

Canadian Astronomical Society Société Canadienne d'Astronomie

Meeting of the Board of Directors via videoconference

Minutes for April 5, 2022

Present:

Board Members:

Rob Thacker (Acting President)

Judith Irwin (Secretary)

Lewis Knee (Treasurer)

Laura Parker (Director) Étienne Artigau (Director)

Julie Hlavacek-Larrondo (Director)

Ivana Damjanov (Director)

Erik Rosolowsky (Acting Vice-President)

1. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Erik and seconded by Ivana to adopt the agenda. Passed.

2. Minutes from Mar. 11, 2022 Board meeting

Moved by Laura and seconded by Étienne to accept the minutes with minor changes. Passed.

3. President's Report

a) Coalition update

There has been one meeting in the past few months with Andy Fillmore, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry, Francois-Philippe Champagne. Our representatives were Rob and Kristine Spekkens. This was a good meeting at which SKA was discussed, including the timelines.

We are hoping for a meeting with some members of the Standing Committee on Science and Research, which is chaired by Kirsty Duncan. The budget will be released this Thursday but we are not expecting the SKA to be mentioned in this particular budget.

We are hoping for more meetings before parliament suspends.

b) Reconciliation

Rob has spoken to 'Reconciliation Canada' (<https://reconciliationcanada.ca>). This non-profit group offers a number of different courses related to reconciliation. Of the options, they

recommend their 3-hour program which costs \$80/person. This is a self-guided on-line course with quizzes and they offer a certificate at the end. They also offer advice, as requested. This is recommended for current Board members and new Board members as they take up their positions.

Rob moves that we pay for this course for all current Board members and make it available for new Board members. Seconded by Erik. Passed.

c) President's Advisory Circle:

As was discussed in the community in the fall, the goal is to build conversations and relationships. Rob would be the president. Once we hear from LCRIC, we can populate the committee and would need Terms of Reference.

d) Westar

Rob Cockroft has been in touch about Westar. They are trying to reorganize and consult widely about the use of Westar funds. A final report will likely come after the next Annual General Meeting (AGM).

e) Conflict Resolution

There have been ongoing discussions with the Equity and Inclusivity Committee (EIC) along with a conflict resolution advisor. These meetings have been very good. One was on March 1 and one more facilitated meeting is planned.

Apparently there have been several requests under the Freedom of Information Act for copies of emails that were exchanged around the time of the last 2021 AGM when one session was cancelled.

4. Nominations

Progress has been made by the nominating committee regarding individuals who would be willing to stand for election to the Board at the upcoming AGM. We currently have people willing to stand for Director as well as Secretary. There is no one yet for Vice President and President.

Moved by Rob and seconded by Erik to go in-camera. Passed. Moved by Rob and seconded by Ivana to come out of in-camera. Passed.

5. Vice-President's Report

Erik will be contacting committee chairs to see what positions need to be filled on those committees. Once he has a complete list, he will circulate a call for potential members on the CASCA exploder. Erik will also ask for reports from committee chairs for presentation at the AGM.

6. Any Other Business

None

7. Adjourn

Moved by Erik and seconded by Lewis to adjourn. Passed.