

**Minutes of the ISAAC 2011 General Meeting
Held at the Centro Cultural Peruano Británica
Miraflores, Lima, Peru
9 January 2011**

Confirmed at the 2014 General Meeting

President's Report

President Stanisław Iwaniszewski gave the President's report, speaking of the voluminous work many had done in connection with the International Year of Astronomy in 2009 and the UNESCO projects on the preservation of astronomical heritage and dark sky sites in 2010. This did not involve the Society directly but took time away from those working on Society activities. He noted that the Proceedings of Oxford 8 have been published as a special edition of *Archaeologica Baltica*.¹

The Society's journal *Archaeoastronomy* is now being published on a regular basis and the President urges all members to contribute to it. There are three editors: Stephen McCluskey, John Carlson and Stanisław Iwaniszewski. Juan Antonio Belmonte has been asked to become an editor as well. Iwaniszewski will be the managing editor for the next two years.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Stephen McCluskey gave a preliminary financial report, based on the incomplete records he had with him at the conference. As of 7 July 2007, the Euro balance was € 508.14, although additional payments of dues in Euros have been received since then. As of 12 Jan 2010 the dollar balance was \$5817.32. Expenditures for fee waivers for this conference were budgeted at \$3,610, although the final charge will be less as some people offered grants did not attend. McCluskey noted that one of the fundamental functions of the Society is to bring people to the triennial meetings. Keeping this in mind and the fact that dues are payable just once every three years on average, he suggested an increase in dues. After extended discussion it was decided that there should be two levels of triennial dues; a base rate of \$60 and a discounted rate of \$30 for those who felt they were unable to pay the full amount.

Council Elections

The President then discussed the forthcoming election, naming the current Council members and indicating those members whose terms are expiring. Barbara Tedlock is the President-Elect but other places on the Council need to be chosen. The concern was expressed that the council should represent the full geographic balance of the society's membership. After discussion it was agreed that those who wish to continue to serve, or to be nominated to fill expiring terms, should notify the Secretary, Ray Norris, including a brief biography and a statement of willingness to serve if elected.

Proposal for Oxford X

The President presented a PowerPoint of a proposal from Jarita Holbrook for Oxford X to be held in Mafeking, South Africa, with a possible alternative in Cape Town. The President then asked if there were any other proposals. Juan Antonio Belmonte said that Edmundo Edwards had proposed Easter Island for 2017. A flight there is \$250 from Lima, Peru. Gail Higginbottom suggested a possibility of Australia. The President said that the South African proposal must be more fully elaborated and any other proposals must come to him by mid-April at the latest. He will forward the proposals to the members.

¹ It was pointed out after the meeting that the proceedings can be purchased for €10.00 plus postage from Dr Alfonsas Jankantas <alfonsas.jankantas@ku.lt>, Institute of Baltic Sea Region History and Archaeology, Klaipeda University, Herkaus Manto g. 84, Klaipeda, LT-92294.

Other business

1. Clive Ruggles pointed out that the ISAAC website is www.archaeoastronomy.org not www.archaeoastronomy.net, the Centre for Archaeoastronomy site, which is badly out of date. The presence of outdated information on the www.archaeoastronomy.net website is bad for our public image. The President will pursue this matter with John Carlson.
2. Johnson Urama requested that a form be placed on the website to nominate new members (a candidate must be nominated by two members). That will be done and such forms will be available at the Oxford IX regional meeting next week.
3. Gail Higginbottom spoke on behalf of John Carlson, requesting papers for *Archaeoastronomy*. Carlson will consider large papers for publication if they are appropriate.
4. The President thanked Clive Ruggles for his very energetic work in bringing the meeting to Lima. He also thanked Iván Ghezzi and the Británico for the local arrangements and, especially, for the simultaneous translation.