

2008 Report of the DDA Secretary

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1 2008 Election Results

We received 103 ballots, all but two via email. New Officers will begin duty on 1 July, 2008.

New Officers

CHAIR (automatic):	Michael Efroimsky	USNO, Washington	efroimsky.michael@usno.navy.mil
VICE-CHAIR:	William F. Van Altena	Yale University	william.vanaltena@yale.edu
COMMITTEE:	Joseph M. Hahn	Space Science Institute	jhahn@spacescience.org
	Harold F. Levison	Southwest Research Institute	hal@boulder.swri.edu
	Paul Shankland	U.S. Naval Observatory	paul.shankland@usno.navy.mil

Continuing Officers

SECRETARY:	Marc Murison	USNO, Washington	murison@usno.navy.mil
TREASURER:	Pete Shelus	U. Texas, Austin	pjs@astro.as.utexas.edu
COMMITTEE:	Matija Cuk	U. British Columbia	cuk@astro.ubc.ca
	Stacy McGaugh	U. Maryland	ssm@astro.umd.edu
	Peter Teuben	U. Maryland	teuben@astro.umd.edu

Retiring Officers

CHAIR:	William R. Ward	SwRI, Boulder	ward@boulder.swri.edu
COMMITTEE:	Luke Dones	SwRI, Boulder	luke@boulder.swri.edu
	Matthew J. Holman	CfA, Cambridge	mholman@cfa.harvard.edu
	Greg Laughlin	UC Santa Cruz	laugh@ucolick.org

2 DDA Membership 2007-2008

Deceased: 1 (Christopher Hunter)

Regular members: 315

Affiliate members: 21

Total: 336 members (up from 320 last year)

Members with email addresses: 301

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4 Minutes of the 2007 DDA Business Meeting in Ann Arbor, Michigan

May 7, 2007. Convenes 17:25. Approximately 35 attending.

4.1 Welcome (Steve Unwin, DDA Chair)

4.2 Committee Appointments (Steve Unwin)

- Alessandro Morbidelli (current Chair) will retire. Jean-Luc Margot (Cornell) appointed to the BASC. New BASC will then be Shao (Chair), Jerry Sellwood, Margot, Bill Ward (DDA Chair), and Jaques Laskar (previous BA winner).
- Student Stipend Committee: Doug Hamilton (current Chair) will retire. New appointment: Steve Levine and Ricky Patterson. Dropping Martini. New SSC will then be Steve Levine (Chair) and Ricky Patterson.

– This is now a two-person committee.

- Nominating Committee: Tom Statler (current Chair) will retire. Ron Allen (STScI) is the new appointment. New NC will then be Norbert Zacharias (Chair), Lia Athanasoula, and Ron Allen.

– Committee decision: DDA Chair no longer automatically serves on the NC.

4.3 Secretary's Report (Marc Murison)

- Report given. Motion to approve accepted.

4.4 Treasurer's Report (Pete Shelus)

4.5 Announcement of 2008 Brouwer Award (Steve Unwin)

- Simon White (Max Planck Institute)

4.6 Bylaws Committee Report (Phil Nicholson and Steve Unwin)

- At Halifax it was decided to term-limit the Secretary and Treasurer positions to two consecutive three-year stints. It was also decided to give the Committee the flexibility to merge these two positions.
- We missed the AAS Council submission deadline, so they will vote on (and likely approve) it in January 2008, after which the DDA membership will formally vote on all four pending bylaws changes.

4.7 Program Chair's Report (Bill Ward)

- 77 registrants
- 66 oral papers, 11 poster papers
- Six invited speakers (including Brouwer Award)
 - Lars Hernquist had to cancel
- 13 outside-of-U.S. papers
- One paper rejected (terraforming of Mars!).
- Another *meant* to submit to AAS meeting.
- A few problems with slow responses from AAS on various program-related matters.
- Complaints about the third-party scheduling service contracted by the AAS. It is very handy for putting the program together, but the interface for the users is “a shambles. It’s really quite terrible.”

4.8 Student Participation Committee Report (Steve Unwin for Doug Hamilton)

- 2 applicants this year.
 - Chris Stark (advisor: Marc Kuchner), “Debris Disk Structures Induced by Terrestrial-Mass Planets”
 - Genya Takeda (advisor: Fred Rasio), “Secular Orbital Evolution of Planet in Stellar Binary Systems”

4.9 Local Host Report (Dan Scheeres)

- Picked up 15 on-site registrants, so were up past 90 now.
- Programmatically, things have been going very well.

4.10 Venue and dates for the 2008 Meeting in Boulder, Colorado (Luke Dones)

- Sponsored by SwRI.
- Likely dates are 28 April through 1 May, if meeting is in Boulder. The Saint Julien, the target hotel (brand new) in Boulder, next to SwRI, is on surface appearance very expensive (\$175 per night), but they're not charging much for meeting services.
- Estes Park is another possibility.
- Steamboat Springs another possibility, but travel access is an issue.
- A couple other places to look into in Boulder.
- Morby: what about the University? Luke: so far, CU people don't seem interested in helping with the meeting.
- Luke will continue looking into options and deals.
- Thanks to Luke for stepping up to do this.

4.11 Options for the 2009 Meeting

- Ensenada has logistic concerns (psychological, if nothing else), so we declined Louis's offer.
- Thus we are looking for somebody to host the 2009 meeting.
- Phil Nicholson: there is a lodge in the Blue Ridge mountains of Virginia (or West Virginia) at which Cassini had considered holding a meeting.

4.12 New Business (Steve Unwin)

- Special Session (90 minutes) at a winter AAS Meeting on a dynamical astronomy topic? Deadline for special session proposals for Austin meeting is *next week*.
- Joe Hahn: has already proposed a special session designed to look like a mini-DDA meeting at AAS Austin. Topic would be astrophysical disks and rings.
- David Bartlett: how about MOND and other theories of gravity.

Adjourns 18:25.