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ANNUAL MEETING
RÉUNION ANNUELLE

2008

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1st Vice-President

2nd Vice-President

Secretary

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Réunion annuelle 2008

La Réunion annuelle des membres aura lieu le lundi, 2008 juin 30, de 8h30 à 11h00 HAE
dans la salle C du pavillon des Science de l'informatique de l'Université de York, Toronto, Ontario

Ordre du jour

1. Approbation de l'ordre du jour

2. Procès-verbal de la Réunion annuelle 2007

(publié dans la version électronique du rapport annuel 2007 qui se trouve dans la section réservé aux membres du site Web de la SRAC (www.rasc.ca/private/minutes))

3. Rapports des Officiers

Président	(Dave Lane)	2e Vice-Présidente	(Mary Lou Whitehorne)
Secrétaire/rapporteur	(James Edgar)	Trésorier	(Mayer Tchelebon)
États financiers	(publiés dans le Rapport annuel 2007)	Secrétaire exécutive	(Bonnie Bird)

4. Rapports des comités permanents:

Prix	(Peter Jedicke)	Constitution	(Patrice Scattolin)
Éducation	(Kim Hay)	Exécutif	(Dave Lane)
Finance	(Mayer Tchelebon)	Histoire	(Barry Matthews)
Bibliothèque	(Dr. Robert Garrison)	Membres & Promotion	(Denis Grey)
Nomination	(Peter Jedicke)	Observation	(Paul Gray)
Propriété	(Mayer Tchelebon)	Publications	(Dave Lane)

5. Rapports des comités spéciaux:

Technologie de l'information	(Patrice Scattolin)
Réduction de la pollution lumineuse	(Robert Dick)

6. Motions

1. Augmentations des frais d'adhésion
2. Modification au Règlement No 1 pour confirmer les frais d'adhésion nationaux actuels
 - a. modification requise pour être en conformité avec les Règlements sur les organismes charitables
 - b. motion pour confirmer les frais d'adhésion nationaux actuels
 - c. modification aux dates régissant l'envoi du Handbook aux nouveaux membres
 - d. amalgamation des comités d'histoire et de la bibliothèque
 - e. modification à la composition du comité des Nominations
 - f. modification à la date de la tenue de la Réunion annuelle

Dans tous les cas, voir les notes explicatives pour plus de détails.

7. Élection d'un Vérificateur

Proposition: autoriser le Conseil national à rechercher et nommer un Vérificateur.
Voir les notes explicatives pour les détails.

8. Varia

9. Clôture

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Annual Meeting 2008

The Annual Meeting of members will be held on Monday, 2008 June 30, from 8:30 to 11:00 EDT
in the Computer Science C Room, of York University, Toronto, Ontario

Agenda

1. Approval of Agenda

2. Minutes of the 2007 Annual Meeting

(Published in the on-line version 2007 Annual Report, and located on the RASC Members-only section on the Web site
(www.rasc.ca/private/minutes))

3. Reports of Officers

President	(Dave Lane)	2nd Vice-President	(Mary Lou Whitehorne)
Secretary/Recorder	(James Edgar)	Treasurer	(Mayer Tchelebon)
Financial Statements	(Published in the 2007 Annual Report)	Executive Secretary	(Bonnie Bird)

4. Reports of Standing Committees:

Awards	(Peter Jedicke)	Constitution	(Patrice Scattolin)
Education	(Kim Hay)	Executive	(Dave Lane)
Finance	(Mayer Tchelebon)	Historical	(Barry Matthews)
Library	(Dr. Robert Garrison)	Membership & Promotion	(Denis Grey)
Nominating	(Peter Jedicke)	Observing	(Paul Gray)
Property	(Mayer Tchelebon)	Publications	(Dave Lane)

5. Reports of Special Committees:

Information Technology	(Patrice Scattolin)
Light-Pollution Abatement	(Robert Dick)

6. Motions

1. Corrective Membership Fee Increase
 2. Amendments to By-Law #1 and motion to confirm current national fees
 - a. Changes required for Charities Regulation Compliance
 - b. Motion to Confirm Current National Fees
 - c. Change Timing of Handbook Mailings for New Members
 - d. Combine Historical & Library Committees
 - e. Change to the composition of the Nominating Committee
 - f. Change the Scheduling of the Annual Meeting
- In all cases see explanatory material for details.

7. Election of Auditor

Proposed: Authorize National Council to seek and appoint an auditor

8. Other Business

9. Adjournment

PRESIDENT NOMINATION

BIOGRAPHY OF THE NOMINATED PRESIDENT

(Candidate proposed by the Nominating Committee)

David Lane

David Lane is a life member of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada and is a recipient of the Ken Chilton Prize, the Service Medal, and the Chant Medal. He was awarded the 2007 Science Champion Award by Halifax's science centre, the Discovery Centre. Before becoming the Society's 2nd and 1st Vice-Presidents, he served on the Halifax Centre executive for about 15 years in various positions, including two years as President.

