

**Report of the Secretary
CASCA 48th Annual General Meeting
held in Edmonton, AB, June 1, 2017
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1) CASCA Elections 2017

This year, the terms of two Directors expire at the Annual General Meeting in June. An election is taking place to elect two new Directors out of a pool of four candidates selected by the CASCA Nominating Committee:

Director (2): René Doyon, Luc Simard, Jeroen Stil, Kim Venn

Rotating off the Board at the Annual General Meeting are Stéphane Courteau and Sarah Gallagher. The Board thanks these esteemed individuals for the excellent service they provided over their respective terms as Directors. 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. 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.

3) Membership Statistics (as of May 31, 2017)

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016		2017 Good standing	2017 1 yr in arrears	2017 2 yrs in arrears
Honorary	2	2	2	2	2	2		2	0	0
Corporate	7	8	5	4	4	4		4	0	0
Ordinary (*)	370	368	362	358	348	354		311	39	4
Associate	5	7	8	9	12	17		11	3	0
Student	163	159	147	141	141	147		97 (**)	36	24
Total (***)	547	544	524	514	507	524		425	78	28
							TOTAL 2017	503		

(*) 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 2016, numbers include only members in good standing or those who were one year in arrears with dues. For 2017, those in good standing or one year in arrears included 218 regular ordinary members, 57 retired members, 45 PDFs, and 30 CASCA+CAP members.

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

(***) For years 2011-2012, 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.

4) Membership Changes since the 2016 AGM

CASCA lost **Dr. Elmar B. F. Brosterhus**, formerly of the Dominion Observatory in Ottawa, ON and the Dominion Astrophysical Observatory in Victoria, BC, on 26 December 2014. Dr. Brosterhus was a Charter Member of CASCA and his professional interests included astronomical instrumentation and plasma astrophysics.

In addition, CASCA lost **J. David Lacey**, formerly of the Dominion Radio Astrophysical Observatory in Penticton, BC, on 11 July 2016. Mr. Lacey served as Chief Engineer at DRAO from 1962 until his retirement in 1997.

Finally, CASCA lost **Prof. Romas Mitalas**, Professor Emeritus of the University of Western Ontario, on 30 November 2016. Prof. Mitalas was started at Western in 1964 and retired in 1996. He was also a Charter Member of CASCA. According to the website of the Western University Department of Physics and Astronomy, Prof. Mitalas was “a true intellectual, being extremely curious about the world and its people.” Also, he was “an expert in stellar interiors, as trembling graduate students could attest.”

New members (33) and Conversions (13)		
Ordinary (incl. PDF, CAP)	Philip D. Bennett	Saint Mary's University
	Simon Foreman	Canadian Institute of Theoretical Astrophysics
	Matthew Johnson	York University and Perimeter Institute
	Samantha Lawler	National Research Council
	Daniel Milisavljevic	Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics
	Maxwell Millar-Blanchaer	Jet Propulsion Laboratory
	Rodrigo Fernandez Munoz	University of Alberta
	Adam Muzzin	York University
	Charli Sakari	University of Washington
	Christopher Sasaki	University of Toronto
	Aarran Shaw	University of Alberta
	Tracy Webb	McGill University
	Tyrone Woods	Monash University
Students	Edward Ashton (1 st year)	University of British Columbia
	Anita Bahmanyar	University of Toronto
	Morgan Bennett (1 st year)	University of Toronto
	Dhruv Bisaria (1 st year)	Queen's University
	J. Sebastián Bruzzone	Western University
	Stephanie Ciccone (1 st year)	Queen's University
	Nolan Thomas Denman	University of Toronto
	Logan Francis (1 st year)	University of Victoria
	Marie-Lou Gendran-Marsolias	Université de Montréal
	Asma Hattawi (1 st year)	University of Alberta
	Farbod Jahandar	University of Victoria
	Dinesh Kandel	University of Alberta
	Anathan Karunakaran	Queen's University
	Eric Koch	University of Alberta
	Christopher Mann (1 st year)	University of British Columbia
	Melissa Munoz	Queen's University
	Kyle Oman	University of Victoria
	Deb Soumen (1 st year)	University of Alberta
	Nathalie Thibert (1 st year)	Saint Mary's University
	Kenny Van	University of Alberta
	Kristi Webb (1 st year)	University of Waterloo
	Yue Zhao	University of Alberta
Conversions (Associate to Ordinary)	Terry Bridges	Okanagan College

Conversions (CASCA+CAP to Ordinary)	Ingrid Stairs	University of British Columbia
Conversions (CASCA+CAP to Retired)	Pierre Bastien	Université de Montréal
Conversions (Ordinary to CAP+CASCA)	Shantanu Basu	Western University
	Sarah Gallagher	Western University
	Harald Pfeiffer	Canadian Institute for Theoretical Astrophysics
Conversions (Ordinary to Retired)	Claude Carignan	University of Cape Town
	David Guenther	Saint Mary's University
	Christopher Pritchett	University of Victoria
Conversions (PDF to Associate)	Wesley Fraser	Queen's University Belfast
Conversions (Student to Ordinary)	Nathalie Ouellette	Queen's University
Conversions (Student to PDF)	Alexandre David-Uraz	Queen's University
	Jonathan Gagné	Carnegie Institution of Washington

Resignations (28)

Orla Aaquist	Ord
Sayantan Auddy	Stu
René Breton	Pdf
James Anthony Burke	Ret
Kipp Cannon	Cap
Daniel Durand	Ord
Louise Edwards	Ord
Robert Ferdman	Ord
Richard N. Henriksen	Ret
Gilbert Holder	Ord
Benjamin Jackel	Stu
Noemi Giammichele	Stu
Mara Johnson-Groh	Stu

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Scott C. Jones	Stu
David Loop	Assoc
Olivier R. Loubier	Stu
Gibion Makiwa	Pdf
Brian E. Martin	Ord
Antonio Martinez	Stu
Jessica McCloskey	Stu
Wai-Hin (Wayne) Ngan	Assoc
Liz Arcila Osejo	Stu
Rosemary Pike	Stu
René Plume	Ord
Ruben Sanchez-Janssen	Ord
Maximilien Schrim	Stu
Stephen Turnbull	Stu
Theresa van Vliet Wiegert	Pdf

Expulsions (28)

Emily Aldoretta	Stu
Matthew Alessi	Stu
Ivar Arroway	Stu
Philippe Berger	Stu
Mike-Tommy Duchesne	Stu
Tiffany Ensor	Stu
Seth Epps	Stu
Emmanuel Fonseca	Stu
Ramandeep Gill	Stu
Marianne Girard	Stu
Jeanette Gladstone	Pdf
Kaylie Green	Stu
Robert D. E. Henderson	Stu
Corey Howard	Stu
Sie Zacharie Kam	Stu
Mikhail Klassen	Stu
Laura Lenkic	Stu
Sophia Lianou	Pdf
Aisha Mahmoud-Perez	Stu
Ali Narimani	Stu
Duy Cuong Nguyen	Pdf
Amir Hassan Hernandez Ouyed	Stu
Stephen Ro	Stu
Fidele Robichaud	Stu
Zachary Shand	Stu
Ethan Vishniac	Ord
Luis Welbanks (Camarena)	Stu
Rory Woods	Stu