

**CANADIAN ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY/  
SOCIÉTÉ CANADIENNE D'ASTRONOMIE**

**Agenda for the forty-second Annual General Meeting  
University of Western Ontario, London  
Wednesday June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011, starting at 15:30**

The meeting started at 15h35 with 66 members present.

**1. Adoption of the agenda / Adoption de l'ordre du jour (President)  
Motion [Hanes/Houde] : to adopt the following agenda. Carried.**

1. Adoption of the agenda / Adoption de l'ordre du jour (President)
2. Selection of scrutineers / Sélection des surveillants d'élection
3. Adoption of the minutes of the 2010 AGM / Adoption du compte rendu de la réunion de 2010 (Secretary)
4. Nominations to the Nominating committee / Nominations du comité de nomination
5. Business arising from the minutes / Affaires découlant du compte rendu
6. President's report / Rapport du Président
  - a) status of new awards
  - b) status of Coalition activities
7. Secretary's report / Rapport du Secrétaire
  - a) Membership report
8. Treasurer's report / Rapport du Trésorier
  - a) Financial statements
9. Election of Auditor / Élection du vérificateur
10. Result of the elections / Résultats des élections
11. Information Items/Autres informations
  - a) Introducing CASCA's Press Officer Leslie Sage
12. Committee reports / Rapports des comités
13. Future CASCA meetings / Prochaines réunions de la CASCA
14. Other business / Divers
  - a) LRP/LRPIC discussion
15. Adjournment / Levée de l'assemblée

**2. Selection of scrutineers / Sélection des surveillants d'élection**

There were no paper ballot submitted, so there is no need for scrutineers.

**3. Adoption of the minutes of the 2010 AGM / Adoption du compte rendu de la réunion de 2010 (Secretary)**

**Motion [Manset/Rice] : to approve the minutes of the 2010 AGM. Carried.**

**4. Nominations to the Nominating committee / Nominations du comité de nomination**

Sarah Gallagher and Sara Ellison were nominated to the Nomination committee and have accepted.

**5. Business arising from the minutes / Affaires découlant du compte rendu**

The Secretary mentioned that the by-laws modifications passed at the 2010 AGM were implemented, and the modified by-laws received ministerial approval.

**6. President's report / Rapport du Président**

**a) status of new awards**

Two CASCA awards are not yet fully endowed. The "Executive Award for Outstanding Service" award is partially endowed, thanks to a generous gift from Jim and Betty Hesser. Peter Martin is asking all previous CASCA officers to help out with endowing this award.

The "Instrumentation" award is not endowed.

**b) status of Coalition activities**

There were no lobbying efforts because of the LRP activities.

The president introduced Leslie Sage, CASCA's new Press Officer, who is already bringing new ideas and has been in touch with the media about this year's AGM. Members are invited to send ideas by email to Sage or Joncas. Sage mentioned that he needs to be contacted at least one month before an event happens or needs to be announced.

Last fall, Ontario engineers asked that the Professional Engineers Act be modified so that any natural scientist would need to be overseen by an engineer when performing work that requires the application of engineering principles. Letters were sent to the Attorney General, pointing out that this could seriously interfere with the work of other scientists, including astronomers and physicists. For example, working with lasers or instruments would require the work to be overseen by someone with an Ontario engineer license. Many organizations were involved in the protest, including CASCA. Last month, an agreement with the Attorney General was made, but not put in the legislation. The intent of the Professional Engineers Act is not to interfere with all other scientists. The law was passed. A committee was formed to help with any dispute.

The president reminded the members that the Canadian government pays the IAU membership dues for Canadian astronomers. NRC evaluates CASCA every year before paying the dues. Therefore, all CASCA members are invited to provide the CASCA Board with information related to any IAU-related activity (participation in a LOC or SOC, membership in IAU committees, organization of Symposiums or Colloquiums).

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This will help the Canadian astronomers and CASCA improve their score in the annual NRC questionnaire.

The President thanked Board members whose terms are ending: First Vice-President Doug Welch, and directors Sara Ellison and James di Francesco.

### **7. Secretary's report / Rapport du Secrétaire**

#### **a) Membership report**

The Secretary presented her report. A member indicated that participation to the election is higher with the new electronic online voting system (47% this year) than with the paper ballots previously used. After expelling members who are 2 years in arrears, the total number of members is 507.

**Motion [Manset/Hanes]: to approve the Secretary Report. Carried.**

### **8. Treasurer's report / Rapport du Trésorier**

#### **a) Financial statements**

The Treasurer presented his report, including cash flow information, balance sheet, financial statements, and projections. All accounts are in good shape. The value of investments has increased by about 8%. There was \$6745 donated to CASCATrust. There will be a dues increase that includes a 3.3% increase for inflation and a 2% planned increase. Members are encouraged to pay before October 1<sup>st</sup> in order to avoid the 25% late penalty fee. The Board decided to increase the Plaskett award to \$750 (from \$600). The Board is also considering awarding CASCA scholarships based on a published paper; the Board welcomes input from members about this initiative. A member expressed concern regarding the Hogg endowment; the Board will look into it.

**Motion [Wade/Rice]: to approve the Treasurer's report. Carried.**

### **9. Election of Auditor / Élection du vérificateur**

Wilkinson & Co. has been providing service of high value for the past 5 years.

**Motion [Wade/Hanes] : to re-appoint Wilkinson & Co as auditor. Carried.**

### **10. Result of the elections / Résultats des élections**

The results of the online election for the position of Director were announced : Samar Safi-Harb was elected as new Director.

### **11. Information Items/Autres informations**

#### **a) Introducing CASCA's Press Officer Leslie Sage**

The President has introduced the new Press Officer earlier.

**12. Committee reports / Rapports des comités**

All reports received were discussed by the Board at their meeting. The reports will be posted on the CASCA website.

Crabtree mentioned that there is a form that can be used to report all outreach activities. This is very useful to the EPO committee. All members are encouraged to report their outreach activities.

**13. Future CASCA meetings / Prochaines réunions de la CASCA**

The 2012 AGM will be held in Calgary from June 4th to 7th. CAP follows the next week.

**14. Other business / Divers**

**a) LRP/LRPIC discussion**

Members are encouraged to read the LRP2010 report, in particular the appendices, which contain useful information regarding TMT vs. an ESO partnership, and think of the science that can be done with the TMT or the E-ELT. There are pros and cons, and hurdles, with going for TMT or only the E-ELT or a full ESO partnership. A decision will have to be made soon. A suggestion was made to continue the discussion on TMT vs. E-ELT/ESO that was started at the LRP town hall meetings.

**15. Adjournment / Levée de l'assemblée**

**Motion [Crabtree/Hesser]: to adjourn. Carried.**