

Alliance for Astronomy, Inc.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
November 16, 2006

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Alliance for Astronomy, Inc. was held at Cottleville, Missouri on the 16th day of November 2006 at 5:45 pm.

The following were present: Stacey Thater, John Hoff, Carl Sandstedt, Scott Campbell and Erika Gibb (by telephone conference). James Roe, the Executive Director, and Yvonne Roe, Corporate Secretary were also present.

Stacey Thater presented a copy of the notice of the meeting which was filed with the minutes of the meeting.

On motion properly made and seconded, the minutes of the meeting of July 20, 2006 were approved unanimously.

James Roe presented the Executive Directors report. Highlights include

- Financial statements showing the corporation is solvent and operating within Board Policies
- A review of activities in support of the mission of the corporation showed that the chief public outreach program is the Astronomical Society of Eastern Missouri which currently has 29 paid members and conducts at least three regular meetings every month at the Weldon Spring Site Interpretive Center.
- A new outreach activity in the form of supporting the Science Olympiad team of St. Charles West High School is scheduled to begin immediately.
- An active search for a suitable location to build a public astronomy center and to erect the telescopes owned by the corporation is still in progress.

Board Policy LINKAGE #2D "Monitoring Executive Director Performance" requires, among other things, that an external review of Financial Condition and Activities be conducted annually and that an external review of Compensation and Benefits be conducted biannually. Such external reviews would be prohibitively costly at this stage of the corporations life and are well beyond the best practices and recommendations of the Better Business Bureau. Accordingly, on motion duly made, seconded and passed unanimously, the Board opted to change the words "External" as they apply to the above referenced policy to "As directed by Board" and the Secretary of the Corporation was directed to make the amendments to the official copies of the Policies and to distribute a copy of the altered page to all Board Members.

Upon motion properly made, seconded and passed unanimously, the Board directed the Finance Committee to receive the financial statements for the year 2006 from the Executive Director and to ascertain whether Board Policies are being followed and to report such findings to the full Board.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 18, 2007 at 5:30 pm at the St. Charles Community College.

The meeting adjourned at 6:54 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Yvonne J. Roe, Secretary