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The Secretary welcomed participants and read the formal announcement of the Assembly. The agenda was approved and the minutes of the previous meeting, which had been tabled, were agreed and signed by the President. The President then presented his report. He briefly outlined the background of IABO and reviewed its current activities.

This was followed by the report of the Secretary, who focussed on the structure of the Association. He recalled the proposals that had emerged from the Fifth General Assembly on the details of the Management Committee and circulated the agreed formulation. He then also summarised the points that had been made about the general structure of the Association. This was followed by a discussion when it was agreed that the Association should, as a matter of urgency, proceed to review the list of correspondents, possibly as scientific members, and should investigate the feasibility of establishing ordinary members. The importance of the affiliated bodies was noted and it was agreed that representatives of these bodies should be appropriately consulted.

Turning to the election of Office bearers, the Secretary reported on the deliberations of the Nominating Committee. Dr J.F. Grassle was nominated as President and Professor J.B.L. Matthews as Secretary. There was also a requirement to nominate two non *exofficio* members and Dr Makoto Omori and Dr Juan Carlos Castilla were nominated.

There being no further business, the new President assumed the Chair and closed the meeting with a vote of thanks to the retiring President and Secretary.

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