

# 2009 Report of the DDA Secretary

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## 1 2009 Election Results

We received 102 ballots, all but one via email. New Officers will begin duty on 1 July, 2009.

### New Officers

CHAIR (2009-2010)

Philip D. Nicholson	Cornell University	nicholso@astro.cornell.edu
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VICE CHAIR (2009-2010)

Alice C. Quillen	University of Rochester	aquillen@pas.rochester.edu
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SECRETARY (2009-2012)

Alice Monet	U.S. Naval Observatory	alice@usno.navy.mil
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COMMITTEE (2009-2011)

Kelly Holley-Bockelmann	Vanderbilt University	k.holley@vanderbilt.edu
Marc A. Murison	USNO Flagstaff Station	murison@nofs.navy.mil
Monica Valluri	University of Michigan	mvalluri@umich.edu

### Continuing Officers

ACTING TREASURER (2009-2010)

Pete Shelus	U. Texas, Austin	pjs@astro.as.utexas.edu
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COMMITTEE (2008-2010)

Joseph M. Hahn	Space Science Institute	jhahn@spacescience.org
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Paul Shankland	USNO Flagstaff Station	paul.shankland@usno.navy.mil

## Retiring Officers (30 June 2009)

### CHAIR

Michael Efroimsky U.S. Naval Observatory efroimsky.michael@usno.navy.mil

### ACTING VICE CHAIR

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### SECRETARY (2006-2009)

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### TREASURER (2006-2009)

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### COMMITTEE (2007-2009)

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## 2 DDA Membership 2008-2009

Deceased: Derral Mulholland (a founding member of DDA), and Tom Van Flandern

Regular members: 299

Affiliate members: 18

Total: 319 members (336 last year)

**NOTE:** There are irregularities in the AAS database, rendering the above membership numbers inconsistent and likely unreliable. Before mid-February 2009, the DDA membership was 338 reported plus 5 more known to be erroneously missing for a total of 343.

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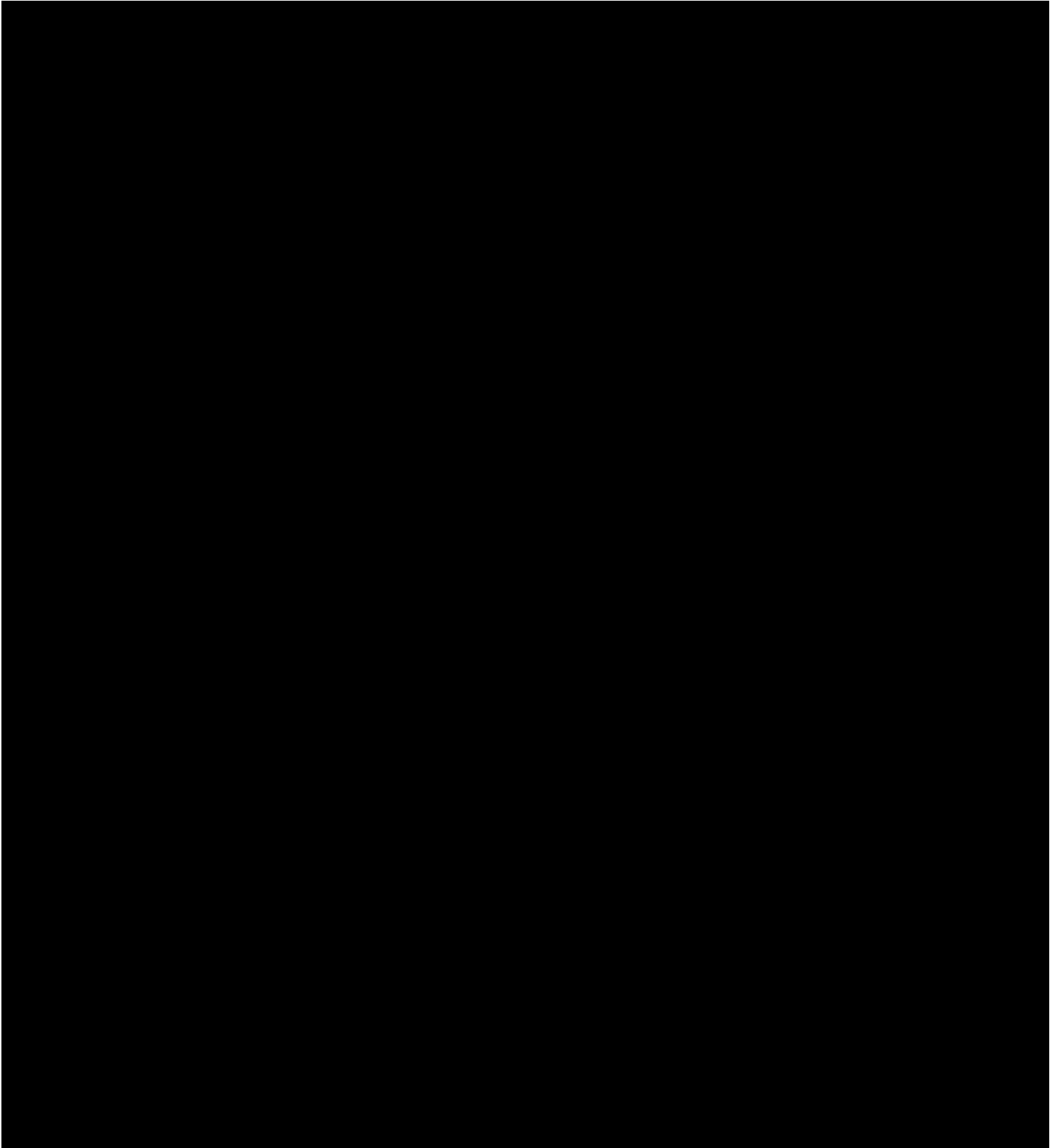
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## 4 Minutes of the 2008 DDA Business Meeting in Boulder, Colorado

