

Report of the Secretary
CASCA 49th Annual General Meeting
Victoria, BC, May 22-26, 2018
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1) CASCA Elections 2018

The term of the current Vice-President expires this year at the Annual General Meeting in May. An election is taking place to elect a new Vice-President out of a pool of two candidates selected by the CASCA Nominating Committee:

Vice-President: Michael Balogh, Sara Ellison

The current Vice-President, Rob Thacker, will become the next CASCA President. Current President Bob Abraham will become Past President, replacing Christine Wilson. The Board thanks these esteemed individuals for the excellent service they provided over their respective terms. The Board also thanks the Nomination Committee for selecting new candidates for this year's election.

2) 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 or electronic bank transfer. 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 message to the CASCA Secretary. Any question or comment may be sent to the Secretary: CASCA-Secretary@casca.ca. First year students can become members for free for their first year of membership.

This year the membership will vote at the Business Meeting on a proposed amendment to the CASCA by-laws to provide Corporate Members in their first year of membership the ability to send up to two representatives to the Annual General Meeting with registration fees covered by the Society itself.

3) Membership Statistics (as of May 25, 2018)

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017		2018 Good standing	2018 1 yr in arrears	2018 2 yrs in arrears
Honorary	2	2	2	2	2	2		2	0	0
Corporate	8	5	4	4	4	4		7	0	0
Ordinary (*)	368	362	358	348	354	350		330	25	9
Associate	7	8	9	12	17	14		11	2	1
Student	159	147	141	141	147	133		130 (**)	32	16
Total (***)	544	524	514	507	524	503		480	59	26
							TOTAL 2018	539		

(*) For all years, includes numbers of regular ordinary members, PDFs, retired members, and CASCA+CAP members. (Note: CAP is the Canadian Association of Physicists.) For 2018, those in good standing or one year in arrears included 209 regular ordinary members, 60 retired members, 47 PDFs, and 39 CASCA+CAP members.

(**) Includes 25 1st year students for 2017.

(***) For 2012, numbers listed include 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.

4) Membership Changes since the 2017 AGM

CASCA lost **Dr. Thomas R. Clarke**, on 30 July 2016. (Dr. Clarke's passing was not known to us at the last AGM.) Dr. Clarke received his PhD in Radio Astronomy from the University of Toronto. He was a Charter member of CASCA. He served as Director of the McLaughlin Planetarium in Toronto, ON, from 1976 until its closure in 1995. Post closure, he continued to work on special projects at the Royal Ontario Museum until his retirement in 2003.

CASCA lost **Prof. Robert Garrison**, formerly of the Department of Astronomy and Astrophysics of the University of Toronto, on 13 August 2017. Prof. Garrison was an expert on stellar spectroscopy and classification. A faculty member at U of T for over 40 years, Prof. Garrison also served as the Associate Director of David Dunlap Observatory and Director of U of T's Southern Observatory in Chile. He was also a Charter Member of CASCA and served on its Board, as well as the Boards of the International Astronomical Union and the Royal Canadian Institute. Prof. Garrison also served as the President of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada, and travelled the country to inspire amateurs through public engagements. He received the Dean's Award for Lifetime Achievement as an Outstanding Teacher in 2001 and the Queen's Jubilee Medal in 2003 for service to Canada.

New members (76) and Conversions (27)		
New Ordinary	Bjorn Benneke (ORD)	Université de Montréal
	Celia Blain (Protin) (ORD)	University of Victoria
	Toby Brown (PDF)	McMaster University
	Neal Dalal (ORD)	Perimeter Institute for Theoretical Physics
	Ruobing (Robin) Dong (ORD)	University of Victoria
	Thomas Guillaume (PDF)	National Research Council
	Alex S. Hill (ORD)	National Research Council
	Gary Hinshaw (ORD)	University of British Columbia
	Sun Kwok (RET)	University of British Columbia
	Chervin Laporte (PDF)	University of Victoria
	Adrian Liu (ORD)	McGill University
	Kiyoshi Masui (PDF)	University of British Columbia
	Russell Robb (RET)	University of Victoria
	John Ruan (PDF)	McGill University
	Paul Scholz (PDF)	National Research Council
	Chelsea Sharon (PDF)	McMaster University
	Jeremy B. Tatum (RET)	University of Victoria
	Matthew Taylor (PDF)	Gemini Observatory
	Nienke van der Marel (PDF)	National Research Council
	Joanna Woo (PDF)	University of Victoria
New Associate	Nikola Milutinovic	University of British Columbia
	Stephen Ro	University of California, Berkeley
New Student	Simon-Gabriel Beauvais (1 st year)	Université de Montréal
	Spencer Bialek (1 st year)	University of Victoria
	Chelsea Braun	University of Manitoba
	Mohammed Chamma (1 st year)	Western University
	Lingjian Chen (1 st year)	Saint Mary's University
	Carolyn (Ondrea) Clarkson	University of Victoria
	Katherine Crotts (1 st year)	University of Victoria
	Emily Deibert (1 st year)	University of Toronto
	Melanie Demers	McMaster University
	Meiling Deng	University of British Columbia
	Marie-Eve Desrochers (1 st year)	Université de Montréal
	Ruth Digby (1 st year)	University of Victoria

