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To: DDA Committee  
Subj: 2003 Secretary's Report

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MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING

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MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING  
APRIL 22, 2002

Chaired by: Hal Levison

1. Convened 17:50
  2. Secretary's report (Murison)
    - ▶ Election results.
    - ▶ Comments on electronic ballot returns.
    - ▶ Minutes from last year's meeting.
    - ▶ Membership changes.
    - ▶ MOTION to accept report.
      - Motion carries.
  3. Treasurer's report (J. Ries for Pete Shelus)
    - ▶ AAS accounting report NOT received yet.
    - ▶ This is the second year dues have been collected for us by the AAS.
    - ▶ Financial state of DDA difficult to determine because AAS is hard to deal with.
    - ▶ C'ville meeting: +\$1438.
    - ▶ Houston meeting: +\$1289.
    - ▶ Al Harris: AAS financial report is also 2 years in arrears for the DPS.
    - ▶ MOTION to accept Treasurer's report.
      - Motion carries.
  4. Report from the Local Host (Al Harris)
    - ▶ Meeting is going well.
    - ▶ 75 registered, around 85 when guests included.
    - ▶ We're on track for doing a bit better than breaking even.
    - ▶ All rooms at the lodge were booked by DDA!
    - ▶ MOTION to accept report.
      - Motion carries.
  5. Comments from the Program Chair (David Merritt)
    - ▶ 49 oral papers, 6 invited papers, and 12 poster papers (3 no-shows).
    - ▶ Very full schedule!
    - ▶ Things appear to be going well.
  6. 2003 Brouwer Award announcement (Levison)
    - ▶ James Binney is the winner of the 2003 award.
  7. Committee appointments (Burns)
    - ▶ Nominating Committee: Hal Levison (Chair), Luke Dones, and Steve Levine.
    - ▶ Selection of one new member of the BASC: Don Yeomans. The new committee is then Matt Holman (Chair), Alar Toomre, Don Yeomans, David Merritt (DDA Chair), and Jack Wisdom (previous BA winner).
    - ▶ Selection of one new member for Committee on Student Participation: Dan Scheeres. The new committee is then Bill Newman (Chair), Glen Stewart, and Dan Scheeres.
    - ▶ MOTION to accept appointments.
      - Motion carries.
  8. Student Stipend Report (Jane Russel)
    - ▶ Winners this year:
      - Matija Cuk (Cornell University), "New Secular Resonances Involving the Irregular Satellites of Saturn", and
      - Milos Milosavljevic (Rutgers University), "Dynamics of Galactic Nuclei".
  9. Old business:
    - ▶ Possible liaisons with other dynamics organizations
      - Discussions with SIAM.
        - ◆ mini-symposium at the annual SIAM meeting?
      - Discussions with T. Alfriend of AIAA.
    - ▶ Archives (J. Hilton): Discovered info from Yale celestial mechanics meetings (the predecessor to DDA), a 1969 DDA meeting photo, and a list of attendees of the first DDA meeting.
  10. New business:
    - ▶ 2003 meeting (Cornell, Joe Burns local host).
      - May 4-7, Statler hotel on campus.
      - Weather is likely to be good.
      - Room rates at Statler: \$125.
    - ▶ 2004 meeting venue (Nice, local host A. Morbidelli).
      - Sales pitch by Levison.
      - We have an offer from Morbidelli to host the 2004 meeting in Nice, France.
      - Date is uncertain (cost, weather tradeoffs).
      - If enough come, room rates are not terrible (\$140-160, incl. bfast). Cheaper rooms (~\$40) available locally.
      - Should be affordable, aside from air fare.
    - ▶ Should the DDA raise its dues?
      - MOTION (Nicholson): raise the regular member dues to \$10.
      - Much discussion.
      - Hand vote called: motion carries 21 to 15.
      - MOTION (Jefferys): The Committee will form a concrete plan for use of the new dues money.
        - ◆ Motion carries.
      - MOTION (Statler): Affiliate dues should be similarly raised to \$15.
        - ◆ Motion carries.
    - ▶ Discussion of the growing packed meetings problem.
      - Go to 4 days? More posters? Shorter talks? Parallel sessions?
      - Harris: have the AAS put *three* choices on the abstract form — oral, poster, and *no preference*.
      - DPS has in the past gotten very few complaints from people forced to go to posters.
      - Overwhelming consensus from those present: we should go to 4 days for the meeting length.
  11. Comments from the Chair (Levison)
    - ▶ Thanks to the organizing committee.
  12. Remarks by new Chair (Merritt).
    - ▶ Thanks to the retiring Chair for his efforts.
  13. Adjourned 19:20.
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## 2003 DDA ELECTIONS

### New Officers:

Chair Bill Newman (UCLA)  
Vice-Chair Phil Nicholson (Cornell)  
Treasurer Pete Shelus (U. Texas Austin)  
Secretary Marc Murison (USNO)  
Committee Members Luis Aguilar (UNAM)  
Dick French (Wellesley College)  
James Hilton (USNO)

### Continuing Officers:

Committee Members Fred Adams (U. Michigan)  
Sethanne Howard (USNO)  
Dan Scheeres (U. Michigan)

### Retiring Officers:

Chair David Merritt (Rutgers)  
Committee Members Robin M. Canup (SWRI)  
Philip D. Nicholson (Cornell)  
Thomas S. Statler (Ohio Univ.)

Ballots received: 98 (96 via email)

## DDA MEMBERSHIP AND MEMBERSHIP CHANGES 2002-2003

Deceased: 0  
Retired: 0  
Lapsed: 26  
Reinstated: 1  
New: 11  
Regular members: 253  
Affiliate members: 37  
**Total: 290 regular and affiliate members**  
(up from >259 last year)

Members with working email: 279 (up from >244 last year)

Respectfully submitted,



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