

Alliance for Astronomy, Inc.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
October 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 October at 5:52 pm.

The following were present: Stacey Thater, Carl Sandstedt, Jim Twellman, Scott Campbell and Jan Lewien. James Roe, the Executive Director, Yvonne Roe, Corporate Secretary and Board candidates Amy White and Bob Judd were also present.

Stacey Thater presented a copy of the 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 July 12, 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 43 paid members.
- The Society's web page continues to attract readership with an average of 146 visits per day in October.
- The 32-in telescope is approaching the status of a first-rate research-capable instrument with the purchase of a research-grade camera.
- The search for an Astronomy Center site continues with promising indications from a land owner in New Melle.
- We are planning to produce a one-man "Astronomy as Art" show featuring the work of ASEM member Gregg Ruppel. The show will be in the St. Peters Community and Cultural Center starting June 14, 2008 for one month.
- ASEM will host the 2008 convention of the Mid-States Region of the Astronomical League June 20-21, 2008 at the St. Charles Community College.

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 reported Board Member Janet Lewien submitted a letter of resignation from the Board effective with this meeting and directed that the letter should be attached to the minutes of this meeting. Chairperson Thater also reported that his canvas of the Board Members whose terms expire in January 2008 revealed that John Hoff would not seek re-election. Bob Judd was nominated to fill Jan Lewien's remaining term (to January 2010). Upon motion properly made and seconded, Mr. Judd was elected to the Board by unanimous vote. Upon proper motion made, seconded and approved unanimously, Amy White was nominated to appear on the Ballot for Board membership to be presented and voted upon at the January 17, 2008 meeting.

In addition to Ms. White, members Scott Campbell and Carl Sandstedt will be on the ballot for three year terms.

The terms of the remaining members will expire on:

Stacey Thater – January 2009
Erika Gibb – January 2009
Jim Twellman – January 2010
Bob Judd – January 2010

The next meeting is scheduled for January 17, 2008 at 5:30 pm at the St. Charles Community College.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and approved unanimously, the meeting adjourned at 6:34 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Yvonne J. Roe, Secretary