

CANADIAN ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY/ SOCIÉTÉ CANADIENNE D'ASTRONOMIE

**Minutes of the fortieth Annual General Meeting
Isabel Bader theatre, University of Toronto
Thursday May 28, 2009, starting at 16:00**

The meeting started at 16h with about 43 members present.

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

Motion (Hanes/Racine) : to adopt the following agenda. Carried.

1. Adoption of the agenda / Adoption de l'ordre du jour (President)
2. Adoption of the minutes of the 2008 AGM / Adoption du compte rendu de la réunion de 2008 (Secretary)
3. Nominations to the Nominating committee / Nominations du comité de nomination
4. Business arising from the minutes / Affaires découlant du compte rendu
5. President's report / Rapport du Président
6. status of new awards
7. status of Coalition activities
8. Secretary's report / Rapport du Secrétaire
9. Membership report
10. By-laws Revisions; joint CAP/CASCA membership
11. Treasurer's report / Rapport du Trésorier
12. Financial statements
13. Election of Auditor / Élection du vérificateur
14. Information Items/Autres informations
 - a) International Year of Astronomy Report
15. Committee reports / Rapports des comités
16. Future CASCA meetings / Prochaines réunions de la CASCA
17. 2010 St Mary's, Halifax
18. 2011 ?
19. Other business / Divers
20. Adjournment / Levée de l'assemblée

2. Adoption of the minutes of the 2008 AGM / Adoption du compte rendu de la réunion de 2008 (Secretary)

Motion (Manset/Hanes) : to approve the minutes of the 2008 AGM. Carried.

3. Nominations to the Nominating committee / Nominations du comité de nomination

R. Racine proposes T. Webb. J. Hesser seconds.

D. Hanes proposed D. Bohlender. R. Thacker seconds.

Motion (Hanes/Thacker) : that the nominations cease. Carried.

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

None.

5. President's report / Rapport du Président

a) status of new awards

The newest award is the Peter G. Martin award.

b) status of Coalition activities

The President notes that support and funds for the TMT are needed now. There is a lot of activity related to fundraising. The LRP2010 is moving forward.

6. Secretary's report / Rapport du Secrétaire

a) Membership report

Motion (Manset/Hesser): to approve the Secretary's Report. Carried.

Racine asked if efforts were put to attract students, and Manset replied that the first year of graduate studies for a 1st year student is free. Racine emphasized that it is then the supervisor's duty to encourage students to apply for membership.

b) By-laws Revisions; joint CAP/CASCA membership

Motion (Welch/Joncas): "To amend Section 3.2) of the CASCA bylaws regarding membership:

"3.2) Ordinary members of the Corporation must be professionally engaged in research or teaching in astronomy or a related science. To be considered as 'professionally engaged' a person must hold at least a master's degree awarded by a recognized university for work related to astronomy or astrophysics, or else have equivalent experience. Ordinary members shall have a publication record indicating participation in professional astronomy. The Directors by resolution shall have discretion to waive these requirements in individual cases by a unanimous vote of the Directors entitled to vote thereon, if in the opinion of the Directors they produce a manifest anomaly. Ordinary members shall pay such dues or other assessments as shall be determined in accordance with these By-Laws.

Those Ordinary members who are engaged in graduate studies shall pay the same reduced dues or other assessments as do Student members."

to include the additional statement:

"Full members of the Canadian Association of Physicists are deemed to meet the criterion of being professionally engaged in a related science and automatically qualify for membership in CASCA. When an Ordinary member of CASCA is also a Full member of CAP in a given membership year, the CASCA dues shall be 70% of the Ordinary member dues."

and that this change come into effect at the beginning of the new membership year.

Carried.

7. Treasurer's report / Rapport du Trésorier

a) Financial statements

The Treasurer started with the general account.

Motion (Wade/Hanes): to re-engage Wilkinson as auditor for next year.

Carried.

Motion (Wade/Hesser): to approve a 500€ expense in support of IYA. Carried.

Hesser reminded the audience that the IYA fee is normally 5000€, which CASCA cannot afford. CASCA supported IYA at a lower level, but still has its logo on all official IYA documents.

Wade will look into an earlier donation made specifically for the Hogg Lecture but not explicit anymore in the CASCA Trust account.

Motion (Wade/Hanes): that the EPO coordinator contract with H. Theismeijer be renewed with a small increase for inflation. Carried.

The EPO coordinator's work will be reviewed and reported on at the next AGM.

Motion (Wade/Clement): that the financial statement be approved. Carried.

The Board has agreed to handle the Promo-Science grant to PI John Percy.

The investments taken care of by Scotia-McLeol earned some income despite the stagnant market; to have maintained value of investment despite the difficult economy is a feat!

Hanes reminded the audience that there is no legal requirement to keep the capital value of the Westar fund. It is a general requirement that can be broken if needed by circumstances.

Motion (Wade/Hanes): to accept the auditor's report. Carried.

8. Election of Auditor / Élection du vérificateur

See above.

9. Information Items/Autres informations

a) International Year of Astronomy Report

J. Hesser reported that IYA is going extremely well. The partnership between FAAQ, RASC and CASCA is also going very well. There were over 1360

events registered, and over 400 more events are planned. Hesser made a plea to report and record all events. There is a desire to create a legacy. Hesser noted that the CASCA donations are low (1/3 of the goal).

10. Committee reports / Rapports des comités

Reports were received and reviewed by the Board and will be posted on the web. There are no pressing issues.

11. Future CASCA meetings / Prochaines réunions de la CASCA

D. Welch congratulated R. Jayawardhana for CASCA 2009.

a) 2010 St Mary's, Halifax

R. Thacker is on the LOC for CASCA 2010 in Halifax. The banquet will be held at Pier21.

b) 2011 ?

D. Welch proposes that CASCA 2011 be held at the University of Western Ontario.

12. Other business / Divers

S. Machenko suggested that a committee be formed to figure out why astronomy in Canada is not getting a proper share of the available funds, and why astronomy is underfunded with respect to other countries. Hickson replied that this will be addressed as part of the LRP2010.

13. Adjournment / Levée de l'assemblée

Motion (Hanes/Thacker): to adjourn. Carried.