

CANADIAN ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY/ SOCIÉTÉ CANADIENNE D'ASTRONOMIE

Minutes for the thirty-seventh Annual General Meeting Saturday June 3/samedi 3 juin, Imperial Room, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Calgary

Jim Hesser, the President of CASCA, called the meeting to order at 4:30PM with about 150 members present. He thanked the Directors of CFHT and JCMT, as well as the HIA Director General, senior members of the CSA and of Canadian industry for participating effectively in this CASCA meeting

1) Agenda: The approval of the agenda, shown as follows, was moved by Ralph Pudritz and seconded by Dennis Crabtree. It was thereupon approved by acclamation.

CANADIAN ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY/SOCIÉTÉ CANADIENNE D'ASTRONOMIE AGENDA FOR THE THIRTY-SEVENTH Annual General Meeting Hyatt Regency Hotel, Calgary, Imperial Room Saturday 3 June, 2006 16:30

1. Adoption of the agenda / Adoption de l'ordre du jour
 - (a) Scrutineers to be chosen for mail-in votes on the issue of By-Law revisions, item 6(b)
2. Adoption of the minutes of the 2005 AGM / Adoption du compte rendu de la réunion de l'an 2005 (President)
3. Nominations to the Nominating committee / Nominations pour le comité de nomination
4. Business arising from the minutes / Affaires découlant du compte rendu
5. President's report / Rapport du président
 - (a) Board actions & issues, 2005-2006
 - (b) Salary Scale for CASCA Office Manager
6. Secretary's report / Rapport du secrétaire
 - (a) Membership report (paper copies distributed)
 - (b) Results of election to Board of Directors
 - (c) By-law changes providing for new category of Associate Member
7. Treasurer's report / Rapport du trésorier
 - (a) Financial statements and auditors' reports
 - (b) CASCA dues for Post-Doc, Senior, and Associate Members
8. Election of Auditor / Election du vérificateur
9. Information Items
 - (a) Coalition for Astronomy (Michael Joliffe of AMEC)
 - (b) Activities of ACURA (René Racine)
 - (c) NRC's Role in the Next Phase of the LRP (Greg Fahlman)
 - (d) Outgoing President's remarks (Jim Hesser)
10. Committee reports / Rapports des comités
11. Future CASCA meetings / Prochaines réunions de CASCA
 - (a) RMC Kingston 2007 (G. Wade)
 - (b) 2008 Victoria
 - (c) 2009
12. Other business / Divers
13. Adjournment / Levée de l'assemblée

1b) Scrutineers: As per agenda item 1b, Jaymie Matthews and Doug Johnstone volunteered to serve as scrutineers and were approved by acclamation. They retired to count the votes which had been mailed in with respect to the question to be addressed in agenda item 6.

2) Approval of the minutes: It was moved (G. Davis/A. Wehlau) that the minutes of the 2005 AGM held in Montreal be approved, no changes having been noted or called for. Carried.

3) Nominations: Nominations were requested for the 2007 Nominating committee, with two vacancies to be filled. The following nominations were made from the floor:

Stephane Courteau (G.Wade/W.E. Harris)

Martin Houde (P.Wiegert/JJ Kavelaars)

Both parties indicated their willingness to serve, if elected, whereupon it was moved that nominations be closed (D. Crabtree/ A. Wehlau). The motion was carried and the candidates were acclaimed as elected.

4) Business arising: There was no business arising

5) President's report

(a) Jim Hesser made a brief PowerPoint presentation, summarizing several issues and objectives of the past year, and described several new initiatives which the Board had been considering.

He summarized the status of the Mid-Term Review recommendations calling for specific CASCA action:

- Regarding the importance of studying space astrophysics needs, he stressed the importance of strong participation by CASCA members in the Workshop being organized by JSSA & the CSA to be held 23-24 November, 2006 at the CSA to propose new ideas for space astronomy missions. This long-awaited opportunity represents a chance we as a community must not miss. CASCA will encourage the incoming President of CSA to continue the momentum established during the 2005 meeting and its town hall meeting at the CSA.
- Following the lively discussion at the 2005 AGM, the results of which we formally transmitted, NSERC and ACURA are now active on the envelope funding issue. The CASCA Board stands ready to help as this important discussion continues.
- The proposed review of data requirements for the LRP facilities that would underlie development of a coherent HIA, ACURA strategy is still pending.
- Funding continues to be the major challenge to the recommendation that CASCA and HIA maintain and expand education and outreach activities. CASCA is authorizing WESTAR funds as appropriate for this purpose.

