

Alliance for Astronomy, Inc.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
January 22, 2009

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Alliance for Astronomy, Inc. was held at Cottleville, Missouri on the 22nd day of January, 2009 at 5:39 pm.

The following were present: Stacey Thater, Amy White, Jim Twellman and Erika Gibb, Marvin Stewart, .Bob Judd and Wayne Clark. 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 October 23, 2008 were approved unanimously.

The Board seats Stacey Thater and Erika Gibb expire with this meeting. Stacey announced his retirement but offered to help until a replacement can be secured. Erika agreed to accept a new three year term expiring in January, 2012, Upon proper motion and second, Ms. Gibb was unanimously re-elected. All members of the Board congratulated Stacey and thanked him for his service. Mr. Thater urged all members to seek a qualified candidate for the vacant position.

As Stacey had served as Chairperson, a new person was needed to fill the role. After discussion, Bob Judd agreed to accept the position and, upon motion properly made and seconded, was unanimously elected to the position.

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

ED Roe presented the financial statements for the year ended on December 31, 2008. The report was discussed and it was determined that Board Policies had been followed. Upon motion properly made and accepted the financial statements were accepted. Chairperson Thater announced he had identified a CPA who would review our financial statements for no charge.

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.

Public out reach, via ASEM, served some 2,200 individuals at 20+ events.

A \$4,000 cash grant from the Boeing Employees Community Fund was used to order a Ha Solar telescope with accessories and a 125 mm telescope with white light solar filter. These instruments will be used in a new day-time effort to take solar astronomy activities into K-12 classrooms.

The St. Charles County Parks department opened a dedicated astronomy site in Broemmelsiek Park. We believe this unique facility was inspired and promoted by Alliance.

Outgoing member Stacey Thater reported that there are promising discussions with the City of St. Peters to establish an astronomy observing site in Rabbit Run park. It may be a viable location for AFA's 32-inch telescope to provide better access to students.

Under old business, the draft Strategic Plan for the Board remains a work-in-progress.

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
Erika Gibb and a vacant position until January 2012

Upon motion duly made, seconded and approved unanimously, the meeting adjourned at 6:54 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Yvonne J. Roe, Secretary