April 28, 2008. Convenes 17:30. Approximately 25 attending.

### 4.1 Welcome (Bill Ward, DDA Chair)

### 4.2 Committee Appointments (Bill Ward)

- BASC: Michael Shao (current BASC Chair) will retire. Bill Bottke (SwRI) appointed to the BASC. New BASC will then be Jerry Sellwood (Chair), Jean-Luc Margot, Bottke, Michael Efroimsky (DDA Chair), and Simon White (previous BA winner).
- Student Stipend Committee: Steve Levine (current Chair) will retire. New appointment: Dmitri Veras (U. Florida). New SSC will then be Ricky Patterson (Chair) and Veras.
- Nominating Committee: Norbert Zacharias (current Chair) will retire. Glen Stewart (U. Colorado) is the new appointment. New NC will then be Lia Athanassoula (Chair), Ron Allen, and Stewart.

### 4.3 Announcement of 2009 Brouwer Award (Bill Ward)

- Victor A. Brumberg (Inst. Applied Astronomy, St. Petersburg)
- Citation read by Bill Ward.

### 4.4 Secretary's Report (Marc Murison)

- Report given. Motion to approve accepted.
- Current status of bylaws changes recounted.
  - Changes implementing (1) term limits for Secretary and Treasurer and (2) the option of the Committee to combine (and uncombine) the Treasurer and Secretary positions have passed and are now complete.
  - Changes to (1) have new Officers begin duty on 1 July and (2) composition of the Nominating Committee have to be voted upon by the DDA membership. After that vote, those two issues will be complete.

#### **4.5 Treasurer's Report (Marc Murison for Pete Shelus)**

- Issues with AAS recounted.
- DDA Committee will send a formal letter to AAS regarding the continuing issues.
- 2006 and 2007 reports incomplete due to lack of information from AAS.

#### **4.6 Local Host Report (Luke Dones)**

- 95 registrants
- 90 papers
- Finances appear to be on track.
- Things going very well so far.

#### **4.7 Program Chair's Report (Michael Efroimsky) and Discussion of going to Four-Day Meeting Format**

- A nonbinding poll of the membership is suggested regarding the four options:
  - shorter talks
  - more posters in place of talks
  - longer meeting
  - parallel sessions

#### **4.8 Venue and dates for the 2009 Meeting (Michael Efroimsky)**

- Meeting to be at Virginia Beach.
- First choice was to have meeting in Washington, DC, but exorbitant cost forced us away.
- Dates: likely last week of April, first week of May. 15 May is a price change upper bound.
- Choice of hotels: Ramada Inn and Cavalier Inn. Ramada is the larger facility, Cavalier the more upscale.
  - However, the meeting room at Cavalier is better than Ramada's.
- Various characteristics of what the two hotels are offering us recounted (airport, train, and bus access, parking, local attractions, various meeting costs, etc.).
- Experience and advice of A. Harris very helpful.
- We may go back to back with a meeting of the IAU Commission 52 on relativistic astronomy. We are waiting for Commission 52 meeting organizers for further information.
- Informal preference of people present: Cavalier.

#### **4.9 Options for the 2010 Meeting**

- Brett Gladman offered to host.
- Fritz Benedict has also offered to host.
- So we may be tentatively lined up for both 2010 and 2011.

#### 4.10 New Business (Michael Efroimsky)

- Thanks to Alan Harris for his extensive knowledge and advice.
- Yet more changes to the bylaws.
- According to AAS Bylaws, the Chair (and by extension Vice-Chair), Secretary, and Treasurer must be full AAS members. But the DDA bylaws require in addition the regular Committee members must be AAS members, which is more restrictive than AAS.
- Hence, Michael suggests relaxing the DDA requirements to those of the AAS, i.e. that regular DDA Committee members be allowed Affiliate AAS membership. Text from the DPS bylaws can be used as a model.
- Motion to adopt this change carries.

Adjourn 18:40.