

Alliance for Astronomy, Inc.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
April 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 April at 5:30 pm.

The following were present: Stacey Thater, Jim Twellman, Scott Campbell and Erika Gibb. James Roe, the Executive Director, Yvonne Roe, Corporate Secretary 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 January 17, 2008 were approved unanimously.

Under the agenda item "Committee Reports," Chairperson Thater reported that the ad hoc committee to draft a Board Strategic Plan had been studying executive compensation but that the draft report was not yet ready but would be completed and emailed to all Board members soon.

Under "Old Business," Chairperson Thater reminded all that the Executive Director has announced plans to form a Development Board to help with fund raising once a land donation is secured and asked for all Board members to be on the lookout for potential members.

Under "New Business," Chairperson Thater announced that he would be retiring from the Board when his current term expires in January 2009 and suggested that a new Chairperson can be selected in advance of that date.

James Roe presented the Executive Director's report with the following high lights.

The Astronomical Society of Eastern Missouri continues to meet and appears healthy and robust with 46 paid members and typical attendance of some 25 at meetings. ASEM has scheduled a trivia night fund raiser for May, an astronomical art show for June and will host the 2008 convention of the Mid-States Region of the Astronomical League in June at the Community College.

ASEM has "contracted" to deliver Star Gazing events in St. Charles County Parks again this coming Spring through Summer. Most of these events will be conducted in the yet-to-be commissioned star viewing area in Broemmelsiek Park. It is fair to claim that this public, dedicated venue was inspired by Alliance.

ED Roe led a discussion about possibly revising the Corporate Mission Statement to recognize a wider commitment to community education needs and to use language that creates measurable criteria (as opposed to merely "advocating"). Also discussed was the ED's perception of how the Board can help to achieve the vision of the Corporation by extending and enlarging the ED's "circle of influence" through personal contacts by Board members. The possibility of enlarging the Board with the idea of getting even wider contacts was raised..

Upon motion duly made, seconded and approved unanimously, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Yvonne J. Roe, Secretary