

Alliance for Astronomy, Inc.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
January 17, 2008

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Alliance for Astronomy, Inc. was held at Cottleville, Missouri on the 17th day of January at 5:32 pm.

The following were present: Stacey Thater, Carl Sandstedt, Jim Twellman, Scott Campbell, Bob Judd and, by telephone conference call Erika Gibb. James Roe, the Executive Director, Yvonne Roe, Corporate Secretary and Board candidate Amy White 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 October 18, 2007 were approved unanimously.

James Roe presented the Executive Director's annual report. A copy is filed with these minutes and a copy will be placed on the Corporation's web site.

The ad hoc committee to draft a Board Strategic Plan reported the draft plan is not yet complete but Chairperson Thater presented a copy of the first parts of the proposed plan and promised to email a complete copy to all members soon..

Under "New Business," Chairperson Stacey Thater presented a ballot for the election of members to fill the three terms that expire with this meeting. On the ballot were Scott Campbell, Carl Sandstedt and Amy White with places for write-in candidates. Before the vote, Carl Sandstedt asked to remove his name from the ballot. The vote was taken and the results tallied by the Secretary who reported five votes for Scott Campbell and five votes for Amy White. These totals being a majority of the Directors in attendance, Scott Campbell and Amy White were declared elected to three terms expiring in January 2011.

Chairperson Thater reminded the Board that the position of Chairperson is at the pleasure of the Board and that he had served for some four years and wished to open the possibility that another member might take over the duties. After discussion and a motion properly made, seconded and passed unanimously, Stacey Thater was confirmed to continue in the role of Chairperson.

Chairperson Thater reported that the Executive Director had requested an increase in his contracted fee of \$1,000 per month and reported that the matter had been studied at a Board work session the previous week. After discussion, Scott Campbell made the motion to modify the Director's contract to increase his monthly fee by \$1,000 for a period of one year beginning on March 1, 2008. Stacey Thater seconded the motion and the vote was taken as follows:

Scott Campbell – Yea
Bob Judd – Yea
Jim Twellman – Yea
Stacey Thater – Nay
Amy White – Nay
Carl Sandstedt – Abstain
Erika Gibb – Abstain

As the Bylaws of the Corporation do not permit abstentions, the two abstaining votes were counted as Nays and the measure was deemed defeated.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and approved unanimously, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Yvonne J. Roe, Secretary