

## Report of the Secretary CASCA 46<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held in Hamilton, ON, May 26, 2015 J. Di Francesco

### 1) 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. The dues may be paid by mail by sending a cheque with the application form, or by electronic means 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. To avoid the reinstatement fee, members who do not wish to remain a CASCA member must resign in writing, by sending an e-mail to the CASCA Secretary. Any question or comment may be sent to the Secretary: [CASCA-Secretary@casca.ca](mailto:CASCA-Secretary@casca.ca). First year students can become members for free for their first year of membership.

### 2) Membership Statistics (as of May 21, 2015)

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014		2015 Good standing	2015 1 yr in arrears	2015 2 yrs in arrears
<b>Honorary</b>	2	2	2	2	2	2		2	0	0
<b>Corporate</b>	8	7	7	8	5	4		4	0	0
<b>Ordinary (*)</b>	394	379	370	368	362	358		314	32	16
<b>Associate</b>	5	6	5	7	8	9		11	1	0
<b>Student</b>	174	173	163	159	147	141		112 (**)	29	21
<b>Total (***)</b>	<b>583</b>	<b>567</b>	<b>547</b>	<b>544</b>	<b>524</b>	<b>514</b>		<b>443</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>TOTAL 2015</b>								<b>505</b>		

(\*) For all years, includes numbers of regular ordinary members, PDFs, retired members, and CASCA+CAP members. For 2014, numbers include only members in good standing or those who were one year in arrears with dues. For 2015, those in good standing or one year in arrears included 221 regular ordinary members, 57 retired members, 41 PDFs, and 27 CASCA+CAP members.

(\*\*) Includes 22 1<sup>st</sup> year students for 2015

(\*\*\*) For years 2009-2012, includes members who were two years in arrears with dues, and were expelled at that year's annual meeting. For 2013 onward, such members are not included.

### 3) Membership Changes since the 2013 AGM

CASCA lost Professor Richard Bochonko formerly of the University of Manitoba, who passed away in August 2014. Past CASCA President James Hesser noted that "Richard earned a reputation as an outstanding teacher, who was enthusiastic and very generous with his time in student mentoring."

<b>New members (53) and Conversions (12)</b>		
<b>Associate</b>	Lee Robbins	University of Toronto
	Mary Elizabeth Laychak	CFHT
<b>Ordinary (incl. PDF, retired)</b>	Stefi Baum	University of Manitoba
	Henry M. Bradford	Retired
	Bryan Gaensler	Dunlap Institute
	Mark Halpern	University of British Columbia
	Falk Herwig	University of Victoria
	Julie Hlavacek-Larrondo	Université de Montréal
	Kathleen Labrie	Gemini Observatory
	Marilyn LaTour	Friedrich-Alexander University Erlangen-Nuremberg
	Stanimir Metchev	Western University
	Christopher O'Dea	University of Manitoba
	Niels Oppermann	CITA
	Michael Rupen	National Research Council
	Terrence Tricco	CITA
	Jacques Vallée	Retired
<b>Students</b>	Matthew Alessi (1 <sup>st</sup> year)	McMaster University
	Ivar Arroway (1 <sup>st</sup> year)	University of Victoria
	Sayantana Auddy (1 <sup>st</sup> year)	Western University
	Philippe Berger (1 <sup>st</sup> year)	University of Toronto
	Sandie Bouchard	Université de Montréal
	Anne Boucher (1 <sup>st</sup> year)	Université de Montréal
	Paul Charlton (1 <sup>st</sup> year)	University of Waterloo
	Antoine Darveau Bernier (1 <sup>st</sup> year)	Université de Montréal
	Mike-Tommy Duchesne	Université Laval
	Tiffany Ensor (1 <sup>st</sup> year)	Western University

