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## MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING APRIL 30, 1999

Chaired by: Fritz Benedict

- 1. Convened 16:30
- 2. Thanks to local host and helpers
- 3. secretary's report (elections, membership changes)
- 4. Treasurer's report (Pete)
  - Discussion of endowment sources
  - ► Ivan King: how much money *should* we have on hand?
    - no real word from AAS on this
    - Al Harris: should have at least 2/3 of annual expenses available
  - ► Lissauer: dues are a small part and therefore a bookkeeping annoyance. How about when you register for a meeting, you are automatically paid up for dues?
- 5. 2000 Brouwer Award announcement (announced by Fritz)
  - Antonov
     Citation and the Danadist
  - Citation read by Benedict
- 6. BASC
  - ► new member: van Altena
  - current BASC: Lissauer (Chair), Righstone, van Altena, Aarseth, Peale
- 7. (no student stipend report Carol had to leave yesterday)
  ▶ plug by Fritz: we should up the stipend amount
- 8. DDA 31: Yosemite (report by Roy)
  - everything is on track
  - ▶ not likely to have any snow!
  - ► April 9-12, 2000
  - impact of floods: facilities are adequate to accomodate DDA meeting
- 9. Extended discussion about meeting costs
  - ► (several): Yosemite likely to be expensive should we aim to lose money?
    - King: what about the students!?
  - ► Rudman and Myles: how about lower reg. fee for students?
  - ► Alice: we need to strike a balance between low- and high-rent locations
  - ► Hal: how about a survey: how many didn't come because of cost to this meeting?
  - Bak: reg. fee is minor compared to hotel and travel costs
  - ► Harris: an extra day is a killer! So beware and keep meetings as short as possible.
  - Fritz: suggestion: we can poll membership by email if it's looking like costs will be high, so local org. committee doesn't have to work entirely in the dark.

- ► Newman: 4 days is too long for faculty types. How about using the weekend?
- Lissauer: afternoon off gave us lots of face time very important!
- 10. 2001 meeting
  - currently invited by Kingsville
  - attendance at a Kingsville meeting is a concern
  - ► ??? from LPI: says Dave Black has offered LPI for 2001 meeting!
  - ► DPS is in New Orleans that year how about a contiguous meeting?
    - Late November already set, though.
    - New Orleans VERY expensive!
  - ► Harris: how about Timberline Lodge in Oregon?
    - Harris offers to check it out
    - Fairly close to Portland
    - West coast, though
  - ► Peale: Cornell? (No volunteers yet)
  - ► Rudman: we should form an ad hoc committee to choose the meeting venues for several years
  - ► Motion by Hal: let's try to not go to Kingsville in 2001. Motion carries. (lots to 4)
  - Motion (Newman): if Cornell invites, we put it to a vote (LPI vs. Cornell), but if not then we go with LPI. Not seconded.
  - Motion (van Altena): the selection of 2001 meeting be made by Committee. Motion carries.
  - ► Harris: DPS has conducted a lot of their business via email, so that annual meetings are not tied up by this kind of stuff. DDA should do this.
- 11. Nominating Committe is now: fritz, otto franz, seth-ann howard
- 12. Motion by Roy: direct the Committee to create an information archival activity.
  - Harris: DPS has just done that!
    - appointed an archivist
    - he is not a voting member of the Committee
  - ▶ Rudman: scrapbook
  - ► Harris: AIP is the repository for AAS material. DPS is going that route.
    - Jefferys: professional archivists is a good thing to use.
  - Motion carries.
- 13. Pete: allow email/web voting.
  - ► King: AAS is still snail mail.
    - Peale: must be secure.
    - ► Harris: DPS has done this the last 2 or 3 years.
    - ~half the DPS votes electronically
    - ► Jefferys: "electronic", not "email".
- 14. Thanks to retiring Committee members for their service.
- 15. Adjourned 17:55.

## 2000 DDA ELECTIONS

<u>New Officers:</u> Chair	Joe Burns (Cornell)
Vice-Chair	Hal Levison (SWRI)
Committee Members	Jane Morrison (STScI) Judit Ries (U. Texas at Austin) Steve Unwin (JPL)
Secretary	Marc Murison (USNO)
Treasurer	Pete Shelus (U. Texas at Austin)
Continuing Officers: Committee Members	Bill Jefferys (U. Texas at Austin) William I. Newman (UCLA) Myles Standish (JPL)
<u>Retiring Officers:</u> Chair	Stan Peale (UCSB)
Committee Members	Kirk Borne (GSFC) Dave Merritt (Rutgers) Paul Weissman (JPL)

## DDA MEMBERSHIP AND MEMBERSHIP CHANGES, 1999-2000

Deceased:	1 (William Kaula)
Retired:	0
Lapsed:	0
Reinstated:	4
New:	12
Regular members:	211
Affiliate members:	20
Total:	<b>231 regular and affiliate members</b> (up from 215 last year)

Members with valid email:215 (up from 194 last year)

Respectfully submitted,

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