- At this meeting, there is a session to discuss the proposal for the AstronomyCanada.Ca website aimed at meeting the LRP recommendation for an excellent website based on Canadian astronomy. This is an opportunity for members to provide feedback on the proposal. Funding for this initiative is also a challenge, one which we hope can be addressed through the Coalition's efforts to secure the remainder of the LRP funds.
- A working group of the Coalition involving high-level agency, CASCA and ACURA representatives has significantly improved inter-agency understanding relevant to the charge to ACURA and CASCA to review and develop models for funding large facilities. The working group will prepare a final report this summer and we will hear more about their efforts later in this business meeting.

Other actions and issues considered by the Board at their meeting this week included:

- A commitment of \$7,500 plus in-kind support for Coalition activities in FY06-07, which was one of the justifications for the dues increase approved by members last year.
- The Board is in early stages of exploring new awards to recognize mid-career achievement, contributions to instrumentation, and long service to the Society. Feedback from members on these ideas is welcome.
- The Board over the past eight months or so has taken a number of steps to enhance co-operation with the amateur astronomy community, including:
 - Reviewing and discussing constructively the RASC-CASCA relationship, in part by recognizing important differences in goals, complementarity of activities, assuring the RASC that they were free to modify their *Journal* to suit their membership's needs (noting that, over the *Journal*'s proud history, the field has evolved such that today the *Journal* is not a major avenue for professional astronomers in Canada to publish their research), etc.
 - Inviting the RASC and Fédération des astronomes amateurs du Québec to form a working group with CASCA to explore celebration of the International Year of Astronomy 2009;
 - Participation in AstronomyCanada.Ca; and
 - Inclusion in the topics for discussion at the Education and Public Outreach Committee meeting next Sunday.
- The Board has struck a small committee to review all the current By-laws with a view to bringing forth constructive amendments next year to up-date and modernize them appropriately.

In the discussion which ensued:

- Ralph Pudritz spoke in particular favour of an award for a 'young astronomer' (<40 years, say)
- It was noted that we have reserved the rights to the domain names AstronomyCanada.ca and AstronomieCanada.ca (to be discussed in a special session at this conference)

- Martin Connors noted that the RASC is suffering in sales of its *Journal*, in part because of the high dollar, and wonders to what degree we support it. Jim replied, *inter alia*, that the RASC Council is actively considering how to reduce the deficit associated with the *Journal*. They have explored with CASCA the professional aspect of it. The issue of the inclusion of abstracts from the CASCA AGM has yet to be resolved. Publication of those abstracts represents the sole direct financial contribution CASCA makes to the *Journal*, although CASCA members have provided a great deal of in-kind support over the years.

(b) As required by the By-Laws, Jim Hesser raised the question of the salary scale of CASCA's part-time (two-day-a-week) Administrative Assistant, Ros Hanes. He explained that the responsibilities and duties had evolved over recent years, leading to concerns that the current scale was too low. The President, the Secretary (John Rice), and Ros Hanes had consulted the Queen's University Human Resources page to identify the position and level that seems to best match the Administrative Assistant's current duties, and invited a motion from the floor to the following effect:

Following careful review, the CASCA Board recommends that the annual salary for the CASCA office manager (Roslyn Hanes) should be at 40% of step 3, level 4 of the Queen's University scale which implies that the annual salary should be \$13,708.80.

This resolution was moved by René Racine and seconded by Stephane Courteau. The motion passed after brief discussion.

6) Secretary's Report:

(a) Membership Report: Owing to the unavoidable absence of the Secretary, John Rice, his membership report was presented by the Treasurer, D.Hanes. (It is attached to these minutes as Appendix 1.) He moved (seconded by R. Pudritz) that the Society accept as new members, in various categories, those whose names are presented in the report for that purpose. This motion was acclaimed.