	Chetna Duggal (1 st year)	University of Manitoba
	Mateus Arantes Fandino	University of British Columbia
	Sofia Fatigoni (1 st year)	University of British Columbia
	Pamela Freeman (1 st year)	University of Calgary
	Deborah Good	University of British Columbia
	Jasper Grond	McMaster University
	Claire Guimond	McGill University
	Puranjay Rohan Gulati (1 st year)	University of British Columbia
	Sidhant Guliani	University of British Columbia
	Robert Hatfull	University of Alberta
	Hao He (1 st year)	McMaster University
	Pavan Hebbar (1 st year)	University of Alberta
	Margaret Ikape	University of Toronto
	Dylan Keating	McGill University
	Collin Kiely (1 st year)	University of Victoria
	Kevin Lacaille	McMaster University
	Rebecca Lin	University of Toronto
	Siqi Liu	University of Toronto
	Nicholas Loewen (1 st year)	University of Victoria
	Elizabeth Loggia	University of British Columbia
	Deborah Lokhorst	University of Toronto
	Nikhil Mahajan	University of Toronto
	Robert Main	University of Toronto
	Alysa Obertas	University of Toronto
	Stefan Pelletier (1 st year)	Université de Montréal
	Jinghan Peng (1 st year)	University of Victoria
	Tristan Pinsonneault-Marotte	University of British Columbia
	Michael Radica (1 st year)	McMaster University
	Andrew Reeves (1 st year)	University of Waterloo
	Douglas Rennehan	University of Victoria
	Steven Rogowski (1 st year)	Université de Montréal
	Josef Rucska	McMaster University
	Yutong Shan	Harvard University
	Ayushi Singh	University of Toronto
	Mainak Singha (1 st year)	University of Manitoba
	David Stephens (1 st year)	University of Victoria
	Mehrnoosh Tahani	University of Calgary
	Mallory Thorp (1 st year)	University of Victoria

	Alex Woodfinden (1 st year)	Queen's University
New Corporate	Dynamic Structures, Ltd. (Empire Industries, Ltd.)	Port Coquitlam, BC
	Kings Distributed Systems, Ltd.	Kingston, ON
	Nanowave Technologies, Ltd.	Victoria, BC
Conversions (CASCA+CAP to Ordinary)	Shantanu Basu	Western University
	Jo-Anne Brown	University of Calgary
	Kipp Cannon	University of Tokyo
Conversions (Ordinary to Associate)	Magdalen Normandeau	University of New Brunswick
Conversions (Ordinary to CAP)	Pauline M. Barmby	Western University
	René Doyon	Université de Montréal
	Patrick Dufour	Université de Montréal
	Gilles Fontaine	Université de Montréal
	Sarah Gallagher	Western University
	Daryl Haggard	McGill University
	David Hanes	Queen's University
	Victor Khalack	Université de Moncton
	David Lafrenière	Université de Montréal
	Erik Rosolowsky	University of Alberta
	Nicole St-Louis	Université de Montréal
	Ingrid Stairs	University of British Columbia
Conversions (Ordinary to Retired)	Dieter W. Bruckner	unknown
	Tatsuhiko Hasegawa	unknown
Conversions (PDF to Ordinary)	Emmanuel Fonseca	McGill University
	Leslie Rogers	University of Chicago
Conversions (Student to Ordinary)	Laurie Rousseau-Nepton	Canada-France-Hawaii Telescope Corporation
Conversions (Student to PDF)	Nicholas R. MacDonald	Max Planck Institute for Radio Astronomy
	Marie-Eve Naud	Université de Montréal

	Henry Ngo	National Research Council
	Paul Scholz	National Research Council
	Matthew E. Schultz	Royal Military College of Canada
	Neven Vulic	NASA Goddard Space Flight Center

Resignations (17)

Alexandre Alarie	STU
Julie Banfield	PDF
Diana Dragomir	PDF
John Dubinski	ORD
Yasuhiro Hasegawa	PDF
Lauren Hetherington	STU
Visweshwar Ram Marthi	PDF
Evan O'Connor	PDF
Andrew Pon	PDF
Slavek M. Rucinski	RET
Ashley Ruitter	PDF
Cory Shankman	STU
Sabine Stanley	ORD
Paolo Turri	STU
Ludovic van Waerbeke	ORD
Rachel Ward-Maxwell	ASC
Sarka Wykes	PDF

Expulsions (26)

Nabeel Ahmed	STU
Keagan Blanchette	STU
Ian D. Cameron	RET
Bryce Croll	PDF
Anna Delahaye	STU
Fraser Evans	STU
Martin Heusen	STU
Patrick Ingraham	PDF
Niloufar Javid Khalili	ORD
Prayush Kumar	ORD
Denise Laflamme	STU
Masen Lamb	STU
Sebastien Lavoie	STU
Patrick M. Manseau	STU
Meghan Miholics	STU
Chiamaka Okoli	STU

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Emilie Parent	STU
Parshati Patel	STU
Harald Pfeiffer	CAP
Serge Pineault	ORD
Fady Shaker	STU
Aycha Tammour	STU
Tessa Vernstrom	PDF
David Woods	ORD
Yasaman Yazdi	STU
Yu Zhou	STU