

CANADIAN ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY / SOCIÉTÉ CANADIENNE D'ASTRONOMIE

Minutes of the thirty second Annual General Meeting

May 28 2001, Hamilton, ON

Russell Taylor, President of the Society, calls the meeting to order with some 60 members present.

1. Adoption of the proposed agenda

Motion 1

Moved by Dave Hanes, seconded by Doug Johnstone, that: *The agenda be approved.*

Carried

The approved agenda reads as following:

1. Adoption of agenda / Adoption de l'ordre du jour
2. Adoption of Minutes of the 2000 AGM / Adoption du procès-verbal de la RGA de 2000
3. Selection of scrutineers / Sélection des surveillants d'élection
4. Call for nominations to the Nominating committee/ Appel de nominations pour le comité de Nomination
5. Business arising from the Minutes / Suites à donner au procès-verbal précédent
6. President's Report / Rapport du président
7. Secretary's Report / Rapport du secrétaire
8. Treasurer's Report / Rapport du trésorier
9. Committee issues / Affaires provenant des comités
 - 9.1) Optical Infrared Committee / Optique et Infrarouge
 - 9.2) Graduate Student Committee / Étudiants de 2^e et 3^e cycles
10. Other reports / Autres rapports
 - 10.1) CASCA Public Education and Awareness Program / Programme de sensibilisation et d'éducation du public
11. Motions from the floor / Propositions des membres
12. Future CASCA meetings / Réunions futures de la CASCA
13. Results of the vote for CASCA director / Résultat des élections
14. Other business / Autres points
15. Adjournment / Levée de l'assemblée

2. Adoption of Minutes of the 2000 AGM / Adoption du procès-verbal de la RGA de 2000

Motion 2

Moved by Bill McCutcheon, seconded by Tom Landecker, that: *The minutes of the 2000 AGM be approved.*

Carried

3. Selection of scrutineers / Sélection des surveillants d'élection

R. Taylor calls for volunteer scrutineers to count the ballots. Christine Clement and Mike Reid volunteered.

4. Call for nominations to the Nominating committee / Appel de nominations pour le comité de Nomination

Russ Taylor explains to members that he will call later in the afternoon for nominations to the Nominating committee. Two members are needed each year. He asks members to think of candidates who can be nominated later during the meeting.

5. Business arising from the Minutes / Suites à donner au procès-verbal précédent

The President says that the Board has not yet written to Famous Player/Miramax expressing our concern about light pollution. He promises that it will be done soon after the meeting.

6. President's Report / Rapport du président

The President reports on his activities of the last four months to support and promote the Long Range Plan (LRP). He mentions the launch of a coalition, which includes several university presidents, to promote the LRP. He believes, that at some point in the near future, the federal cabinet will approve the LRP. He says that NRC and NSERC are preparing a white paper on science and that astronomy is part of it. He stresses that the possibility that the Canadian Foundation for Innovation be involved is somewhat annoying. He would prefer a stable long range funding for astronomy.

Simon Lilly takes the floor to share with members his own perception of the effort of the Society. He feels that the success we have with the government is largely due to Russ Taylor's leadership and that we are fortunate to have Taylor as President.

The President thanks and congratulates Brian Martin for his first year as Editor of E-Cassiopeia.

Russ Taylor congratulates the four CASCA members who received Canada Research Chair: Peter Brown, Gilles Fontaine, Norm Murray and Vicky Kaspi.

Russ Taylor explains that CASCA Board wants to mark our gratitude toward Don Morton who retired from DG of HIA last year. He reads the certificate that the Society presents to Morton. Jim Hesser accepts the certificate in the name of Morton.

To mark the passing of two CASCA members, Arthur Covington and Vic Hughes, Lorne Every and David Hanes say a few words in their memories. Colin Scarfe mentions that we should thank Vic Hughes for his efforts to create the Canadian astronomical society in the early 1970's.

The President announces that Jim Hesser, Hugh Couchman and Dave Hanes have become respectively second Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Society. He also mentions that Serge Demers is staying member of the Board for one year as Past Secretary.

The President announces that a public outreach awareness program has been launched and that John Percy will talk about it later this afternoon. He mentions that WESTAR will soon transfer \$270 K to a special trust created by CASCA. The revenues of this fund will be used for public outreach activities. He also mentions that CASCA has obtained an NSERC grant for public outreach activities.

7. Secretary's Report / Rapport du secrétaire

Changes in Membership since May 2000:

Regular members:

Pierre Bergeron	U. de Montréal
Peter Brown	U. of Western Ontario
John Dubinski	U. of Toronto
Sara Seager	Institute of Advanced Study
A. Christopher Thompson	CITA
Shanil Virani	SAO, Harvard

Student members who asked to become regular members:

Sébastien Blais-Ouellette	Laurence Livermore Nat. Lab.
Sébastien Lépine	American Museum of Nat. Hist.
Carol Millar	U. of Western Ontario
Marcin Sawicki	Caltech

Student members:

