

Alliance for Astronomy, Inc.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
April 16, 2009

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Alliance for Astronomy, Inc. was held at Cottleville, Missouri on the 16th day of April, 2009 at 5:00 pm.

The following were present: Amy White, Jim Twellman, Erika Gibb, Marvin Stewart, Bob Judd and Wayne Clark. James Roe, the Executive Director, Yvonne Roe, Corporate Secretary were also present. Joan Twillman as prospective Board member and Nancy Clark as guest were also present.

A copy of the notice for the meeting was presented and filed with the minutes of the meeting.

On motion properly made and seconded, the minutes of the meeting of January 22, 2009 were approved unanimously.

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

ED Roe presented the financial statements for the first quarter of 2009. The report was discussed and it was determined that Board Policies had been followed.

The Astronomical Society of Eastern Missouri hosted another convention of the Mid-States Region of the Astronomical League on March 7, 2009 in Columbia, Missouri. By most third-party accounts it was quite successful.

ED Roe discussed a plan to offer a telescope for use in the roll off roof building at the astronomy site in Broemmelsiek Park. The telescope would be used at all the public star gazing events in the park and would be available for ASEM member use and for "private", by-appointment-only programs for Scout, etc. groups.

Negotiations with St. Charles Community College about development of an astronomy site in a St. Peters public park continue. The college would fund a suitable shelter and Alliance would lend the 32-inch telescope. The telescope would continue to be available for ASEM members but would be much more convenient for outreach with SCCC students.

Joan Twillman was proposed to fill the vacant seat on the Board. After observing the activities of the Board, she graciously agreed to accept the position and, upon proper motion and second, was unanimously elected to a term which will expire in January 2012.

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 Joan Twillman until January 2012

Under new business, ED Roe had forwarded a written complaint about the ED's ethical conduct to the Board under the Board's Whistle Blower policy. The complaint was discussed and Erika Gibb was tasked to formulate a written disposition for action at the next meeting of the Board.

Under old business, the committee working on the strategic plan for the Board lost member Thater when he retired at the January meeting. Remaining member Twellman reported he would continue alone and would report something at the next meeting.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and approved unanimously, the meeting adjourned at 6:05 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Yvonne J. Roe, Secretary