

Heritage Committee: Annual Report to the Board, May 2019

Member	Term	Affiliation
Elizabeth Griffin <i>Chair</i>	2018–20	DAO/NRC
William McCutcheon	2016–19	University of British Columbia
Eugene Milone	2018–21	University of Calgary
David Pantalony	2018–21	Science Curator, CSTM, Ottawa
John Percy	2017–20	University of Toronto
Tim Robishaw	2018–21	DRAO/NRC
Randall Rosenfeld	2018–21	University of Toronto
Ian Shelton	2017–20	(University of Toronto)
David Turner	2017–20	Saint Mary’s University
Gordon Walker	2017–20	UBC and UVic
Jasper Wall	2018–21	University of British Columbia

Committee activities

Book (update): *The History of Canadian Radio Astronomy*. The Editors (Wall and Griffin) report fairly substantial progress. A contract has been signed with Springer, for inclusion in their series, *Historical and Cultural Astronomy* (an area in which our subject does not sit all that comfortably, but it was the only feasible choice). A few gaps in the *History* are still not quite adequately covered by the chapters that have been received to date, but the thread of the story is now emerging clearly, and is one of early experimentation, mid-term depressions mostly caused through funding problems, but out of which the recent major successful period is burgeoning.

Members’ Activities in Brief

Percy has given his “Toronto’s Astronomical Heritage” talk to the University Women’s Club in Toronto, and will be giving it at the June 2019 RASC/AAVSO conference in Toronto.

A 3-day *Celebration of Jasper Wall at 75*, held at UBC in 2018 December, was attended by McCutcheon, Robishaw, Rosenfeld, Wall and Griffin; **Robishaw** delivered a talk on “History of Canadian radio Astronomy”, and **Rosenfeld** illustrated a presentation on “The changing relationship between music and astronomy” with actual music (on a flute).

Griffin attended *AstroPlateIII* in Bamberg (Germany) in 2019 March, and spoke on, “Making full use of astronomy’s rich photographic heritage”.

Publications

R.E.M. Griffin, *Getting necessary historical data out of deep freeze*, 2019, *Polar Science*, DOI 10.1016/j.polar.2019.05.008

E.F. Milone, *The EBS2 DS And in the cluster NGC 752*, to appear in *AJ* (DOI 10.3847/1538-3881/ab22ba)

J.R. Percy’s bi-monthly *JRASC* column has included a reflection on changes in astronomical computing during his 57-year career. A column on *Donald A. MacRae: An Under-Recognized Canadian Astronomer* is in press.

C. Beckett & R.A. Rosenfeld, “Camelopardalis”, *RASC Observers Handbook 2019*, ed. J.S. Edgar (Toronto: RASC, 2018), p. 272–273

R.A. Rosenfeld, *Richard A. Jarrell (1946–2013)*, 2018, BAAS, 50, 027

R.A. Rosenfeld, *The Pleiades, the Deluge, and the Dead: How the RASC Became a Publisher of Anthropology in the Service of Theology*, 2019, JRASC, 113, 98–104

D.G. Turner: the draft of his book entitled *The Mysteries of Lunenburg's Church of the Stars* awaits a publisher.