David R. Ballantyne	U. of Toronto
Steven J. Bickerton	Queen's U.
Kevin Blagrove	U. of Toronto
Antoine Bouchard	U. de Montréal
Mark Brodwin	U. of Toronto
Rupinder Singh Brar	Queen's U.
Scott Brooks	McMaster U.
Christopher Burns	U. of Toronto
Tara A. Chaves	Queen's U.
James L. Clem	U. of Victoria
Robin L. Fingerhut	York U.
Michael D. Gladders	U. of Toronto
Fotis Gavriil	McGill U.
Mustapha Ishak-Boushaki	Queen's U.
Andrew Leblanc	Saint Mary's U.
Ian Lepage	Queen's U.
Bruno Letarte	U. de Montréal
Peter A. MacDonald	Saint Mary's U.
Joseph D. MacMillan	Queen's U.
Jason P. Marshall	Queen's U.
Isamu Matsuyama	U. of Toronto
Megan McClure	U. of Toronto
Tom Merrall	Queen's U.
Vesna Milosevic-Zdjellar	U. of Manitoba
Nicholas J. P. Neary	Queen's U.
Waldemar Okon	McMaster U.
Frédéric Poidevin	U. de Montréal
Gregory B. Poole	U. of Victoria
Michael A. Reid	McMaster U.
Timothy A. Rothwell	U. of Toronto
Jason Rowe	UBC
Heather R. Scott	UWO
Gwen Skalkowski	U. de Montréal
Hye-Kyeong Song	York U.
Kristine Spekkens	Cornell University
Raphaël A. Srawley	UWO
David Stiff	Queen's U.
Simon T. Strasser	U. of Calgary
David A. Tilley	McMaster U.
Steven Toews	Queen's U.
Nathalie Toqué	U. de Montréal
Hy Trac	U. of Toronto
Christopher Tycner	U. of Toronto
Ovidiu Vaduvescu	York U.
Tracy Webb	U. of Toronto
Pengjie Zhang	U. of Toronto

CASCA members who have resigned:

1- Tracy Clarke	2- Peter Bartzakos
3- Stéphane Claude	4- Dean McLaughlin
5- Andy Woodsworth	6- Bernadette Harris
7- Emily Xanthopoulos	8- Wendy Freedman

Members who died during the year:

The Secretary reports that Marion MacLoed passed away on August 5, 2000. She was living in Victoria. Two Charter members of the Society have died recently: Arthur Covington died in March after a lengthy illness and Vic Hughes died on April 23.

Membership terminated:

Jean-Pierre Arcoragi
Robin Arsenault
Mark Halpern
Charles Proffitt
J-R Sanchez Velar
Paul Wesson
David Woods

8. Treasurer's Report / Rapport du trésorier

P. Dawson presents the financial statement of the Society for the year ending on March 31st.

Motion 3

Moved by P. Dawson, seconded by D. Hanes, that *The firm of Wilkinson & Company LLP, Chartered Accounted, be appointed as auditor.*

Carried

The Treasurer describes how the Society has created a Legal Trust to deposit the funds that soon will be transferred by WESTAR. Some \$270K will be invested and the revenues of the trust will be used for the public outreach initiatives of the Society.

9. Committee issues / Affaires provenant des comités

The President mentions that the committee reports will soon be available on CASCA's website.

9.1 Optical Infrared Committee / Optique et Infrarouge

René Racine, new Chair of OIRAC, stresses that the input from Society members is essential to his committee. He describes the four important issues discussed by the committee: 1) The CFHT Legacy survey; 2) A large optical telescope for Canada; 3) Access to frontier facilities for Canadian astronomers; 4) The motivation of the community to use Gemini.

9.2 Graduate Student Committee / Étudiants de 2^e et 3^e cycles

Brenda Matthews promotes the idea of a Summer School for Canadian students. She explains that the last summer school was in 1996 and that it is time to think about another one. T. Moffat mentions that there is an annual workshop in Quebec and that students from across Canada are welcomed to attend.

10. Other reports / Autres rapports

10.1 CASCA Public Education and Awareness Program / Programme de sensibilisation et d'éducation du public

John Percy explains that the Education and Public Outreach should be one of the missions of CASCA. The current initiative is partly funded by a grant from NSERC and seed money from CASCA. He mentions that he has a pending application with the Ontario Government and he hopes that similar grants can be obtained from other provinces. He invites members to read the regular Education column in E-Cassi for the latest developments. Percy mentions that Michael De Robertis is the driving force to set up the Lectureship program

of the Society. That should start in the next few months. S. Lilly mentions that HIA is the first NRC institution to have a visitor centre. This centre is to promote Canadian astronomy.

11. Motions from the floor / Propositions des membres

There is no motion from the floor.

12. Future CASCA meetings / Réunions futures de la CASCA

Tom Landecker invites members to CASCA2002 which will take place in the Penticton Lakeside Resort from May 11 to May 14 2002. The President mentions that the Society received an invitation from the University of Waterloo for 2003 and from the University of Manitoba for 2004.

13. Results of the vote for CASCA director / Résultat des élections

R. Taylor announces that Laurent Drissen is elected new Director.

14. Other business / Autres points

A. Moffat mentions that there was not enough time for oral papers at this meeting and that the Society should consider changing the format of its meetings. R. Taylor answers that this question was on the agenda of the next Board meeting.

15. Adjournment / Levée de l'assemblée

Moved by D. Hanes, seconded by G. Joncas, to adjourn.