As has been our practice, a second motion was brought forward to the effect of formally expelling from CASCA those members who are delinquent in their dues by two years or more. In discussion, a question arose as to the wisdom of this action. Particular concern was expressed over the 'optics' of the Secretary's recommendation that we formally expel a former Corporate Member, Com Dev International. The suggestion was made that a continued delinquency might be treated as a *de facto* resignation. Unfortunately, however, the current By-Laws imply that different consequences follow formal resignations and expulsions, especially with respect to consideration for subsequent readmission, and it is important to draw the distinction.

The actual wording of the By-Law states that “...*if a suspended member fails to pay any such sum ... the Directors may* [emphasis added] *by resolution expel the member from membership.*” This suggests a degree of discretionary action. In any event, as noted in the President’s report, the Board has resolved to reconsider the current complete set of By-Laws to gauge their suitability in a number of contexts, and the mood of the assembly was to allow that process to take place rather than put the particular question. The second motion (that of expelling delinquent members) failed to attract a seconder and was shelved.

(b) Elections:

On behalf of the Secretary, the Treasurer reported the results of the election to the Board of Directors. Gilles Joncas had been nominated by CASCA’s Nominating Committee for the office of Second Vice-President. Pursuant to By-Law 5.9, the general membership had been advised by mail of the impending election. No other nominations had been received, and Gilles Joncas was therefore declared acclaimed as the new Second Vice-President, elected to a two-year term (By-Law 5.5).

(c) Associate Members

On behalf of the Secretary, the Treasurer brought forward the issue of the suggested revision to the Society By-Laws about which members had been advised in a general mailing. The Board had proposed to introduce a new category of Associate Member with the following changes to the By-Laws:

Amendments:

3.1) The Directors by resolution may elect persons to the Corporation as Ordinary members, Associate members, Honorary members, Student members, or Corporate members.

And add a section 3.5 to say:

3.5) Associate members of the Corporation must be professionally engaged in work related to astronomy such as, but not restricted to, instrumentation engineers, or museum, planetarium or science centre professional staff. To be considered as ‘professionally engaged’ a person must hold at least a bachelor’s degree awarded by a recognized university for study in a discipline appropriate to their occupation or else have equivalent experience. The Directors by resolution shall have discretion to waive these requirements in individual cases by an unanimous vote of the Directors entitled to vote thereon, if in the opinion of the Directors they produce a manifest anomaly. Associate members shall pay such dues or other assessments as shall be determined in accordance with these bylaws.

And the existing section 3.5, which will now be section 3.6 will be changed by adding the underlined words as below:

3.6) Election to membership shall be by resolution of the Directors, acting in accordance with the above criteria, on the nomination of any two Ordinary members for Ordinary or Associate membership or any one Ordinary member for Student membership. Honorary members may be nominated, in writing, by any Director to the Board of Directors.

Modifications:

3.1) Les Directeurs, par résolution, peuvent admettre dans la Société des personnes à titre de membres titulaires, membres associés, membres honoraires, membres étudiants ou membres corporatifs.

Ajout de la nouvelle section 3.5 :

3.5) Les membres associés de la Société doivent être professionnellement engagés dans un travail relié à l'astronomie tel que, sans être exclusif, l'ingénierie d'instrumentation, l'enseignement ou l'animation dans un musée, planétarium ou centre d'interprétation. Pour être considérée comme "professionnellement engagée" une personne doit détenir un baccalauréat accordé par une université reconnue pour des études dans la discipline du candidat ou avoir une expérience équivalente. Les Directeurs peuvent, par résolution, passer outre à ces exigences par un vote unanime dans chaque cas individuel si, selon l'opinion des Directeurs, ces exigences produisent une anomalie évidente. Les membres associés paieront les cotisations et autres frais, tel que spécifié par les règlements.

La section 3.5 originale devient 3.6 et ainsi de suite.

En 3.6, on ajoute les mots soulignés :

3.6) L'admission des membres se fait par résolution des Directeurs suivant les critères énoncés ci-haut. Deux membres titulaires peuvent proposer la nomination d'un nouveau membre titulaire ou associé. Un membre titulaire peut proposer la nomination d'un membre étudiant. Tout Directeur peut proposer aux Directeurs par écrit la nomination de membres honoraires.

