

Report of the Secretary
CASCA Annual General meeting held in Halifax, 27 May 2010
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1. CASCA Website

The CASCA website (www.casca.ca) was redesigned last summer and given a new and more modern look. The content is mostly unchanged. As a reminder, please note that the website is setup to accept membership payments and donations to CASCATrust via PayPal. Supported by donations from members, CASCATrust funds or helps to fund a number of activities and awards in support of education and astronomical research. CASCATrust's receipts are valid for income tax purposes. CASCATrust is registered with Revenue Canada and Revenue Québec.

2. CASCA Elections 2010

For the first time, CASCA is using an online voting system offered by BigPulse.com for the elections. This system was chosen as a cost-effective alternative to the paper ballot system. Only members who do not have access to the Internet were allowed to vote using paper ballots. Some of the advantages of this online system are that it is web-based and fully hosted by BigPulse, it is secure (voter authentication, data protection, vote integrity, secure anonymous voting) and can be used from anywhere, bulk emails and vote receipts are sent automatically. The Secretary welcomes comments about this new way to proceed with elections.

3. CASCA Membership

CASCA accepts members in the following categories: Ordinary member (professionally engaged in research or teaching in astronomy or a related science), Associate member (professionally engaged in work related to astronomy such as, but not restricted to, instrumentation engineers, teachers, or museum, planetarium or science centre professional staff), Student member (enrolled for at least one academic year in a program of graduate studies in astronomy or astrophysics at a recognized university), and Corporate member. Detailed requirements for each category and application forms are available on the CASCA website (www.casca.ca/Links/Membership.php). The dues may be paid by mailing a check with the application form, or electronically by using the PayPal secure online payment system. Note that members who have let their membership lapse are now required to pay a reinstatement fee when they rejoin. Any question or comment may be sent to the Secretary: Nadine Manset (manset@cfht.hawaii.edu). First year students can now become members for free for their first year of membership.

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4. Statistics as of May 14, 2010

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Honorary	2	2	2	2
Corporate	5	7	8	7
Ordinary (*)	399	391	394	379
Associate	1	4	5	6
Student	167	158	174	173
Total (**)	574	562	583	567

(*) includes the number of PDF members (56 retired and 49 PDFs for 2010)

() includes members who are two years in arrears with their dues, so will be expelled (41 members for 2010)**

5. Membership Changes since the 2009 AGM

(*) members who paid in time for the May 2009 AGM but not in time to be included in the AGM Secretary Report

New Ordinary Members (includes PDF) (18)

Roberto Abraham
Aaron Berndsen
John P. Blakeslee
Rene Breton
(Rachel Friesen)
David Gilbank
Evert Glebbeek
Falk Herwig
Peter Hyland (*)
Lewis Knee
Lauren MacArthur (*)
Peter Newbury
Fernando G. Pena
(Robert Rutledge)
Karun Thanjavur
Ethan Vishniac
Jasper Wall
Jon Willis

Conversion from Student to Ordinary Members (4)

Alyssa Gilbert
Glenn Kacprzak
Helen Kirk
Hilding Neilson

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New Associate Members (2)

Julie Bolduc-Duval

Colin Taylor

New Student Members (26)

Hannah Broekhoven-Fiene (1st year)

Ainsley Campbell (1st year)

Michael Casey

Larkin Duelge (1st year)

Marzieh Farhang

(Jessica Ford) (1st year)

Yan Gao (1st year)

Chad Greene (1st year)

(Sean Griffin)

(Joachim Harnois-Deraps)

(Yashar Hezavehe)

Mikhail Klassen (1st year)

(Karen Lee-Waddell)

Ilana MacDonald (1st year) (*)

Mark Richardson (1st year)

Jillian Scudder

Ho Lai Horace Shiu (1st year)

Matthew Shultz (1st year)

Blair Smith (1st year)

Gopika Sreenilayam

Monica Turner (1st year)

Rachel Ward (1st year)

Jeremy Webb (1st year)

Theresa van Vliet Wiegert

Rory Woods (1st year)

James Wurster

Resignations (24)

George Aitken

Victor Arora

Jeremy Bailin

Léo Barriault

Steve Bickerton

Ramon Brassier

Saul Davis

Vincent Geers

Werner Israel

Marc-André Jolin

Nadine Manset

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Kat Likuski

Barry Madore

Patrick McDonald

Martha Milkeraitis

Nikola Milutinovic

Lydia Mitchell

Kathy Perrett

Christoph Pfrommer

Jean-François Robitaille

Cindy Tam

Mouhamadou Thiam

Don VandenBerg

Bradley Warren

Elizabeth Wehner