Minutes of the 91st Annual Meeting of the AAVSO, Held October 24–27, 2002, Somerville, MA

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The 91st Annual Meeting of the AAVSO was held at the Holiday Inn in Somerville, MA, on October 24–27, 2002. The Executive Board and the Council held their meetings at the Holiday Inn on October 24 in the morning and afternoon, respectively.

Attendees were invited for an Open House and Dinner Buffet at AAVSO Headquarters on the evening of October 24. Following dinner, Dorrit Hoffleit autographed copies of her autobiography *Misfortunes as Blessings in Disguise* for attendees.

On Friday, October 25, many attendees chose to participate in the day-long meeting of the International Dark-Sky Association being held at the Museum of Science in Boston. Many stayed for the evening to attend a program in the Museum of Science Planetarium.

The Annual membership meeting was called to order on October 26 at 9:04 a.m. by President Daniel Kaiser. He said that former treasurer Ted Wales was regrettably unable to attend due to illness, and that anyone who wished could sign the get-well card for him. Dan then appointed Gerry Samolyk, Sara Beck, and Ron Zissell to be counters of the ballots for Council.

Secretary Martha Hazen noted that the minutes of the Spring 2002 meeting were not quite finished. They will appear in the Journal [*JAAVSO* 31, 1].

In the absence of Treasurer Louis Cohen, who had an illness in the family, Lee Anne Willson presented the Treasurer's Report. She noted that in the past (thanks largely to Clint Ford) we have been able to fund our activities out of our endowment income. Now, however, we are running a deficit, and we will have to make changes, including finding new sources of income. She announced that the Council has taken this very seriously and has unanimously pledged a total of $10,000 as a matching challenge for the membership.

The following committee reports were read:

CCD	Gary Walker, Chair
GRB Network	Aaron Price, Coordinator
New and Preliminary Charts	Charles Scovil, Chair
Telescopes	Charles Scovil, Chair
Nova Search	David Hurdis (for Kenneth Beckmann)
Photoelectric Photometry	David Williams (for J. Philip Manker)
RR Lyrae	Marvin Baldwin, Chair
Eclipsing Binary	Marvin Baldwin, Chair

Solar	Carl Feehrer, Chair
	Michael Hill, SID Analyst
Supernova Search	Charles Pullen (for Robert Evans)

A report on the science project at Headquarters was given by Matthew Templeton, the new Postdoctoral Scientist at AAVSO.

Janet Mattei thanked the committee members and chairs for their work.

Director Mattei presented the list of 72 new members accepted at the Council meeting on October 24. She described the current distribution of members and observers; the total membership is now 1,327. She then read several letters from members.

Janet Mattei reported that no members had died in the past six months. However, she mentioned that noted astronomer and friend of the AAVSO, Jesse Greenstein, had died, and asked the membership to stand for a moment of silence in his honor. John Percy reported that Paraguayan variable star astronomer Alexis Troche Boggino had passed away.

The 92nd Spring Meeting will be held in Tucson, AZ, on April 23–26, 2003. A preliminary schedule calls for the Executive Board and Council to hold their meetings on April 23, a field trip to Kitt Peak on April 24, a workshop and town meeting on April 25, and the membership meeting and scientific paper session April 26.

The 93rd Spring Meeting will be held July 20–24, 2004, at Chabot Observatory in Oakland, CA, jointly with the Astronomical League and the Association of Lunar and Planetary Observers. Our host will be Mike Reynolds, Director of Chabot Observatory. The meeting will also celebrate the 35th anniversary of Apollo 11.

The Council has voted to have only one meeting per year as an experiment for the next two years. By our By-Laws we must have an Annual Meeting to elect Council members and receive Committee reports and the Director's report. Thus, there will be a short membership meeting scheduled in late October 2003, and again in 2004, as well as an Executive Board meeting and a Council meeting. There will be no other meeting activities at this time. It should be noted that the balloting for Council has been done routinely by mail in recent years.

Director Mattei then presented her annual report. The report, as is customary, will appear in its entirety in an upcoming issue of the *Journal of the AAVSO* [this issue, p. 184].

President Kaiser reported that Lewis Cook, Jaime Garcia, and David B. Williams have been re-elected and Karen Meech has been elected to Council.

There followed a Town Meeting, at which there was clarification of the one meeting per year policy and then the attendees adjourned for the group photograph.

At lunchtime there was a special Council meeting of old and new members to elect officers for the coming year. All the present officers were re-elected.

Following a lunch break, the Scientific Paper Session convened. The list of papers is attached to these minutes.

On Saturday evening, October 26, the banquet was held. After the meal Janet Mattei presented a Supernova Award to Robert Evans in absentia. The William Tyler Olcott Distinguished Service Award was presented to Dorrit Hoffleit, for her long time service to astronomy and the AAVSO. Following the awards, the attendees were treated to a delightful musical performance by a string ensemble, led by the Amateur Chamber Music Players of New York (ACMP) honoring the memory and legacy of AAVSO benefactor Clinton B. Ford. Clint was a longtime member and benefactor of the ACMP.

On Sunday morning, October 27, attendees were invited by retired Curator Martha Hazen to visit the Plate Stacks of the Harvard Observatory. Many members took advantage of this opportunity.