Before opening the floor to discussion, the Treasurer pointed out that through an editorial slip, the word “teachers” had been inadvertently removed from the proposed motion as it was mailed out. On discovering this oversight in advance of the AGM, the Board had immediately addressed the question of whether it had a material effect on the substance of the motion. Their conclusion was that the list of related employment activities in the motion was exemplary rather than exhaustive and definitive, and that the accidental omission of the word “teachers” did not have a substantive effect. On the Board’s behalf,

therefore, the Treasurer asked the approval of the members present to treat the re-insertion of that word as a non-substantive editorial change. After brief discussion, that approval was given by acclamation.

The general question was then opened for a period of spirited discussion. A few members spoke against the motion, generally on the grounds that to include non-professional astronomers in the Society might diffuse its focus and dilute its considerable impact as a professional body. The membership were reminded, however, that the wording of the amended By-Law allows the Board to exercise discretion over the particular applicability of any single applicant's admissibility, so that a reasonable judgment can be made over the relevance or not of the career interests of any individual to the broader aspirations of CASCA. Applications will not be unthinkingly approved. On the positive side, it was argued that the enlargement of CASCA was expected to be modest in total numbers, and that opening the doors to members of these other professions might prove important in our outreach and educational efforts, lobbying and other activities, thus broadening and strengthening our mandate.

When the motion was called, it was supported by a very strong majority of the members present. The scrutineers reported a similarly strong affirmative in the mail-in vote (88-3, with 2 spoiled ballots). The motion was therefore carried, and the Board undertook to take the necessary steps to have the By-Law amendments formally approved by the Ministry as required by our Incorporated status.

7) Treasurer's Report:

(a) Financial Statements and Auditors' Reports:

Dave Hanes presented the Treasurer's report, including three complete financial statements (which may be found in Appendix 2) and the three corresponding reports of Wilkinson & Company LLP, our auditors (Appendix 3). These financial statements provide complete fiscal-year (April 1 – March 31) summaries of the activities of the Society in the general account, the charitable CascaTrust account, and the Westar account.

In the general account, the Treasurer particularly noted the significant increase in income from membership dues, and remarked on how necessary that had been, given the increased activities and expenditures of the Society. In response to a question from H. Richer, he also noted that little of the income from the Westar endowment is as yet being spent on outreach activities. That will soon change, with the fund to be used in support of the Education and Outreach website; moreover, some of the accrued income will be reinvested to preserve the value of the principal. Still, there are opportunities for increased spending consistent with the terms of the endowment; members are encouraged to suggest such opportunities.

With respect to the auditor's reports, the Treasurer reminded the members that they had, at the 2005 AGM in Montreal, approved the selection of Dennis Crabtree as a

(non-professional) auditor of the accounts. The Board had subsequently concluded, however, that there was a real need to return to the practice of having a professional firm inspect our fiscal reports and accounts, given the growing complexity of our operations. Wilkinson & Company, of Kingston, had done us this service for many years before the practice was stopped to save money, and were therefore recommissioned to do so again. They have provided a fully audited report for the relatively complex general account, and somewhat less comprehensive (and therefore less expensive) 'reviews' for each of the other two accounts. In each case, Wilkinson & Company LLP have concluded that the accounts are well and reasonably handled, and that the financial statements fairly reflect the current fiscal state.

The Treasurer noted finally that Wilkinson & Company had agreed to prepare and submit the annual tax returns on the Society's accounts. Those for CascaTrust are especially important if the Society is to maintain its charitable status; they are submitted annually not just to the Federal Government but also (in a different form) to the Province of Quebec.

In a brief discussion period, W. Harris asked that the Society be reminded of the potential uses to which contributions to CascaTrust may be put. The Treasurer noted that they may be used for education and outreach activities, including the provision of travel grants for students to the AGM and support for the Plaskett and Hogg awards and the attendant expenses. Those making donations to CascaTrust are issued receipts for income tax purposes. In response to W. Harris's observation, the Treasurer also noted that the yearly donations from members do not typically even come close to covering the actual CascaTrust expenditures. D. Welch then suggested that the dues notice indicate what amount each member would need to donate to cover annual expenditures.

