

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

**Minutes of the forty-fourth Annual General Meeting
University of British Columbia, Vancouver
Wednesday May 29, 2013, at 16:00**

The meeting started at 16:00 with 81 members present.

1. Adoption of the agenda

Motion (Manset/Crabtree): to adopt the following agenda. Carried.

1. Adoption of the agenda / Adoption de l'ordre du jour (President)
2. Adoption of the minutes of the 2012 AGM / Adoption du compte rendu de la réunion de 2012 (Secretary)
3. Nominations to the Nominating committee / Nominations du comité de nomination
4. Business arising from the minutes / Affaires découlant du compte rendu
5. President's report / Rapport du Président
6. Secretary's report / Rapport du Secrétaire
7. Treasurer's report / Rapport du Trésorier
8. Election of Auditor / Élection du vérificateur
9. CASCA's Ethics statement (President)
10. Selection of scrutineers / Sélection des surveillants d'élection
11. Result of the elections / Résultats des élections (Secretary)
12. The new Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act : articles of continuance, by-laws
13. Committee reports / Rapports des comités
14. Future CASCA meetings / Prochaines réunions de la CASCA
15. Other business / Divers
16. Adjournment / Levée de l'assemblée

2. Adoption of the minutes of the 2012 AGM

Motion (Manset/Crabtree) : to approve the minutes of the 2012 AGM. Carried.

3. Nominations to the Nominating committee

Jim Hesser and Ralph Pudritz were nominated and have accepted the nomination. No other nominations was proposed. No objection was raised.

Motion (Manset/Crabtree) : to close the nominations. Carried.

4. Business arising from the minutes

None.

12. The new Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act: articles of continuance, by-laws

The members had received, in advance of the meeting, general information about the new Act, proposed articles of continuance, and proposed by-laws.

Motion (Manset/Parker) : to approve the proposed articles of continuance and authorize the Board of Directors to apply for a Certificate of Continuance. Carried.

Motion (Manset/Crabtree) : to approve the proposed new by-laws and complete the process to complete the transition of CASCA to the new Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act. Carried.

5. President's report

The president presented the new CASCA website and its new features, and mentioned the work performed by our new administrative assistant.

9. Ethics statement

The members had received, in advance of the meeting, a proposed Ethics statement.

Motion (Ferrarese/Hesser) : to adopt the Ethics statement. Carried.

5. President's report (continued)

The president summarized the situation regarding the lack of Canadian astronomers on NSERC panels, and the actions taken. The president asked members interested to sign-up to serve on NSERC committees ; the list would be put on the web to show that there are Canadian astronomers to serve on those committees. Members are also asked to see if their own University can put pressure on NSERC.

The Coalition's activities have been focused on TMT.

Volunteers are needed to serve on the SKA SAC.

The president reminds the members that any IAU-related activity needs to be added to the yearly IAU questionnaire, which helps justify paying for the IAU dues.

CASCA is trying to create closer ties with CAP, which could result on a one-day overlap of both societies' annual meetings. A joint meeting of all scientific societies would also be attractive.

The mid-term review for the LRP is coming up. There will be an additional day at the 2014 AGM to discuss the LRP.

6. Secretary's report

Motion (Manset/Safi-Harb): to accept the Secretary's report. Carried.

7. Treasurer's report

The Society is in good financial shape. There has been a 13.5% increase in the value of our investments. Due to the low inflation, the Board has decided to keep the dues at the same level for the upcoming year. The Treasurer has setup a dues subscription feature via PayPal, freezing the dues for 5 years if this option is selected. The financial statements were reviewed by the auditors. All CASCA awards are endowed to some extent. The Board has decided to put unallocated funds to endow the Plaskett Medal. Hesser notes that the investment committee (R. Racine, S. Machenko, G. Hill, G. Wade) has done an excellent job.

Motion (Wade/Plume): to accept the Treasurer's report. Carried.

8. Election of Auditor

Motion (Wade/Durand) : to reappoint Wilkinson as the auditor. Carried.

10. Selection of the scrutineers

S. Beaulieu and H. Martel volunteer as scrutineers. The Secretary showed them the results of the online election on the BigPulse website.

11. Result of the elections

The new directors are Pauline Barmby and Lorne Nelson.

13. Committee reports

Reports are available on the CASCA website. Important work is being done by each committee, and members are encouraged to read the reports and contact the chairs as needed. The Board approved the following recommendations: for the Beals award, the recipient must be a CASCA member in good standing. For the Plaskett Medal, the recipient must have been a CASCA member at some point during their PhD studies.

14. Future CASCA meetings

CASCA 2014 will be held in Quebec City, June 18-11 2014.

15. Other business

None.

16. Adjournment

Motion (Manset/Crabtree): to adjourn the meeting. Carried.