

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE AAVSO
HELD AT THE MCDONNELL PLANETARIUM
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, MAY 29, 1976

The general AAVSO business session on Saturday May 29th was called to order by President George L. Fortier at 9:45 AM. Mr. Richard P. Heuermann, Assistant Director of the McDonnell Planetarium, officially welcomed the Association, as did Mr. Wayne Clark, President of the St. Louis Astronomical Society. The Secretary's minutes of the October 1975 General Meeting were accepted as previously mailed to all members in the AAVSO Journal issue covering that meeting.

In the absence of the Treasurer, his interim report covering the period 10/1/75 thru 3/31/76 was summarized by the Secretary. Overall receipts vs. expenditures were balanced at \$39,739, as shown in the Treasurer's Report which appears in this issue of the AAVSO Journal. The summary report given by the Secretary was accepted by general vote, following discussion. President Fortier made a general plea for more financial contributions to the AAVSO Endowment Fund in the future.

The President called for Standing Committee Reports, which were presented in the following order. Details of these reports may be found elsewhere in this issue of the AAVSO Journal.

Solar Division	C. Hossfield
Occultations	G. Fortier
Chart Committee (New Charts)	C. Ford
Chart Curator (HQ)	J. Mattei
Nominating	P. Bibber, read by C. Ford
Nova Search	C. Borzelli, read by Mrs. Mattei
Eclipsing & RR Lyrae	M. Baldwin
Photoelectric Photometry	H. Landis
Telescope Loan	C. Scovil

The following slate of nominees for the Council, as approved by the Council at its meeting on May 28, 1976, was duly approved by general vote on May 29, 1976;

Robert Adams	MO	Reid Martin	FL
Joseph Ashbrook	MA	Arthur Stokes	OH
Jeremy Knowles	NY	Grace Spitz	VA
Peter Taylor			FL

The Director presented a list of 83 new membership applications approved by the Council at its meeting on May 28, 1976, reading the names plus state or country of residence for each. The complete list of these names appears elsewhere in this issue of the Journal.

Mrs. Mattei then gave an informal interim Director's Report, particularly noting the significant increase of requests from astronomers for AAVSO data on long period, semiregular, and U Geminorum type variables in the past six months. A special note therein was that upon the announcement of Mrs. Florence Campbell Bibber's retirement, she was asked to rise and was given a standing ovation for her many years of service to the Association as the AAVSO Assistant at Headquarters.

President Fortier announced that the AAVSO Council, at its meeting on May 28, 1976, had approved for voting at the October, 1976 General Meeting a number of proposed amendments to the AAVSO Constitution and By-Laws, the details of which he summarized. Copies of these amendments, proposed initially by the Treasurer, will be distributed to all members well before the October 1976 meeting.

Mr. Overbeek, active member from South Africa, was present at the meeting, and was asked by President Fortier to make a few remarks concerning observing in the southern hemisphere. They were of special interest. The location for the 1976 AAVSO Annual Meeting was announced as Smith College, Northampton, Mass., on October 15-17. There followed a 10-minute "break" before the meeting was opened for the presentation of papers.

The first four papers were presented before adjournment for an official outdoor photograph, at 12:20 PM.

The General Meeting re-convened for continuation of papers at 2:20 PM, with Mr. Baldwin in the chair. The remaining papers on the attached list were presented before adjournment for a McDonnell Planetarium show scheduled for 4:00 PM.

Following the scheduled buffet-style banquet at the Bel Air West Motel, in recognition of the 65th year of the Association's incorporation, and mindful of the fact that many mid-western members at this St. Louis meeting might not get to the October, 1976 meeting in Massachusetts, the AAVSO's classic movie film "Through the Years..." was shown once again. This film was originally compiled from movies taken at AAVSO meetings by various members during the years 1928 thru 1955, and was first presented at the Association's 50th annual meeting in 1961.

The remaining special feature of this St. Louis meeting was the scheduled "Cruise on the Mississippi" on Sunday, May 30th. This was enjoyed by all as a social event, but especially by members of the Chart Committee, Mrs. Mattei, and Mr. Overbeek, as an opportunity to discuss details of proposals for revising charts for southern hemisphere variable stars.

Clinton B. Ford
Secretary

LIST OF PAPERS PUBLISHED IN FULL OR IN ABSTRACT IN THIS ISSUE.

