

Alliance for Astronomy, Inc.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
April 17, 2007

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Alliance for Astronomy, Inc. was held at Cottleville, Missouri on the 17th day of April at 5:43 pm.

The following were present: Stacey Thater, John Hoff, Carl Sandstedt, 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 January 18, 2007 were approved unanimously.

James Roe presented the Executive Directors report. Highlights include

- Financial statements showing the corporation is solvent and operating within Board Policies
- Applications for grants to purchase a scientific-grade camera for the 32-inch telescope and to purchase a dedicated solar telescope are in the review process.
- The architect firm of aedis incorporated has offered to do a concept design study for the proposed astronomy center at no cost.
- 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 the "Westplex" area.
- Membership in the Astronomical Society of Eastern Missouri continues healthy and growing. Public star gazing events in St. Charles County Parks are scheduled from April through October.

Under "Committee Reports," the ad hoc committee working on the Board conflict of interest policy reported their work was complete and they will bring a final version for Board consideration at the next meeting.

The ad hoc committee working on a Whistle-Blower policy as it relates to complaints about the Executive Director will submit a revised document at the next meeting.

Under "New Business," the Executive Director presented a draft of his strategic plan and asked for comments at the next meeting. Chairperson Stacey Thater appointed himself and Jim Twellman as an ad hoc committee to study and draft a strategic plan for the Board itself.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 12, 2007 at 5:30 pm at the St. Charles Community College.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and approved unanimously, the meeting adjourned at 6:28 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Yvonne J. Roe, Secretary