Brown. There being no other nominations, Assoc. Prof. McKechnie was declared elected.

iii. Treasurer:

The election of Mr. Andrew Miles (who had already been duly nominated) as Treasurer was proposed by Dr. Rogerson and seconded by Mr. McLeod. There being no other nominations, Mr. Miles was declared elected.

iv. Vice-Presidents

The following former Presidents had indicated their willingness to serve as Vice-Presidents in 2012:

Mr. Anthony Alexander
Assoc. Prof. Dexter Hoyos
Mr. Roger Pitcher
Dr. John Sheldon
Mr. Michael Smee
Mr. Rod West
Prof. Alanna Nobbs

They were nominated by the Secretary, seconded by the Treasurer, and it was agreed *nem. con.* that they should take office.

v. Council members:

The election of the following (who had already been duly nominated) as Council members was proposed by the President, seconded by the Secretary, and (their number being less than the maximum prescribed by the Rules of the Association) the following were duly elected as Council Members:

Ms. Frances Muecke
Dr. Paul Reisner
Dr. Paul Roche
Mr. Matthew Ross
Dr. Kathryn Welch
Prof. Peter Wilson
Mr. Ian McLeod

5. Special Resolution

Acceptance of the Special Resolution was proposed by Dr. Sheldon and seconded by Mr. Smee. It was passed *nem. con.* as a Special Resolution.

6. Other Business

The President spoke about the situation of Classical Studies in New South Wales. Our studies, he said, were in good heart.

The meeting closed at 7.00 p.m.

P.McK.
4 April 2012