

Alliance for Astronomy, Inc.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
July 12, 2007

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Alliance for Astronomy, Inc. was held at Cottleville, Missouri on the 12th day of July at 5:33 pm.

The following were present: Stacey Thater, John Hoff, Carl Sandstedt, Jim Twellman, Scott Campbell and Erika Gibb. James Roe, the Executive Director, and Yvonne Roe, Corporate Secretary were also present.

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

On motion properly made and seconded, the minutes of the meeting of April 17, 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
- Membership in the Astronomical Society of Eastern Missouri continues healthy and growing and now stands at 39 paid members. Public star gazing events in St. Charles County Parks have commenced with 4 to date and more scheduled through October.
- The Society's web page continues to attract readership with an average of 184 visits per day in July. The Society's email discussion group has 128 members.
- The 32-in telescope has been set up in a temporary site and provides a unique resource for public outreach. It is an easy-to-use yet large telescope.
- An application for a grant to purchase a scientific-grade camera resulted in the award of \$4,000 from the Employees Community Fund of Boeing St. Louis. Another \$4,000 is needed and the Board was challenged to help raise that amount.
- The architect firm of aedis incorporated prepared a concept design study for the proposed astronomy center at no cost. This study has been presented to potential land donors.
- Once a land donation is received, a development board will be organized to raise money to build the center following the concept study.

Under "Old Business," the ad hoc committee working on the Board conflict of interest policy submitted their final draft which was adopted unanimously upon proper motion and second. The policy was placed at Level Govern #2E-1 under Govern #2E Board Members' Code of Conduct.

The ad hoc committee working on a Whistle-Blower policy as it relates to complaints about the Executive Director submitted their final draft which was adopted unanimously upon proper motion and second. The policy revokes the previously enacted policy of July 20, 2006 and replaces it in its entirety. The new policy was placed at Level EL #2A-1 under Level EL #2A Treatment of Consumers.

The ad hoc committee to draft a Board Strategic Plan reported they are meeting and anticipate having a report ready for the next meeting.

Under "New Business," Chairperson Stacey Thater noted that three Board positions expire in January and stated that he would poll each of the affected Directors as to their desire to accept another three year term. Should a Director express a desire to retire, the Chairperson will contact the rest of the Board to form a search committee for a suitable replacement.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 18, 2007 at 5:30 pm at the St. Charles Community College but the Chairperson requested that everyone hold September 20, 2007 open should it be determined that the new member search committee needs an extra meeting before the January meeting at which the elections of members is mandated by the Bylaws.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and approved unanimously, the meeting adjourned at 6:29 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Yvonne J. Roe, Secretary