The Treasurer brought forward two motions:

Moved (D. Hanes/D. Johnstone) that the financial statements shown here in Appendix 2 be accepted as faithful and correct summaries of the fiscal year activities of the Society. Carried.

Moved (D. Hanes/D. Crabtree) that the auditor's reports provided by Wilkinson & Company, shown here in Appendix 3, be accepted, and that the President and Treasurer be empowered to sign them on behalf of the Society. Carried.

The Treasurer noted, finally, that he had confirmed that the Society does not need to collect or submit GST as part of our increased dues. (The question had arisen at the 2005 AGM.)

(c) Membership Dues:

The Treasurer introduced a motion to establish the current level of dues for the newly-created category of Associate Member. This also provided the opportunity to set dues at a concessionary rate for members holding junior non-permanent positions, a

suggestion which had come from the floor at the 2005 Montreal AGM and in which the Board had found merit.

The Treasurer moved (D.Hanes/D. Johnstone) that the current dues level for the new category of Associate Member and for members holding junior, non-permanent positions for up to five years from the receipt of their PhDs -- typically PDF or contractually-limited appointments – be allowed full membership at a reduced rate of \$90. Carried.

Members were reminded that emeriti and graduate students already enjoy reduced membership dues of \$50. The dues for Ordinary Members are currently \$120.

8) Auditors for 2006-07:

The Treasurer, D. Hanes, moved and seconded by H. Richer that the firm of Wilkinson & Company LLP be commissioned to carry out the audits for the Society for the fiscal year 1 April 2006 – 31 March 2007. Carried.

9) Information Items:

- (a) **The Coalition:** Michael Joliffe, of AMEC, summarized activities and accomplishments to date and emphasized the need for continuing the lobbying and pressure. The goal of the Coalition is nothing less than full funding of the objectives laid out in the Long Range Plan and its MTR. Michael encouraged all present to be ready to speak to journalists and to try to publicize our astronomical discoveries and interests as widely as possible.

A brief discussion period ensued. In response to a question, Michael confirmed that the politicians are indeed aware of the longer-term issues surrounding the employment prospects of our graduate students and their research aspirations. J. English raised the question of lobbying government for significant funding for the development of the AstronomyCanada.ca (AstronomieCanada.ca) website, and wondered if there was a mechanism for providing such funding directly to CASCA. Finally, the audience was reminded of the special tensions felt by those of our members who are in government institutions such as the HIA: they are expressly forbidden from engaging in any lobbying activities; the burden falls squarely on the rest of us!

- (b) **ACURA:** René Racine, the Executive Director of ACURA, presented a brief PowerPoint summary of the current state of ACURA. Of twenty-three universities with graduate programs in astronomical areas, fully twenty-one are members of ACURA (which is now incorporated).

- (c) **NRC's Role in the Next Phase of the LRP:** Greg Fahlman, the Director-General of the Herzberg Institute, described the history of developments since the 1999 decadal plan, emphasizing the very major progress that has been achieved while not underestimating the considerable ground yet to be made. Not unexpectedly, support in principle, while very welcome, was more immediately forthcoming than dollars, and there were complications in the funding. He described the ongoing plans and commitments, and laid out some of the likely timelines in projects such as ALMA, SKA, JWST and TMT.
- (d) **Outgoing President's Remarks:** Regrettably, the press of time, and a very full agenda, did not permit our outgoing President, Jim Hesser, to present the traditional address.

10) Committee Reports: Peter Martin, the First Vice-President (and incoming President), announced that the reports from the various standing committees of CASCA may be found on the CASCA website. He noted the extraordinary work done by the volunteers serving in these capacities, and thanked them for their contributions. Peter encouraged those who have not yet done so to consider becoming involved through Committee work.

11) Future Meetings:

- (a) **2007:** Gregg Wade presented a PowerPoint invitation for AGM 2007, to be held at the Royal Military College in Kingston, Ontario on the days of June 5-8 2007. The theme will be

BIG SCIENCE IN SMALL PACKAGES: Astronomy with small and intermediate-sized Canadian assets

Gregg described some of the features and attractions of the host university, city, and program, and encouraged everyone to plan to attend.

