

Alliance for Astronomy, Inc.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
October 23, 2008

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Alliance for Astronomy, Inc. was held at Cottleville, Missouri on the 23rd day of October at 5:08 pm.

The following were present: Stacey Thater, Amy White, Jim Twellman and Erika Gibb. James Roe, the Executive Director, Yvonne Roe, Corporate Secretary were also present. Two Board Candidates, Marvin Stewart and Wayne Clark were also present. Chairperson Thater announced that Scott Campbell had resigned from the Board citing increased personal load in his business, thereby dropping our member count to five. As such, the four members present constitute a quorum.

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 22, 2008 were approved unanimously.

The qualifications of the two Board candidates were presented and reviewed. Upon proper motion and seconding, Marvin Stewart and Wayne Clark were elected to terms ending in January 2011.

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

ED Roe presented the financial statements for the third quarter ended on September 30, 2008. It was noted that Mr. Roe has voluntarily restricted his compensation payments under his employment contract until a healthier financial condition can be achieved.

The Astronomical Society of Eastern Missouri continues to meet and appears healthy and robust with 49 paid members and typical attendance of some 25 at meetings.

Efforts to secure a land donation in New Melle have been terminated. Mr. Roe reported that the risks associated with the conditions on the donation being negotiated were too great to bear. Discussion to locate the 32-in telescope in a proposed astronomy park in association with the St. Charles Community College and the City of St. Peters has begun.

Under the agenda item Old Business, Chairperson Thater reminded the Board that the position of Chairperson will be vacant soon and to be thinking about who to nominate and elect. Also, at the next meeting in January, two Board positions expire, those of Dr. Gibb and his. Mr. Thater indicated he will be retiring so a new candidate must be sought to fill that slot. Dr. Gibb indicated a willingness to continue. In closing, Chairperson Thater requested that all members work on finding a candidate for the vacant Board position, decide on a Chairperson candidate and study the draft strategic plan for action at the next meeting.

For the record, it was noted the following terms of the Members of the Board

Bob Judd and Jim Twellman until January 2010
Amy White, Wayne Clark and Marvin Stewart until January 2011
Two seats to be renewed at next meeting until January 2012

Upon motion duly made, seconded and approved unanimously, the meeting adjourned at 6:06 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Yvonne J. Roe, Secretary