

Alliance for Astronomy, Inc.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors  
January 18, 2007

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Alliance for Astronomy, Inc. was held at Cottleville, Missouri on the 18th day of January at 5:38 pm.

The following were present: Stacey Thater, John Hoff, Carl Sandstedt, Jan Lewien, Jim Twellman and Erika Gibb. 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 November 16, 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 written report covering all of 2006 was distributed to the Board prior to the meeting and a copy is posted on the web site at <http://st-charles-astro.org/archives/category/reports/>
- The search for a suitable location to build a public astronomy center and to erect the telescopes owned by the corporation is still in progress, with current emphasis on sites in Wentzville, Missouri.
- The Executive Director plans to apply for Leadership St. Charles, a year-long program to build knowledge of St. Charles County issues and leaders.

The Audit committee consisting of John Hoff and Stacey Thater reported that their independent review of the financial statements and condition of the corporation prepared by the Executive Director was satisfactory. Upon motion properly made, seconded and passed unanimously, the Board approved the report and findings of the Audit Committee..

The Executive Director reported that he had produced written policies on "Use of Donated Funds and In-Kind Gifts" and "Whistle Blowing/Compliance Policy" and posted them on the web site at <http://st-charles-astro.org/archives/category/executive-directors-policies/>. In as much as the Director's policy on Whistle Blowing could only state that complaints against the Director should be directed to the Board for investigation and resolution, the Board requires a detailed policy on how it will handle such matters. An ad hoc committee consisting of Erika Gibb and John Hoff was appointed to draft such a policy for consideration at the next meeting.

Jim Twellman's term as Director expired with this meeting but Mr. Twellman agreed to serve another term. Upon motion duly made, seconded and approved unanimously, Mr. Twellman was elected to a new three-year term expiring in January 2010.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 17, 2007 at 5:30 pm at the St. Charles Community College.

The meeting adjourned at 6:36 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Yvonne J. Roe, Secretary