

Canadian Astronomical Society Société Canadienne d'Astronomie

Meeting of the Board of Directors via videoconference

Minutes for Jan. 11, 2022

Present:

Board Members:

Rob Thacker (Acting President)
Judith Irwin (Secretary)
Lewis Knee (Treasurer)
Laura Parker (Director)
Étienne Artigau (Director)
Ivana Damjanov (Director)

Absent:

Erik Rosolowsky (Acting Vice-President)
Julie Hlavacek-Larrondo (Director)

1. Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was adopted by consensus.

2. Minutes from Dec. 15, 2021 Board meeting

Adoption of previous Board minutes was moved by Rob and seconded by Lewis. Passed.

3. President's Report

a) Coalition Update

There has been a significant turnover of staff in government offices that are key to our agenda, so we need to work hard to get our message across. The plan is to push on a series of meetings with government at the end of this month and into February. The new House of Commons Science and Technology Committee is now chaired by Kirsty Duncan.

b) Meeting with Equity and Inclusivity Committee (EIC) and follow-up

A meeting was held with the EIC, facilitated by a conflict resolution officer. This meeting was run in a 'table' format, in which each member was asked their opinion about the resignations that had occurred recently by the President and Vice-President. Each individual on the EIC could give their views and the meeting was positively received (although only one hour). There was a general belief that we can do better as a society and that communication could be improved. Rob is drafting a statement for Cassiopeia, directed to the society as a whole.

c) In camera discussion of concerns expressed to President

Moved by Rob and seconded by Laura to move in-camera. Passed.

Moved by Rob and seconded by Ivana to move out of in-camera. Passed.

4. 2022 Nominations for Board

We need elections for President, Vice-President, Secretary and Director positions at the next AGM. A message has already been circulated on the CASCA exploder inviting nominations from any member in good standing. Our nominating committee is being contacted about this. Each Board member is being asked for suggested names as well.

5. Any Other Business

None

6. Adjourn

Moved by Laura and seconded by Etienne, to adjourn. Passed.

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