"Eruptive Variables: How to Observe Them Efficiently"
Ernst H. Mayer

"A Six-inch Giant of Glass and Brass"
Russell C. Maag

"The Outbursts of Recurrent Nova T Coronae Borealis"
Ronald F. Webbink

"Some Thoughts on the How and Why of P.E.P."
Howard J. Landis

"A Period Change In UU Canis Majoris"
Marvin E. Baldwin, Gerry Samolyk, & Gary Wedemayer

"A 'Random' Book Review"
Carolyn J. Hurlless

"Threshold Limits for Moderate Aperture Telescopes"
Roger S. Kolman

Other papers presented:

"Comet West's Stormy Light Curve"
Joseph Marcus

"Some Needs in Long Period and Eruptive Variable Star Observations"
Edwin B. Weston

"Queer Stuff"
R. Newton Mayall

"Infra-red Sky Surveys and Spiral Structure of Our Galaxy"
Edwin B. Weston

"1975 Activity of Three Favorite Variables"
Janet A. Mattei

List of New Members accepted at this meeting.

BROOKS, Peter, PA	PERSSON, Jan, Sweden
BROWN, Nicholas J., Australia	PETERSON, Richard, WN
CARTER, Wayne Q., OH	POXON, Michael W., England
CHANDLER, Richard W., IN	PURDY, Anthony, So. Africa
CHILDRESS, R. Ken, TN	QUESINBERRY, Thomas L., OH
CHRISTENSEN, Richard, IN	RAMSER, John H., PA
S CLARK, James O. II, FPO NY	RAUSCH, Samuel A., OH
CONRAD, Robert G., TN	RIGGS, Michael L., WV
COPELAND, Jeannie M., Canada	ROESS, Steven T., OH
CSONKA, Jeff, IN	RUBENBERG, Eugene S., NY
DeKARSKE, Donald H., SC	RUSSO, Patrick A., NY
DeYOUNG, James A., WV	SALAVARRIA, Andres E. Venezuela
DOTEN, Glenn H., MA	SANTA, Jerry, MI
EDWARDS, Daniel J., MD	SCOTT, Don M., CA
EHRHART, J. Edward, CA	SEIGEL, Lester, NY
GILCHRIST, Robert S., CT	SERCOMBE, Gayle, FL
HALL, Douglas S., TN	SHIRN, Martha M., MA
HILL, Richard E., MI	SKILLMAN, David R., MD
JARVIS, Bradley, MA	S SMITH, Charles R., MA
JOHN, W. Randy, CA	SPIETH, Lanning F., Jr., CA
JONES, Rodney V., NC	STAHL, Philip A., West Indies
KEY, Philip S., OH	STALEY, James A., NC
KNAPP, Charles E., WV	STANLEY, Thomas D., GA
KOCYLA, Dennis F., NY	STEINBACH, Hans M., W. Germany
LAPP, Herbert J. Jr., NJ	STEPHAN, Christopher, OH
LeMAY, Pierre, Canada	STEWART, Robert J., NJ
LENTINI, Richard A., MA	STRAZDAS, Richard J., MA
S LILLER, Martha, MA	TAPLIN, Elmon L., NY
S LILLER, William, MA	THOMPSON, Michael E., CO
LYNCH, Richard, RI	TREMBLAY, Robert H., Canada
MAY, Stephen, MN	VACQUIER, Victor, CA
S MAYER, Ben, CA	VOLHARD, James, WI
MAYROFRIDIS, George, Greece	VOLLMAN, Wolfgang, Austria
McGOWAN, Laurence, MA	WARREN, Don, CA
MEADORS, Michael L., OK	WARREN, Robert G., IN
MOREL, Mati, Australia	WATSON, H. E. Rebecca, AL
MULAC, Richard A. OH	WILSON, Kenneth D., MI
MULFORD, Robert A., IL	WINTERBOTTOM, David P., MI
MUNYON, Howard R., DE	S ZAHNER, Donald D., VT
NASLUND, Magnus, Sweden	
PASACHOFF, Jay, MA	CHANGES TO SUSTAINING:
PATRICK, Edward L., OH	
PERI, Achille, Italy	WILSON, Edward H., Japan

Adult: 44, Junior: 33, New Sustaining (S): 6, Total: 83.

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