- (b) **2008:** Paul Hickson, the Second Vice-President, reminded members that the 2008 AGM would be held in Victoria, BC.
- (c) **2009:** The members were advised that CASCA has an embarrassment of riches for 2009 (which has, coincidentally, being proposed as the International Year of Astronomy as the four hundredth anniversary of Galileo's first use of an astronomical telescope). The Board has received provisional invitations from the University of Toronto and from Université Laval. They will make further submissions to the Board in order that the final decision can be reached.

12) Other Business:

The Society's First Vice-President and incoming President, Peter Martin, spoke in praise of the outstanding job which Jim Hesser had carried out in two years of very active, hard-working and committed service as the CASCA President, a job which he has held at a critical time in the life of the Society. Peter led the audience in prolonged applause in honour of Jim's service, and was rewarded in turn with a symbolic 'passing of the hat': Jim presented to Peter a white Calgary Stetson to welcome him into his new position.

13) Adjournment:

Moved (P. Hickson/M. West) that the Business Meeting adjourn. Carried.

The meeting was declared adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Appendix 1: CASCA Secretary's report to the membership for the 2006 Annual General Meeting at Calgary.

The CASCA Board has been very active the past year. In addition to the traditional two meetings of the Board during each calendar year the Board has decided to hold three teleconference meetings between each physical meeting so that the Board can keep up with the increasing load of business. Ros Hanes, our administrator at Queen's University has been quietly overhauling the appearance of the CASCA web site and the "new look" has just been posted. There will be pages devoted to the activities of the Coalition for Astronomy added to the web site in addition to the information that we have traditionally had but that will now be in the revised style.

There is a by-law change that will be proposed for discussion and vote at this meeting. The by-law is to provide for an Associate Membership class so that professionals in related spheres of activity such as teaching, engineering or planetarium work will be eligible to become members and contribute to the activities in support of Astronomy that CASCA undertakes.

With each new IAU General Assembly there is an opportunity for member countries to propose additional Individual Members of the IAU. The Board of CASCA acts as the Canadian Committee for the IAU and in that role the Board has requested nominations to be forwarded by Canada to the IAU. Thirty names were proposed during the fall of 2005 and accepted by the Board. The accepted nominations were submitted directly to the IAU through their new web site. A brief vita for each proposed member (including address, e-mail address, telephone and short bibliography of papers etc.) was entered and confirmation received from the IAU. These proposed members will be ratified at the IAU General Assembly in Prague.

I have listed below the names of new members and those who have resigned. I have also listed the names of those who, according to our by-laws, are to be expelled from membership for non-payment of dues. The revised statistics on membership are as follows:

<i>Honorary members</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Corporate Members</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Retired members</i>	<i>52</i>
<i>Ordinary Members</i>	<i>326</i>
<i>Student members</i>	<i>144</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>528</i>

Respectfully Submitted by John Rice, Secretary

The following is a list of the applications for Ordinary and Student Membership and the applications for membership change from Student to Ordinary Member that have been received since the May 2005 Annual General Meeting in Montréal. There will be a motion to accept these new members made by the Secretary at the Annual General Meeting.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Institution</i>
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New Ordinary Members