Papers presented at the Scientific Paper Session on Saturday, October 26, 2002:

John Good	Interactive JAVA Applet Access to the AAVSO Data Holdings
John R. Percy Akos G. Bakos Gurtina Besla Gregory W. Henry Vince Velocci	Heavenly Harmony: Red Giants Pulsating in Many Modes
Robert F. Wing Uffe G. Jørgensen	Stellar Spectra in the H Band
Arne Henden	Observing the Peculiar Nova V838 Mon
David Turner	The Power of Archival Astronomy
Nada Jevtic Janet A. Mattei Jeffrey Schweitzer	SS Cygni: A Nonlinear Look at 100 Years of AAVSO Data
Lewis M. Cook William B. Albrecht Michael Saladyga	Observatory Site Selection Using AAVSO Observation Reports, or, Is It Really Always Clear in Pahala?
Ronald E. Zissell	Transforming Archive AAVSO Data to the *V* System
Leonid Berdnikov Janet A. Mattei Sara J. Beck	Cepheid Variables in the AAVSO International Database
Geoffrey Clayton	What's New with R Coronae Borealis Stars?
Kevin B. Marvel	Water Masers Near Herbig Ae/Be Stars
Walter R. Hampton	The 1963 Total Solar Eclipse, Athens, Maine

Poster presentations:

Avelino Alves Alexandre Amorim	NP Pavonis: A Misplaced Cycle
Jaime Rubén García	Preliminary Photometric Results on Two Delta Scuti Stars
Jaime Rubén García	Variable Star Research in South America During 2000–2002
Casper Hossfield	A Simple, Easy-to-Build VLF Receiver
Casper Hossfield Tom Flemming	An Experimental Wolf Numbers Index
John Pazmino	American Urban Star Fest
John R. Percy Janet A. Mattei	Another Kind of Change in the Sky
Jordan Raddick	The Sloan Digital Sky Survey

List of New Members Accepted at the Annual Meeting, October 24, 2002

Ainsworth, R. Warren, MI
Andree, Lesa, IL
Arndt, Martina, MA
Aversa, Alan, OR
Baldridge, Anthony Wayne, PA
Beckwith, Stephen, MA
Brindle, Peter, United Kingdom
Cameron, Joseph P., AZ
Case, James A., MO
Cawley, Patrick, CA
Clarke, William P., CA
Colbert, Craig, CA
Coward, Harold Autrey, TX
Crosland, James, FL
Crossley, Graham, Australia
Dameron, Serena, HI
Donik, Ivan, Slovenia
Eadie, John L., NY
Eckstein, Chris, NC
Evans, Jack, OR
Finch, Nicholas, CA
Fisanotti, John, CA
Franke, Thomas G., MN
Gerner, Henry S., WI
Goldaniga, Mario, Italy
Governor, Donna, FL
Goyette, Jean, Canada
Graziani, Mauro, Italy
Grzybowski, Gary, NM
Harris, Kevin, MN
Hu, Sophia, HI
Huddleston, Marvin, TX
Ivo, Peretto, Italy
Johnston, Lisa, IN
Kadooka, Mary, HI
S Kearns, Martin, Spain
Kerrigan, David, United Kingdom
Kilmartin, Pamela, New Zealand
Klingel, Charles, IL
Kobashigawa, Clyde Tokushi, HI
Kreidler, Andrew, WI
Lerner, Noel, CA

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Lombardi, Douglas, TN
Mansdahl, Bjorn, Canada
Martin, Cory, NE
Maynard, Steven M., CT
McKendry, John, MA
Mitchell, Michael T., OH
Moe, Suzanne, OR
Moffett, David, SC
Mosely, Mark, GA
Offutt II, Lee H., MN
Oltersdorf, Matt, OH
Perry, R. Brad, VA
Pisacano, Andrea, HI
Poklar, Rudy, WI
Richard, Peter D., Canada
Richwine, Pebble, KS
Rogers, Anthony J., IA
Rosen, Danny, CO
Sheldrick, Peter, France
Siems, Norm, PA
Sipe, Russell, CA
Smith, Richard, United Kingdom
Stephens, James A., AZ
Stooksbury, David, GA
Tacchino, John F., PA
Turner, Michael D., CA
Van Fleet, Gary M., CA
Westfall, Rachel, CO
Wilson, John W., PA
Wolpert, Robert C., NJ

S = sustaining membership

AAVSO Supernova Award Recipient (announced at the 91st Annual Meeting in Somerville, MA, October 26, 2002)

Robert O. Evans of Hazelbrook, New South Wales, Australia, for his visual discovery of SN 2001ig in NGC 7424 on December 10.43 UT.

AAVSO William Tyler Olcott Award (presented at the 91st Annual Meeting in Somerville, MA, October 26, 2002)

Dorrit Hoffleit of New Haven, Connecticut, was presented the William Tyler Olcott Distinguished Service Award for her legacy to variable star astronomy through her research, publications, student mentoring, support, and popularization for over 70 years, and for her being such an especially faithful, devoted, and supportive member and friend of the AAVSO since 1930.