

Report of the Secretary Board Meeting, Dec. 15, 2021

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1) CASCA Board

The current CASCA Board membership (terms of service) is:

Interim President: Rob Thacker (2021-2022)

Interim Vice-President: Erik Rosolowsky (2021-2022)

Secretary: Judith Irwin (2019-2022)

Treasurer: Lewis Knee (2019-2022)

Director: Étienne Artigau (2019-2022)

Director: Laura Parker (2020-2023)

Director: Ivana Damjanov (2019-2022)

Director: Julie Hlavacek-Larrondo (2020-2023) (On leave 2021)

Director: Nicole St-Louis (2021)

Elections for new Board members will be needed at the next AGM in 2022.

2) CASCA Membership

CASCA accepts members in the following categories:

- **Ordinary member** (professionally engaged in research or teaching in astronomy or a related science) – **Includes Regular, PDFs, plus Retired.**
- **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)
- **Graduate Student member** (enrolled and continuing in a program of graduate studies in astronomy or astrophysics at a recognized university)
- **Undergraduate Student member -- new membership category as of the 2021 AGM** (enrolled in a program of undergraduate studies in astronomy, astrophysics, physics, or related science areas at a recognized university who are, or have recently been, engaged in research)
- **Corporate member**

Detailed requirements for each category and application forms are available on the CASCA website. The **dues are to be paid in the Fall (usually Sept.)**. Note that members who have let their membership lapse are required to pay a reinstatement fee when they rejoin. To avoid the reinstatement fee, those who do not wish to remain a CASCA member must resign in writing, by sending an e-mail message to the CASCA Secretary at CASCA-Secretary@casca.ca. First year graduate students can become members for free for their first year of graduate studies. Also all members of the Graduate Students Committee are exempt from paying fees.

3) Membership Statistics (as of Nov. 30, 2021)

	2021 In good standing	2021 1-year in arrears	2021 2-years in arrears	2021 In good standing +1yr in arrears
Honorary	2	N/A	N/A	2
Corporate	4	1	2	5
Ordinary ¹	286	105	7	391
Associate	9	4	0	13
Student	81	69	14	150
Total	382	179	23	561

1. For all years, includes numbers of regular ordinary members, PDFs, retired members, and CASCA+CAP members. (Note: CAP is the Canadian Association of Physicists.) The Student category includes all graduate and undergraduate students as well as students who have taken advantage of the CASCA+CAP membership category for students.

4) CASCA Email Exploder List

Overall, our new **sendinblue** email exploder system is working well. However, if there is a glitch (e.g. the computer on the receiving end fluctuates or is briefly down and does not receive emails), then all people who normally receive email through their problematic local server are automatically put on the 'black list'. This means that they no longer receive CASCA emails. I have been returning people onto the normal list, as I become aware of the problem. The webmaster has now made a list of all 'blacklisted' people and I have asked the Administrator to provide me with a list of members who are in good standing from that list. When I have received her list, I will 'un-blacklist' these people.

At present, there are 647 people on the CASCA email exploder list. Some of this is because people have registered two different email addresses to ensure that they receive emails at home during the pandemic. However, it is clear that a significant number of people are receiving CASCA email without being members in good standing. Between now and the next Annual General Meeting, I will attempt to rectify this discrepancy.