	Nicholas Fantin (1 <sup>st</sup> year)	Queen's University
	Alexandre Fortier (1 <sup>st</sup> year)	Université de Montréal
	Miranda Jarvis (1 <sup>st</sup> year)	University of Toronto
	Ramandeep Gill	?
	Benjamin Girard (1 <sup>st</sup> year)	University of Victoria
	Kaylie Green	University of Alberta
	Lauren Hetherington	University of Toronto
	Niloufar Javid Khalili	McMaster University
	Mara Johnson-Groh (1 <sup>st</sup> year)	University of Victoria
	Peter Jumper	University of Toronto
	Jared Keown (1 <sup>st</sup> year)	University of Victoria
	Collin Knight (1 <sup>st</sup> year)	Western University
	Laura Lenkic (1 <sup>st</sup> year)	Western University
	Patrick M. Manseau (1 <sup>st</sup> year)	Université de Montréal
	Antonio Martinez	?
	Jessica McCloskey (1 <sup>st</sup> year)	McMaster University
	Meghan Miholics (1 <sup>st</sup> year)	McMaster University
	Anna Ordog	University of Calgary
	Fereshteh Rajabi (1 <sup>st</sup> year)	Western University
	Stephen Ro	?
	Ian Roberts (1 <sup>st</sup> year)	McMaster University
	Matthew Shultz	Royal Military College
	George Stein (1 <sup>st</sup> year)	University of Toronto
	Chelsea Spengler	University of Victoria
	Aycha Tammour	Western University
	Paolo Turri	University of Victoria
	Luis Welbanks	University of Calgary
<b>Conversions (Ordinary to CASCA+CAP)</b>	Justin Albert	University of Victoria
	Avery Earl Broderick	University of Waterloo
<b>Conversions (Ordinary to Retired)</b>	Ian D. Cameron	
	James E. Hesser	
	Thomas Landecker	
	Stefan W. Mochnacki	
<b>Conversions (Student to PDF)</b>	Christa Van Laerhoven	CITA
	Gibion Makiwa	University of Lethbridge
<b>Conversions (Student to Associate)</b>	Marie-Michele Limoges	Cosmodrome

<b>Conversions (Student to Ordinary)</b>	Laura Fissel	Northwestern University
	Lison Malo	CFHT
<b>Conversions (PDF to Ordinary)</b>	Catherine Lovekin	Mount Allison University

**Resignations (29)**

Nicholas Ball	Ord
Kevin Blagrave	Ord
Shane Davis	Ord
Peter C. Dawson	Ord
Lisa Esteves	Stu
Konstantinos Gourgouliatos	Pdf
Ann C. Gower	Ret
Jason Grunhut	Pdf
Robert Hawkes	Cap
Dimuthu Hemachandra	Stu
Allison Hill	Stu
Wolfgang Kerzendorf	Pdf
Harsha Sanjeev Kumar	Pdf
Sergey Mashchenko	Ord
Aaron Maxwell	Stu
Ilana MacDonald	Stu
Jean-Michel Mugnes	Stu
Marie-Pier Neault	Stu
Jonathan Newton	Stu
Tara Jill Parkin	Pdf
Jean-Claude Passy	Pdf
Russell O. Redman	Ord
John B. Rice	Ret
Damien Robertson	Stu
Jillian Scudder	Stu
Robert John Walter Sorba	Stu
Daniel Taranu	Stu
Steve Torchinsky	Ord
Matthijs van der Wiel	Pdf

**Expulsions (37)**

Mike Alexandersen	Stu
Viktoria Asboth	Stu
Jeffrey Bailey	Stu
Nicole Dawn Bailey	Stu
Philip D. Bennett	Ret

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Aaron Berndsen	Pdf
Andrew Cumming	Cap
Francis-Yan Cyr-Racine	Pdf
Xiaoyi Dong	Ord
Aaron Dutton	Pdf
Colin Folsom	Stu
Tyler John Foster	Ord
Kelly Foyle	Pdf
Ronald Gagne	Stu
Fotis P. Gavriil	Ord
Ryan Goldsbury	Stu
Yashar Hezaveh	Stu
Gary Hinshaw	Ord
Annie Hou	Stu
Issouf Kafando	Stu
Jennifer Karr	Ord
Victoria M. Kaspi	Ord
Masen Lamb	Stu
Kevin MacDermid	Stu
Francine Marleau	Ord
Kiyoshi Masui	Stu
Carolyn McCoey	Pdf
Tatiana Ouvarova	Ord
Snezana Prodan	Stu
Sahar Rahmani	Stu
Philippe Richelet	Stu
Paola Rodriguez Hidalgo	Pdf
Kevin Sooley	Stu
Tessa Vernstrom	Stu
David John Williamson	Stu
Jielai Zhang	Stu
Chenchong Zhu	Stu