<i>Ramon Brassler</i>	<i>Queen's</i>
<i>Mark Brodwin</i>	<i>JPL/Caltech</i>
<i>Andrew Cumming</i>	<i>McGill</i>
<i>Wolfgang Dobler</i>	<i>Calgary</i>
<i>Andrei Frolov</i>	<i>Stanford</i>
<i>Luigi Gallo</i>	<i>Max Planck, Garching</i>
<i>Miranda Jackson</i>	<i>Manitoba</i>
<i>Rhiannon Lynne Jones</i>	<i>Uvic/HIA</i>
<i>Michael Henry Kesden</i>	<i>CITA</i>
<i>Victor Khalack</i>	<i>Moncton</i>
<i>Sergiy Khan</i>	<i>Western Ontario</i>
<i>Denis Laurin</i>	<i>Canadian Space Agency</i>
<i>Subhabrata Majumdar</i>	<i>CITA, UotT</i>
<i>Ian G. McCarthy</i>	<i>Durham, UK</i>
<i>Carolyn McCoey</i>	<i>Waterloo</i>
<i>Alan Walker McConnachie</i>	<i>UVic</i>
<i>Brian McNamara</i>	<i>Waterloo</i>
<i>Michael Robert Nolte</i>	<i>CITA</i>
<i>Thomas Olien</i>	<i>Humber College</i>
<i>Eric Peng</i>	<i>HIA</i>
<i>Christoph Pfrommer</i>	<i>CITA</i>
<i>Scott Roberts</i>	<i>HIA</i>
<i>Gordon Eric Sarty</i>	<i>U of Saskatchewan</i>
<i>Ian Shelton</i>	<i>Athabasca</i>
<i>Jean-Pierre Veran</i>	<i>HIA</i>
<i>Elizabeth M. Wehner</i>	<i>McMaster</i>
<i>Huirong Yan</i>	<i>CITA</i>

Conversion from Student to Ordinary Members

<i>Loic Albert</i>	<i>CFHT</i>
<i>Peter Capak</i>	<i>Caltech</i>
<i>Kevin Douglas</i>	<i>Berkeley</i>
<i>Anne Pellerin</i>	<i>Space Telescope Science Institute</i>

*Michael Reid
Anna Sajina
Kristine Spekkens
David Tilley*

*Smithsonian Astrophysical Obs
Cal Tech
Rutgers
Notre Dame*

New Student Members

*Mauricio Argote-Cortes
Mohaddesseh Azimlu
Jonathan Benjamin
Christopher John Bildfell
Coire Cadeau
Isabelle Dicaire
Colin Peter Folsom
Kelly Foyle
Wesley C. Fraser
David Gibson
Lisa Glass
Sukhpreet Singh Guram
Anudeep Kanwar
Helen Kirk
Nicholas Koning
Meghan Anne McGill
Colin McNally
Laura Fernanda Morales
Brian Philip Niebergal
Thomas Pfrommer
Joseph Edwin Postma
Jennifer Power
Delphine Quievy
Alireza Rafiee
Adam George Alexander Rogers
Locke Dean Spencer
Marija Stankovic
Jeffery Alvin Stoesz
Sanaz Vafaei
Mathieu Vick
Cynthia Whaley
Michael Boris Zemcov*

*York
Waterloo
UBC
Victoria
Alberta
Montreal
Queen's
Queens
Victoria
Calgary
UVic
Calgary
UVic
Victoria
Calgary
U. Western Ontario
McMaster
Montréal
Calgary
UBC
Calgary
Queen's
Montréal
York
Manitoba
Lethbridge
Toronto
Victoria
UBC
Montréal
Queen's
Cardiff, UK*

We have accepted the following resignations from CASCA.

*Zaven Arzoumanian
Julie Bolduc-Duval
Chris Brown*

*NASA
College de Sherbrooke
U of Manitoba*

Dominic Drouin
Frank Edmondson
Luc Gauthier
Doug Hube
Matsuyama Isamu
Noémie Johnson
Waldemar Okon
Jeff Secker
Scott Tremaine
Wilder Stephanie
Matsuyama Isamu

Royal Military College
Indiana University
Switzerland
U of Alberta
Toronto
Royal Military College
McMaster
Defense Research Ottawa
Princeton
England(?)
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***Appendix 2: Financial Statements for the Fiscal Year
1 April 2005 - 31 March 2006***

Submitted by D. Hanes, CASCA Treasurer

1. The General Account

CANADIAN ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY
SOCIETE CANADIENNE D'ASTRONOMIE
INC. 1983

Financial Statement as of March 31, 2006
(giving details since the statement of March 31, 2005)

