

CANADIAN ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY / SOCIÉTÉ CANADIENNE D'ASTRONOMIE

Minutes of the thirty-third Annual General Meeting

12th May, 2002, Penticton, BC

Russell Taylor, President of the Society, called the meeting to order at 3:45pm with approximately 70 members present.

1. Adoption of the agenda / Adoption de l'ordre du jour

Motion 1

Moved that the agenda be approved: Jim Hesser; seconded: Doug Johnstone; carried

The agenda reads as follows:

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| 1. | Adoption of the agenda | Adoption de l'ordre du jour |
| 2. | Adoption of the minutes of the 2001 AGM | Adoption du compte rendu de la réunion de l'an 2001 |
| 3. | Selection of scrutineers | Sélection des surveillants d'élection |
| 4. | Call for nominations to nominating committee | Appel pour nominations pour le comité de Nomination |
| 5. | Business arising from the minutes | Affaires découlant du compte rendu |
| 6. | President's report | Rapport du président |
| 7. | Secretary's report | Rapport du secrétaire |
| 8. | Treasurer's report | Rapport du trésorier |
| 9. | Update and Plans for LRP | Nouvelles et future du PLT |
| 10. | ACURA | ACURA |
| 11. | Response to Committee Reports | Réponse aux rapports du Comité |
| 12. | Motions from the floor | Propositions de l'assemblée |
| 13. | Future CASCA meetings | Prochaines réunions |
| 14. | Results of the election | Résultat des élections |
| 15. | Nominations to Nominating Committee | Nomination du comité des nominations |
| 16. | Other business | Divers |
| 17. | Adjournment | Levée de l'assemblée |

2. Adoption of the minutes of the 2001 AGM / Adoption du compte rendu de la réunion de l'an 2001

Motion 2

Moved that the minutes be approved: Serge Demers; seconded: Gilles Joncas; carried

3. Selection of scrutineers / Sélection des surveillants d'élection

R. Taylor called for volunteer scrutineers to count the ballots for election of officials to the Society. Carmell Robert and Sylvie Beaulieu volunteered.

4. Call for nominations to the Nominating committee / Appel de nominations pour le comité de Nomination

R. Taylor explained that he will call later in the meeting for nominations to the Nominating committee. Two members are needed each year. He asked members to think of candidates who can be nominated later during the meeting.

5. Business arising from the minutes / Affaires découlant du compte rendu

The President indicated that the issue of gender terminology in the minutes, which had been raised by the Graduate Student committee, was being dealt with by a task force consisting of David Hanes and Jim Hesser. Revisions would be prepared for a vote by the next AGM.

Michael De Robertis spoke briefly about plans for running a summer school at York, Summer 2003, to be sponsored by CASCA, HIA and possibly others.

6. President's report / Rapport du président

The President reported that promotion of the LRP would be covered in detail later in the meeting.

The 2003 IAU General assembly is to be held in Sydney, Australia. Applications for new membership must be submitted in advance of the General Assembly and information regarding membership will be sent out by email in the Fall. There is an outstanding invitation to host the 2009 General Assembly; the Calgary bid for 2006 lost to Prague.

A new CASCA committee, "Solar System and Planetary Studies, had been approved by the Board with Brett Gladman as the first chair. The field is under-represented in Canada and the creation of the new committee is an appropriate response by CASCA consistent with its mandate to support its members and promote scientific activity.

The President drew the attention of the Society to the outstanding support that Peter Jansen of Amec Dynamic Systems has provided to the LRP and community and noted that the Society owes a huge debt of gratitude to both Jansen and Michael Jolliffe for their efforts. The President presented a certificate to Peter Jansen from the Society in recognition of these efforts; the certificate was accepted by Michael Jolliffe.

7. Secretary's report / Rapport du secrétaire

Changes in membership since May 2001

New Ordinary members:

Ashish Asgekar	Manitoba
Pauline Barmby	CfA
James DiFrances	co HIA
Brett Gladman	UBC
Sergiy Mashchen	ko Montreal
Robert Myers	Perimeter
Rene Plume	Calgary
David Schade	HIA
Jeroen Stil	Calgary
Robert Thacker	McMaster
James Wadsley	McMaster

Student members changing to Ordinary members:

Yvan Dutil	ABB Bomem Inc
Martin Houde	Caltech
Henry Lee	MPA/Heidelberg
Brenda Matthews	Berkeley
Kathryn Perrett	Queen's
Eric Steinbring	Lick
Stephanie Wilder	Calgary

New Student members:

Etienne Artigau	Montreal
Chris Cameron	UBC
Kristen Coppin	UBC
Robert Ferdman	UBC
Marjorie Gonzalez	Manitoba
Tara Hargreaves	McMaster
Amy Mason	McMaster
Rosemary McNaughton	Toronto
Robert Reid	Toronto
Anna Sajina	UBC
Tyron Tsui	UBC
Jennifer West	Manitoba

Members who have resigned:

Robert Chambers
Pat Cote
Dale Frail
Todd Fuller
Magdalen Normandeau
Steve Shorlin
Kate Su

The secretary reported the deaths of three Charter Members of the Society: Jack Grant of Orillia and Lorne Doherty and Malcolm Thomson both of Ottawa. The Society stood and observed a minute of silence in memory of these members.

