

Report of the Secretary
CASCA AGM held in London, June 1st 2011
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1. CASCA Website

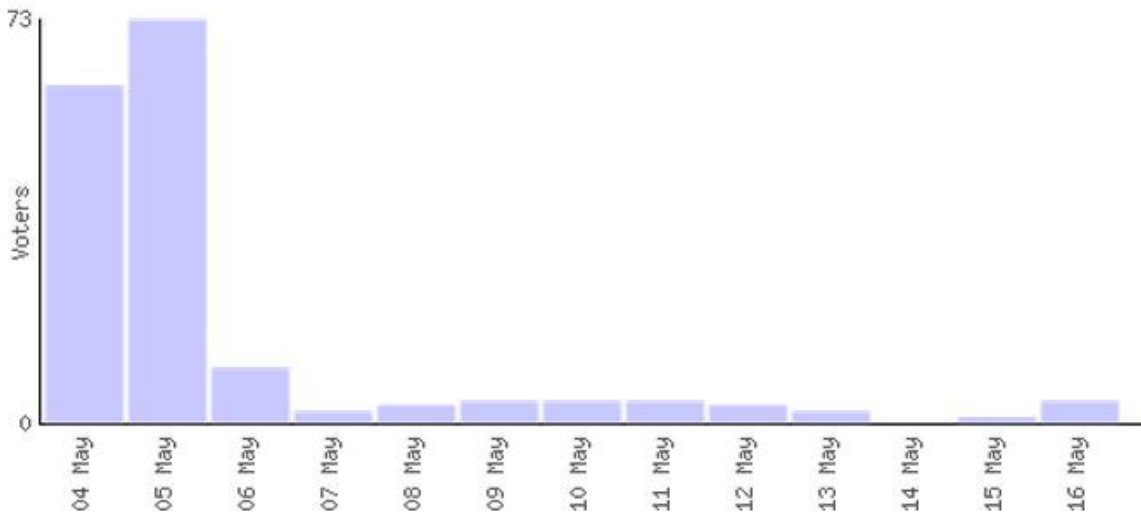
The CASCA website (www.casca.ca) was improved by adding details and explanations about the different CASCA membership categories. As a reminder, please note that the website is setup to accept membership payments and donations to CASCATrust via PayPal. Supported by donations from members, CASCATrust 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. By-laws

The by-laws change approved by the membership at the 2010 AGM was submitted to Industry Canada. The amendments received Ministerial approval June 21, 2010. The updated English and French versions have been posted on the CASCA website.

3. CASCA Elections 2011

CASCA is again using the BigPulse.com online voting system for the elections. Only 5 members were sent a paper ballot this year. As of May 16, 171 out of 462 members (37%) have voted, with the following distribution in time:



4. 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

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(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. To avoid this reinstatement fee, members who do not wish to remain a CASCA member have to resign in writing, by sending an email to the CASCA Secretary. 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.

5. Statistics as of May 29, 2011

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Honorary	2	2	2	2	2
Corporate	5	7	8	7	7
Ordinary (*)	399	391	394	379	370
Associate	1	4	5	6	5
Student (**)	167	158	174	173	163
Total (***)	574	562	583	567	547

(*) includes the number of PDF and retired members (54 retired, 50 PDFs for 2011)

(**) includes 13 1st year students for 2011

(***) includes members who are two years in arrears with their dues, so will be expelled (40 members for 2011)

6. Membership Changes since the 2010 AGM

New Ordinary Members (includes PDF) (16)

David Roger Andersen
Latham Boyle
Nicholas Martin Ball
Paul Edmon
Gilles Ferrand
Gilles Fontaine
Brett Gladman
Stephen Gwyn
Craig Heinke
Talayeh Hezareh
Judith Irwin
Luis Lehner

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Brian McNamara

William Scott

Ian Shelton

Gregory Robert Sivakoff

Conversion from Student to Ordinary Members (6)

Mohaddesseh Azimlu

Pascal Elahi

Melissa Graham

Duy Cuong Nguyen

Ashley Ruitter

Locke Dean Spencer

New Associate Members (0)

New Student Members (28)

Alexandre Alarie (1st year student)

Anne Archibald (paid in time for the May 2010 AGM but not in time to be included in the AGM 2010 Secretary Report)

Judi Agar (1st year student)

Elaine Brière

David L. Clark

George James Conidis (1st year student)

Alexandre David-Uraz

Tyler Dylan Desjardins

Ronald Gagné (1st year student)

Jonathan Grossauer

Uzair Hussain

Scott Jones

Bahman Karimi

Stephanie Keating (1st year student)

Alexandre Lemerle (1st year student)

Lianne Manzer (1st year student)

Brittany June McDonald (1st year student)

Liz Arcila Osejo (1st year student)

Jean-Claude Passy

Teznie Pugh

Maximilien Ronald Phillip Schirm

Cory Jason Shankman (1st year student)

Elizabeth A. Silber

Kazimierz Sliwa

Stacey Smolash (1st year student)

Stephen James Turnbull (1st year student)

Neven Vulic (1st year student)

Resignations (24)

Saul Adelman
Rachel Anderson
Cameron Arsenault
Carrie Bridge
Randall Brooks (charter member)
Kevin Douglas
Murray Fletcher (charter member, retired)
Myriam Francoeur (student)
Mélanie Gendre
Joachim Harnois-Deraps (student)
Richard Conn Henry
Peter Hyland
Thomas Kuiper
Charles-Philippe Lajoie (student)
Bruno Letarte
Ting Lu (student)
Ryan Marciniak (student)
Sarah Nickerson
Jacqueline Otaguro (student)
Gregory Paciga (student)
Ken Tapping
Colin Taylor (associate)
Jean-Pierre Veran
Gary Welch (retired)