Balance on March 31, 2005 (including GICs) **75,410.95**

INCOME

Membership dues (including CascaTrust donations) 40,548.67

GIC Interest from redemption of cashable GIC 35.66

GIC Interest (Sept 2005; big general fund) 300.67

GIC Interest (Mar 2006; Beals fund) 446.20

GIC Interest (Sept 2005; Petrie fund; reinvested with merged principal) 305.00

GIC Interest (Sept 2005; Petrie fund; reinvested with merged principal) 78.08

GIC Interest (Nov 2005; Petrie fund; reinvested with merged principal) 63.49

GIC Interest (Feb 2006; small general fund GIC) 36.47

GIC Interest adjustment 15.58

Credit correction (exchange rate error by bank) 4.99

Contribution from ESTO grant (for office overheads plus equipment) 1500.00

TOTAL INCOME **43,334.81**

EXPENDITURES

June Board meeting expenses 1150.00

Auditor honorarium (L. Widrow) 100.00

December Board meeting expenses 612.18

Board Tele-conference expenses 150.82

Publicity Officer's expenses	1671.34
To Coalition in support of lobbying efforts	7500.00
French translation of Mid-Term Review	5000.00
Postage and stationery	1995.72
Bank charges	54.80
Safety deposit box	37.45
Transfer to CascaTrust (donations in 2005 memberships)	1320.00
Merchant imprinter rental	18.40
VISA premium (3% of transactions)	621.97
Mastercard premium (3% of transactions)	197.53
POS monthly fees	171.72
Minimum MDR fee	77.57
Annual Corporate re-registration (Receiver General of Canada)	30.00
CCR (Canadian Consortium of Research) registration	300.00
Domain name registration and renewal	162.75
Computer consultancy for searchable directory	90.00
Student presentation awards at AGM (one oral, one poster)	400.00
Office expenses (via transfers to Queen's)	
Laptop computer and peripherals	2,000.62
Salary and benefits	10,796.47
Photocopying	68.97
Printing of directory	1,787.11
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	36,315.42
Balance on March 31, 2006	82,430.34
Balance held as follows:	
Bank account at Royal Bank	18,459.25
Carryover in Queen's account	3,975.40
GIC (general, at 2.75%, maturing in Sept 2006)	15,033.41
GIC (Beals, at 2.50%, maturing in March 2007)	22,310.11
GIC (Petrie, at 2.25%, maturing in Nov 2006)	20,696.32
Cashable certificate (at 2.85%, maturing in Feb 2007)	1,955.85

2. The CascaTrust Account

CANADIAN ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY TRUST
CASCATRUST
EST. 1992

Financial Statement as of March 31, 2006
(giving details since the statement of March 31, 2005)

Balance on March 31 2005 **7,729.69**

INCOME

Donations included in membership dues **1,320.00**
(of this, 385.00 was specified for student travel)

GIC interest (reinvested with principal) **121.31**

TOTAL INCOME **1,441.31**

EXPENDITURES

Hogg honorarium (M. Mayor) **750.00**

Plaskett honorarium (C. Marois) **500.00**

Cheque printing fee **91.74**

Bank charges **1.00**

TOTAL EXPENDITURES **1,342.74**

Balance on March 31 2006 **7,828.26**

Balance held as follows:

Bank account at Royal Bank **1,762.58**

CASCATrust GIC (at 2.50%, maturing Feb 2007) **6,065.68**

3. The Westar Account

CANADIAN ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY
SOCIÉTÉ CANADIENNE D'ASTRONOMIE
WESTAR ENDOWMENT
Financial Statement as of March 31, 2006

Balance on March 31 2005 **398,389.52**

Bank balance 28,852.23
Endowed principal held in three GICs totalling 369,537.29

INCOME

Interest from endowment 11,476.16
Bank interest 320.65

Oshawa Public Library contribution towards visiting speaker 150.00

TOTAL INCOME **11,946.81**

EXPENDITURES

Bank charges 4.00
Cheque printing fee 91.74

Visiting speaker J. Percy travel fee for Oshawa presentation 194.00

Contribution to CAP 'Year of Physics' lecture tour
(Borealis Quartet presentation) 1,500.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES **1,789.74**

BALANCE ON MARCH 31 2006 **408,546.59**

Balance held as follows:

Bank account at Royal Bank 39,009.30
GIC (at 3.275%, matures in Nov 2006) 149,995.00
GIC (at 2.475%, matures in Nov 2007) 149,995.00
GIC (at 4.10%, matures in Jan 2008) 69,547.29