Members expelled:

Loic Albert
Hugues Demers
Bradley Gibson
Leopoldo Infante
Mario Lelievre
Georgi Mandushev
Alexei Razoumov
Michael Seymour
Kristina Skaret

8. Treasurer's report / Rapport du trésorier

D. Hanes presented the financial statements for the Society accounts for the year ending March 31st 2002. The Treasurer noted that there were no funds in the Westar account at March 31st, but since then some funds have flowed and are now invested.

The question of whether or not an audit was required for all of the accounts, particularly those with a very low number of transactions, was being investigated.

Motion 3

Moved, subject to determining the requirement for audit, that the Treasurer's report be approved: D. Hanes; seconded: T. Landecker; carried

9. Update and Plans for LRP / Nouvelles et future du PLT

R. Taylor presented an update on the LRP. Sources for some 2/3 of the funding for the 1st five years of the LRP have been identified. In support of NAPRA, NRC has made a capital contribution of \$24M and CFI has been approached for the \$5.4M ALMA site tax and \$23M to fund the EVLA development. The CFI route was mandated by the various funding agencies and a proposal was submitted by the University of Calgary on behalf of the community. The CFI Board meets June 18th and the decision is expected to be released shortly thereafter. The LRP is funded for LOT and SKA development for the first 2-3 years through NRC enhancements.

Taylor noted that we need to identify the remaining 30% for the first 5 year period. He noted that two, 5 year periods were mandated and this may be politically advantageous. Canadian astronomy will need a good track record when we go back. We will need to continue to engage the government, maintain the Coalition for Astronomy and develop the plan. We will need, in particular, to have a mid course review in 2004 and to consider how to involve space astronomy.

D. Crabtree asked why we would wait for 2004 for the mid course review and when can we expect more money. Taylor responded that we are already rapidly approaching 2003 and that Industry Canada is expecting a renewed approach for funds from Canadian Astronomy.

Hesser addressed the AGM with details of the NRC allocations and progress at HIA. He noted that there were many opportunities for partnerships and reinforced the need for a concerted push for the next five years funding.

Michael Jolliffe of Amec addressed the meeting and outlined the steps to the present and noted that NRC and CFI together would bring in \$70M with \$95M needed for the first 5 years. He stressed that the key ingredients which have helped the LRP to success are the unified community, which includes astronomers, academics, universities and the private sector, and an excellent proposal.

10. ACURA / ACURA

G. Fahlman made a presentation to the meeting about ACURA (the Association of Canadian Universities for Research in Astronomy). The intention is to set up a body which represents the university side of the Canadian Coalition for Astronomy. It would be structured as a not-for-profit corporation owned by the participating universities and be available to all Canadians. The aim is to enable the community to access funds which are available only to universities, i.e., not to NRC. The mission and mandate of ACURA is to advance science, to manage funds and to have executive authority. The initial aim is to be able to go to the next round of CFI which is expected in the Fall. Fahlman stressed that it is important to maintain the community unity and not do anything to jeopardize NRC/HIA. A brief discussion followed in which specific questions from the floor were answered. A steering committee consisting of G. Fahlman, R. Carlberg, P. Bastien, R. Pudritz and R. Taylor is driving the establishment of ACURA over the next few months.

11. Response to Committee Reports / Réponse aux rapports du Comité

There were no comments from the floor.

12. Motions from the floor / Propositions de l'assemblée

None.

13. Future CASCA meetings / Prochaines réunions

M. Fich provided details of the next CASCA meeting at the University of Waterloo, 1st-3rd June, 2003 with the general theme of "The Formation of Structure from Planets to the Horizon."

The 2004 meeting will be held in Winnipeg jointly with CAP.

14. Results of the election / Résultat des élections

R. Taylor announced that Nancy Evans and David Turner have been elected Directors of the Society. He thanked J. English and M. West who are leaving the Board for their service.

15. Nominations to Nominating Committee / Nomination du comité des nominations

Two nominations to the nominating committee were received: Robert Lamontagne was proposed by S. Demers and M. De Robertis; and Gregg Wade was proposed by J. Landstreet and R. Lamontagne. These two new members of the committee were acclaimed.

16. Other business / Divers

R/ Lamontagne noted that 3 press releases had been generated to be released during the meeting. He noted that this was a start but that it was important to increase the number as it is a very useful component of the Society's and community's visibility. He encouraged members to look at the website for the press releases and for guidance on how to prepare one.

17. Adjournment / Levée de l'assemblée

Motion 4

Moved that the meeting be adjourned at 6:01 pm: Gretchen Harris; seconded Doug Johnstone; carried