

2007 Report of the DDA Secretary

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1 2007 Election Results

We received 114 ballots, all but two via email. New Officers will begin duty on 1 July, 2007.

New Officers

CHAIR (automatic):	William R. Ward	SwRI, Boulder	ward@boulder.swri.edu
VICE-CHAIR:	Michael Efroimsky	USNO, Washington	efroimsky.michael@usno.navy.mil
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

Continuing Officers

SECRETARY:	Marc Murison	USNO, Washington	murison@usno.navy.mil
TREASURER:	Pete Shelus	U. Texas, Austin	pjs@astro.as.utexas.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

Retiring Officers

CHAIR:	Stephen Unwin	JPL/Caltech	stephen.unwin@jpl.nasa.gov
COMMITTEE:	Alice K B Monet	USNO, Flagstaff	alice@nofs.navy.mil
	Alessandro Morbidelli	Nice Observatory	morby@obs-nice.fr
	Patrick Seitzer	U. Michigan	pseitzer@umich.edu

2 DDA Membership 2006-2007

Deceased: 1 (Roy Laubscher)

Regular members: 300

Affiliate members: 20

Total: 320 members (up from 315 last year)

Members with working email: 307 (up from 297 last year)

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4 Minutes of the 2006 DDA Business Meeting in Halifax, Nova Scotia

June 26, 2006. Convenes 17:05.

4.1 Secretary's Report (Marc Murison)

- Report given. Minutes from 2005 Business meeting read. Motion to accept. Motion passes.

4.2 Treasurer's Report (Pete Shelus)

- As of 1/1/5: \$30,725. Total revenue: \$7859. Total expenditures: \$13,117. As of 12/31/05: \$25,467.
- Discrepancy from last year (mis-entered Cannes meeting charge) has been resolved. Thus, last year's meeting in Santa Barbara did not lose money.
- Brouwer funds. Start: \$46269. Interest: \$1844. Market fluctuations: -\$718. Total revenue: \$1126. Total in B. fund: \$45395. Total Division funds: \$73499.
- Motion to accept. Motion passes.

4.3 Announcement of 2007 Brouwer Award Winner

- Jaques Laskar

4.4 Student Stipend

- CITA provided \$3000.
- 6 applicants this year.

- Kevin Walsh (U. Maryland, “A Steady-State Model of NEA Binaries Formed via Tidal Disruption”, advisor Derek Richardson) and Ivan Minchev (U. Rochester, “Radial Heading of a Galactic Disk by Multiple Spiral Density Waves”, advisor Alice Quillen) are the 2006 winners.
- Stipend was \$600 this year (along with waiving of registration and banquet fees).
- All student applicants and postdocs also given some travel relief funds.

4.5 Bylaws (Phil Nicholson)

- Nicholson presents the recently-approved changes (Officer duty dates, new structure of Nominating Committee) and the two new-ish amendments (merging Secretary & Treasurer, term limits).
- Extended discussion of the term limits amendment. Sentiment is largely along the lines of Committee sentiment: make the retiring Secretary an ex-officio member of the Committee in order to provide help and expertise to the new Secretary.

4.6 Program Chair’s Report (Steve Unwin)

- 6 invited talks (2 Canadian).

4.7 Local Host Report

- 71 pre-registered attendees
- reg income: \$13000
- St. Mary’s gave \$4000
- CITA gave \$3000
- Net profit may be as high as \$3000

4.8 CM&DA (Tom)

- Announcement that CM&DA will print papers from this meeting in an upcoming special issue.

4.9 Report on 2007 Meeting in Ann Arbor (Fred Adams & Dan Scheeres)

- Powerpoint presentation
- May 6-10 (Sun.-Thur.)
- Ann Arbor is easy to get to.
- Hotels within walking distance ~\$125, less if willing to drive a bit.
- Wireless is available throughout campus.

- Got a \$12k grant from MCTP (Michigan Center for Theoretical Physics)
 - students
 - conference costs
- Special tour: Detroit Observatory (in Ann Arbor)
- MCTP (<http://www.umich.edu/~mcpt/>) is modeled after ITP in Santa Barbara
- Phil: please make it very clear that scientific sessions start Monday.

4.10 2008 Meeting (Al Harris)

- Decision has not been made by Committee at this point.
- Proposal from Louis Aguilar, UNAM, Ensenada, Mexico
- Powerpoint presentation shown by Al Harris
- One venue option: at the Observatory in Ensenada. 95-seat auditorium, very nice facilities. About 2 miles from downtown (and hotels).
- Another option: Coral & Marina Hotel, across the road from UNAM (therefore also about 2 miles from downtown). More expensive, but nicer.
- Third option: Santa Isabel Hotel, middle of downtown Ensenada.
- Stan: airport? Military field has one commercial flight per week. Fly into San Diego, then pick up trolley to border. Walk across border – this will save you much time on the return leg. Jump on a bus down to Ensenada.
- Fred: it was painless to rent a car in SD and drive down, but the Mexican insurance was expensive. Harris: you can get insurance online (~\$5/day).
- Al: a better place to cross the border is Tecate – no waiting.
- Matja: non-U.S. students will need Mexican visas.
- Stefano (U. Padua): there is a standing invitation to hold DDA meeting in Venice.

4.11 New Business

- None.

Adjourn 18:35.