

# Canadian Astronomical Society Société Canadienne d'Astronomie

## Meeting of the Board of Directors via videoconference

Minutes for Oct. 6, 2021

### **Present:**

#### **Board Members:**

Rob Thacker (Acting President)  
Erik Rosolowsky (Acting Vice President)  
Judith Irwin (Secretary)  
Lewis Knee (Treasurer)  
Laura Parker (Director)  
Ivana Damjanov (Director)  
Nicole St-Louis (Director)  
Étienne Artigau (Director)

### **1. Adoption of Agenda**

The agenda was adopted by consensus.

### **2. Minutes from Sept. 8 meeting**

Moved by Laura and seconded by Nicole to approve the minutes of the Sept. 8, 2021 meeting.  
Passed.

### **3. President's Update**

Rob noted that he had two updates to provide, one on the status of the SKA and the government transition, while the second was on societal conflict issues. Due to the confidential nature of the discussion it was moved by Laura and seconded by Étienne to have the President's Update in camera. Passed.

### **4. LCRIC (LRP Community Recommendation Implentation Committee) and Confidentiality Policy**

Christine Wilson, Chair of the LCRIC, has written up a draft 'confidentiality policy' which was forwarded to the Board in advance of today's meeting. A discussion ensued about the draft document with several suggestions for amendments.

Rob will discuss these suggestions with Christine.

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## **5. Social Media Discussion with Jesse Rogerson**

Jesse Rogerson, who is on the Education and Public Outreach (EPO) subcommittee handling social media issues, joined the Board meeting at this point to explain what is needed to make better use of various social media platforms (e.g. Twitter, Instagram). The Chair of the EPO (Nathalie Ouelette) was also invited but had a time conflict.

The Board, along with Jesse, discussed possible work-flows that would carve out an effective plan for social media use. The main need is for content, which would be especially useful if contributed by more CASCA members. Content could then be streamed to the EPO subcommittee to vet and then post, if the content is justified.

The Board was reminded that the subcommittee is very small and only a few members have the password to the social media sites. Anyone who makes a post in CASCA's name must ensure that they do so in a manner that follows CASCA's Social Media Policy.

There is considerable enthusiasm for this project and the Board would like to encourage it.

Judith will speak to our webmaster, Don Hutton, about setting up a form on the CASCA website for input to a casca email account that can be accessed by the small EPO subcommittee member(s) who will make the posts. An email on the CASCA exploder can inform the membership that this is available (when it is).

## **6. Membership Campaign**

The membership campaign can begin on Tuesday after the Thanksgiving Monday. Lewis and Judith will check into previous timelines.

## **7. Conference Support**

Two conference support applications were received. One from Denis Leahy for an in-person meeting in 2022, and one from the CUPC. The Board has agreed to award \$1000 for the Leahy meeting. There was lack of clarity about the CUPC meeting, though, whether it was virtual or in-person. Lewis will check to see what we have awarded them in the past and also ask for clarity on the in-person or virtual aspect.

## **8. Any Other Business**

Erik circulated in advance of the Board meeting, the "Guide to Hosting an Annual General Meeting" which the Board has seen before, from the efforts of Samar Safi-Harb. The Board had no further suggestions for improvement.

Moved by Rob and seconded by Étienne to accept the document. Passed.

## **9. Adjourn**

Moved by Rob and seconded by Laura, to adjourn the meeting. Passed.