

# DDA Secretary's Report 2005

## ***2004 DDA ELECTIONS***

Ballots received: 98 (97 via email)

### ***New Officers:***

CHAIR (automatic)

Tom Statler (Ohio University) statler@ohio.edu

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Stephen Unwin (JPL/Caltech) stephen.unwin@jpl.nasa.gov

COMMITTEE (2005-2007)

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### ***Continuing:***

SECRETARY (2003-2006)

Marc Murison (USNO) murison@usno.navy.mil

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COMMITTEE (2004-2006)

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Stephen L.W. McMillan (Drexel U.) steve@physics.drexel.edu

### ***Retiring:***

CHAIR

Phil Nicholson (Cornell) nicholson@astro.cornell.edu

COMMITTEE (2003-2005)

Luis Aguilar (UNAM) aguilar@bufadora.astrosen.unam.mx

Dick French (Wellesley College) rfrench@ahab.wellesley.edu

James Hilton (USNO) jhilton@usno.navy.mil

## ***Active DDA Membership 2004-2005***

Deceased: 0 (that I know of)

Regular members: 283

Affiliate members: 16

**Total: 299 members**

(up from 297 last year)

Members with working email: 287

(up from 285 last year)

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## ***DDA Business Meeting Minutes***

April 23, 2004

Convenes 17:33 (Newman)

Comments from the Program Chair (Nicholson)

- Papers breakdown by country
- 6 invited reviews -- all by Europeans

Local Host report (Morbideilli)

- Meeting has gone very well
- Explanation of high reg. fees (had to fix very early).
- Got a few sponsorships in April; used money to improve various aspects of the meeting.
- 90 registered
- Probably a small profit when all is said and done

Treasurer's report (Newman instead of Shelus)

- AAS now does our bookkeeping and it works very well.

Secretary's report (Murison)

- MOTION: accept report. Motion carries.

Committee Appointments (Newman)

- Nominating Committee: Bill van Altona (Yale) and James Binney (Oxford). Committee then would consist of these two plus Bill Newman as Chair.
- BASC: Alessandro Morbidelli. BASC then would consist of Donald Yeomans (Chair), Robin M. Canup, Alessandro Morbidelli, Phil Nicholson (current DDA Chair), and William Ward (previous BA winner).
- Committee on Student Participation: Richard G. French. Committee then would consist of Dan Scheeres (Chair), David Merritt, and Richard French.

Reference Systems (Newman)

- Brief introduction, background
- Resolution from AAS Executive Council
- Standish reported at AAS Atlanta meeting
- Will establish a DDA working group to work with this issue and the AAS
- Milani: implementation already came out back in 2000. Milani pointed out back then that this is a large mistake. Recommends coordination between AAS, IAU. IAU must not be given impression that opposition is coming from the "outside".

- Statler: please read the resolution. Newman reads the AAS resolution.
- Newman: there will be a half-day special session at the upcoming Denver AAS meeting on this subject.
- Burns: discussion at AAS Council meeting on this was very animated.

Bylaws & Procedures

- Murison shows wording changes.
- Harris objects to several of the implementation details, suggests a working group to spend a year to better think out the details.
- Newman responds point by point.
- Statler: 1) why enlarge Committee to eight? 2) Nominating Committee should be directed to attempt to get non-NA candidates. 3) Entire discussion should be via email, and there is no need to require discussion at business meeting.
- Levison: agrees with Harris and Statler (really!)
- Robin: DPS has an unofficial guideline to have meetings overseas -- no need to encode in bylaws.
- Newman: table the bylaws changes for now to be taken up by the bylaws working group to explore.
- Newman: how about a set of procedures that encode institutional memory? Burns: nah. Alice: meeting organizer's handbook does this and could be revised to be the vehicle for this.
- MOTION (Levison): table this for the working group. Motion passes.

2005 meeting (Nicholson for Laubscher)

- Santa Barbara, Roy Laubscher as Local Host.
- April 10-14 (Sunday-Wednesday).
- H.I. Galeta switched to Fess Parker's Doubletree Resort, which is well-suited to handle meetings.
- Cost, however, is an issue that will be explored further.

2006 meeting

- We have two offers: Ann Arbor (Adams & Scheere) and Halifax (Hahn).
- Ann Arbor presentation (Scheeres).
  - 30-40 mins from Detroit
  - best dates 2nd week in May
  - hotels <\$125 walking distance, >\$50 driving distance

- excellent restaurants, shops, museums, etc.
- host meeting at UM Physics Dept.
- 120 seat meeting room on campus
- will write a proposal to MCTP for a ~\$20k grant
- special tour of Detroit Observatory, just restored (1854)
- Halifax presentation (Hahn).
  - St. Mary's U.
  - just E. of Maine, 45 deg. latitude
  - recommend June or later (weather)
  - lots of ships in harbor, fishing villages, wonderful seafood, pub food
  - Note: AAS meets June 4-8 in Calgary, CASCA in June
  - several adequate lecture halls
  - Boston or Toronto are nearest airline hubs, but prices are reasonable if tickets bought in advance
  - hotel situation similar to the Houston DDA meeting. Nearest H.I. is \$95. Probably, people will want to rent cars.
- Newman: membership will receive an email soliciting comments, etc.

- Hilton (Chair), Standish, Kaplan, Newman, Milani, Shelus
- Bylaws working group: Murison (Chair), Newman, Harris, Monet (Alice), Nicholson
  - Women & minorities working group: French (Chair), Newman, Canup
    - Harris: Sethanne Howard may be interested in helping out.
  - Professional outreach working group: Newman, Scheeres, Burns
    - -Harris: since DPS normally meets in the Fall, the current situation is actually pretty nice.
    - -Levison: sees no need to formally do anything right now.
    - -Harris: how about a (say) half-day session on dynamics at the DPS meetings?
    - -Burns: AAS would like DDA to have their meeting at the AAS meeting every 3 or 4 years.
    - -Bottke: DPS meetings are already oversaturated. Hence this might be tough.

Remarks from incoming Chair (Nicholson)

New Business

- Working group on reference standards is

Adjourn 19:05.

Respectfully submitted,



Marc A. Murison  
DDA Secretary