

Alliance for Astronomy, Inc.  
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors  
10 October 2004

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Alliance for Astronomy, Inc. was held at the St. Charles Community College, Cottleville, Missouri on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of October 2004 at 6:00 pm.

The following were present, being a quorum: James M. Roe, Yvonne J. Roe, Stacey Thater, Steve House. Also present was Jim Phillips, the newly appointed liaison to our board from the The St. Charles County Parks Citizens Advisory Board.

The Secretary presented a waiver of notice of the meeting which is filed with the minutes of the meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting, having been presented before the meeting, were reviewed in lieu of reading. Upon motion duly made, seconded and passed unanimously the minutes were approved as written and entered into the records of the corporation.

The Chairperson's Report was submitted in writing and, having been presented before the meeting was briefly reviewed. Among the items reviewed were the notice that a written letter from the Chairperson of the St. Charles County Parks Citizens Advisory Board stated that the board had unanimously voted to endorse the concept of our astronomy park proposal for inclusion in a county park. One of their board members, Mr. Jim Phillips had been detailed to serve as liaison from their board to ours. Mr. Phillips was invited to attend this and all board meetings and was present as noted above. Mr. Phillips expressed his pleasure at our activities and his willingness to help us in any way possible. In particular, Mr. Phillips would be happy to sit in with our newly formed Building Committee and to offer his review and advice of whatever plans they may come up with.

The Chairperson's report is attached to the minutes.

In the absence of Treasurer Hoff, Chairperson Roe presented the quarterly finance statement as required by the Bylaws. A copy is attached to the minutes.

The Chairperson presented several new ideas for the meeting hall and site layout, beginning with one from architect Richard Brouk and followed by several variations on Brouk's theme by Jim Roe. While any final design must be approved by the Board, it was recognized that a potential funder for the building should be given due respect in what he/she/they would be willing to pay for and, perhaps, associate their name with. Director Thater said that he would pass around the sketches and try to get responses from a more general audience. Chairperson Roe said he would show the sketches to a builder-friend of his who had expressed interest in perhaps supporting our efforts at some level.

Director Thater reported on the seminar he attended on September 2, 2004 on the legal aspects of volunteers and presented a written summary of the most salient points of the seminar for our projected activities, which is attached to the minutes. He also displayed the handout materials from the seminar which are quite comprehensive. The board

decided it would be very helpful if we could recruit a volunteer cognizant in such personnel matters to help us with this extremely important task and all agreed to help find such a person.

The Board reviewed a proposed Non-Discrimination Policy which upon motion made, seconded and approved unanimously was adopted. A copy of the policy is attached to the minutes and made a permanent record of the corporation.

The Board reviewed four proposed amendments to the Bylaws which had been presented to the entire board earlier. In as much as the Bylaws require a 14 day waiting period from such presentation before a vote can be taken, the board agreed that action could be taken in writing under Section 3.2 of the Bylaws and written ballots were distributed. Any Bylaw amendments approved by a 2/3 majority of those voting would not go into effect until November 1, 2004 to allow a conservative interpretation of the 14 day requirement. The results of the voting will be reported at the next meeting.

Upon discussion and motion duly made, seconded and unanimously approved, the board established a Building Committee and charged it with the responsibility to study building concepts, prepare lists of furnishings and equipment necessary to carry out our mission, coordinate with St. Charles County Parks personnel and to make recommendations to the board for board approval. The Bylaws state that the chairperson of said committee is to be appointed by the Chairperson and must be a Director.

Upon discussion and motion duly made, seconded and unanimously approved, the board established a Science Committee and charged it with the responsibility to study programming needs and equipment to further our mission and to produce lists of such equipment and accessories for recommendation to the board. The Bylaws state that the chairperson of said committee is to be appointed by the Chairperson and must be a Director.

Director House reported on his efforts to refine our policies with respect to youth and children. He is not yet ready to make firm recommendations to the board, but submitted his working notes for the board to study along with him. A copy of his notes are attached to the minutes.

Chairperson Roe put forth some candidate meeting dates for 2005 as follows:

January 13, 2005  
April 21, 2005  
July 14, 2005  
October 13, 2005

Each member is asked to review these dates with their own schedules and perhaps reserve them. The Bylaws require that the board meet at least once per quarter.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Yvonne J. Roe, Secretary