**Minutes of the Fifth Council Meeting**

**Asian Crystallographic Association (AsCA)**

**2nd AsCA Conference Bangkok, Thailand**

**November *23,1995,*19.00**

**Venue      SASA International House/ Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok**

Attended by National and/or Regional delegates and alternates from:

Australia New Zealand Bangladesh Malaysia China Pakistan Hong Kong (absent) Philippines

India Singapore Indonesia Sri Lanka (absent) Japan Taiwan Korea (absent) Thailand Vietnam

A representative from Armenia was also present.

**President's Report:**

Professor Robinson welcomed delegates to the meeting and reported briefly on the organisation of the Bangkok Conference

Apologies:

An apology from Professor Kasai/ Past President of AsCA and AsCA Trustee was received and sustained.

**Minutes:**

The minutes of the Fourth meeting of the AsCA Council on 25 August 1993 were taken as read and confirmed.

**Secretary-Treasurer's Report:**

Professor Z. Zhang reported on the current financial position with details of income and expenditure. The accounts of the 2nd AsCA Conference were not included in this report.

**Interim Report on AsCA '95:**

Professor J. Simpson reported on the arrangements leading up to the AsCA '95 meeting. He tabled an interim budget for the conference and indicated that the conference would be run within the budget projections.

**Location and organisation of the 3rd AsCA Conference:**

A procedure for deciding on the location and the membership of the International Organising Committee for the next Conference was discussed.   It was **agreed** that further discussions with interested parties and Councillors be held by e-mail with a final decision to be taken at the Council meeting to be held in conjunction with the lUCr Congress in Seattle in August 1996.

**Proposed Amendment of the AsCA Constitution:**

Professor T. Uragami proposed amendments to Sections 2./ 3(a) and 4(b) of the Constitution. Following discussion it was **agreed** to modify the wording of the amendment proposed to Section 2(b) as follows:

*(b)   To achieve the objective stated above/ the Association shall/ except in exceptional circumstances/ hold a conference (AsCA Conference) every three years and publish a newsletter (AsCA Newsletter). The Association will also actively encourage any other activities that will promote crystallography and allied subjects in the region.*

It was also agreed to discuss the proposed amendments further by e-mail and to notify Council members of the final proposed wording for the amendments before the next meeting. It was also suggested that the boundaries and countries to be included in the AsCA region be discussed with the lUCr President.

Procedure for the nomination and election of AsCA Executives for 1997-1999:

It was agreed that the new AsCA executives should be elected during the Seattle Congress and that nominations would be received by the President prior to the next meeting.

*Date of next meeting:*

To be held during the XVII Congress and General Assembly of the lUCr in Seattle Washington USA/ August 1996.