

To: DDA Committee
From: Marc Murison, DDA Secretary
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Minutes of the Committee Meeting, April 13, 1997

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Minutes of the Business Meeting, April 15, 1997

1. Many thanks to the local hosts (Otto Franz, Alice Monet, Tim ??).
2. In future DDA meetings, the abstract fee will be included in the registration fee. This will start with the 1998 meeting.

3. Election results:

Chair:	J. Hills
Vice Chair:	F. Benedict
Secretary:	M. Murison
Treasurer (continuing):	P. Shelus
new Committee Members:	D. Mink, D. Pascu, W. van Altena
returning Committee Members:	J. Lissauer, B. Jacobson (filling the remainder of X. Newhall's term), D. Richstone

4. Secretary's report: none (A. Whipple unable to attend 1997 meeting).

5. Treasurer's report:

- year end balance (1996): \$11,208.01
- year beginning balance: \$10,425.15
- Brouwer account: from \$830.09 to \$857.03
- Brouwer balance: from \$29,531 to \$31,825
- The DDA is in good shape, financially.
- The Brouwer award is \$2000, as of last year.
- Student stipend awards: \$400 plus meeting fees.

6. Brouwer Awardee: Scott Tremaine. Citation read by K. Seidelmann.
7. K. Seidelmann retiring as BASC Chair. T. de Zeeuw is new BASC Chair.
8. Al Harris announced that the DPS now announces their prize winners a year in advance, following the DDA model.
9. Phil Ianna provided information regarding the 1998 meeting in Charlottesville, VA. Proposed dates are April 1-3. There was a request for no 8:00 am start, in deference to the West Coast attendees.
10. Future meetings were announced: 1999 in Estes Park, CO; 2000 in Yosemite; and 2001 in Kingsville, TX.
11. Al Harris proposed joint DPS/DDA sessions at meetings (AAS?) in order to raise the visibility of each Division to the other.
12. Al Fiala: poll of importance of staying Saturday nights (for DDA handbook). Al Harris: the DPS is split on this issue.
13. Roy Laubscher raised the issue of the formalism to follow regarding meeting site choice: who's responsible for carrying through the process? Who sends/requests a formal invitation to whom?
 - Doug Richstone: were there complaints regarding Yosemite last year? (No, there were none.)
 - Alice Monet: the DDA membership wants to be kept informed.
 - Al Harris: the DPS used an exit poll last time.
 - Al Fiala: the invitation must go through the Business Meeting.
14. A show of hands resulted in overwhelming support for Estes Park as the site for the 1999 meeting.
15. Meeting adjourned.

1998 DDA Elections

The 1998 DDA elections got off to a late start this year. There are several reasons for this, including the nomination process running ~6 weeks behind, bad timing for travel by the Secretary, and the need to allow up to 5 weeks for round trip postal times for our international members. If all of our members were to have e-mail, election time schedules could be vastly improved. Be that as it may, ballots were mailed (and e-mailed in mid-March, with a deadline for receipt of marked ballots by the Secretary of April 22, 1998. Election results will be reported by April 24, 1998.

DDA Membership Changes

Deceased: 1 (Victor Szebehely)
Retired: 1 (P. Janiczek)

Resigned: 0

New: 10 (J. Arabadjis, U. Mich; T. Fukushima, NAOJ; W. Hayes, U. Toronto; B. Mason, USNO; L. Ozernoy; K. Rauch, U. Maryland; T. Steiman-Cameron, NASA/Ames; N. Haghighipour, U. Missouri-Columbia; D. N. C. Lin, UCO/Lick; G. Black, Cornell)

Pending new: 1 (M. Cahill, U. Wisc.)

Total membership: 194 regular members.

Members with valid email: 158

Respectfully submitted,

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