He has served the national Society for many years, often behind the scenes, by performing a variety of duties, including being the Society's first Webmaster, setting up the eStore, contributing annually to the *Observer's Handbook* and *Observer's Calendar*, while also serving on a variety of national committees. He has also led a number of national initiatives to modernize the Society's operations and publications and improve its financial health. He is currently President (serving the remainder of his predecessor's two-year term), *Observer's Calendar* Editor, and Chair of the Board Pilot Committee.

Aside from his all-consuming RASC activities, Dave enjoys sailing the coast of Nova Scotia, doing variable-star observing, contributing to amateur research projects at his automated backyard Abbey Ridge Observatory, and deep-sky observing with his home-built 18-inch telescope. Dave operates Nova Astronomics, a part-time software company that primarily develops and markets "The Earth Centered Universe" astronomy software.

During the day, Dave is a system administrator and astronomy technician at Saint Mary's University.

BIOGRAPHIE DU PRÉSIDENT NOMINÉ

(Candidature proposée par le Comité des nominations)

David Lane

David Lane est membre à vie de la Société royale d'astronomie du Canada et récipiendaire du prix Ken Chilton, de la Médaille de service et de la Médaille Chant. En 2007 il a reçu la Prix « Champion des sciences » du Centre Discovery d'Halifax. Avant de servir à titre de 2e et 1er vice-président de la Société, il a été membre du comité exécutif du Centre de Halifax pendant quelque 15 ans dans diverses positions, y compris deux ans à titre de président.

Travaillant souvent dans l'ombre il a, pendant de nombreuses années, appuyé la Société en exécutant diverses tâches, notamment en étant le premier Webmestre de la Société, en mettant sur pied le eStore, en contribuant annuellement au *Observer's Handbook* et au *Calendrier*, tout en faisant partie de divers comités nationaux. Il a également animé divers initiatives visant à moderniser les opérations et les publications de la Société, et à améliorer sa situation financière. Il est présentement le Président de la Société (terminant le mandat de deux ans de son prédécesseur), l'éditeur du *Calendrier* et président du Comité pilote sur les orientations.

En plus de ses nombreuses activités à la SRAC, Dave aime bien naviguer le long de la côte de la Nouvelle-Écosse, observer les étoiles variables, participer à des projets de recherche amateur depuis son observatoire automatisé d'Abbey

Ridge dans sa cour et faire de l'observation du ciel profond avec son télescope de 18 pouces qu'il a fabriqué. Dave dirige à temps partiel Nova Astronomics, une société de conception de logiciels dont la principale fonction consiste à développer et mettre en marché le logiciel d'astronomie «The Earth Centered Universe».

Le jour, Dave est gestionnaire de système et technicien en astronomie à l'Université Saint Mary.

Note: The complete Annual Report may be found online on the Society's Web site: www.rasc.ca in the members-only section, under the Governance section. Contact National Office: nationaloffice@rasc.ca for the username and password if you do not already have it.

The complete version includes the following:
2007 Annual Meeting Minutes
2007 Annual Reports from Centres
2007 Award Winners
2008 Centre addresses and Executives
2008 National Council

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT NOMINATION

BIOGRAPHY OF THE NOMINATED FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

(Candidate proposed by the Nominating Committee)

Mary Lou Whitehorne

Mary Lou Whitehorne joined the RASC in 1986 and has been a Life Member since 1990. She has served 15 years on the Halifax Centre executive, including 3 terms as President. She has been active in every aspect of Halifax Centre life, including observing, outreach in the schools and with the public, working on Nova East, and organizing the 1993 Halifax General Assembly. Nationally, Mary Lou has served on the Light-Pollution Abatement Committee, the Property Committee, the GA Guidelines Committee, and the Education Committee, as well as the Finance and Executive Committees in her role as 2nd Vice-President. She was a section contributor to the *Observer's Handbook* for nine years, and Education Notes editor for JRASC for two years. Mary Lou is the recipient of the RASC Chant Medal and Simon Newcomb Awards, the Messier and Finest NGC Certificates, as well as the Las Cumbres Amateur Outreach Award from the Astronomical Society of the Pacific.

Mary Lou has been involved in science education for 18 years, working with teachers and students at all grade levels in the classroom, in workshops and summer institutes, at professional development conferences, and in fixed and portable planetaria. She spent a few years doing space science education with the Canadian Space Agency and Canada's astronauts. She is the author of *Skyways: Astronomy Handbook for Teachers* and *Explorons l'astronomie—Guide pédagogique*. She is presently working on innovative new educational products with Starry Night/Imaginova Canada, and is the lead author of *Starry Night Middle School*, *Starry Night High School*, *Starry Night Elementary*, and *Open Sky Live*.

Minor planet 144907 Whitehorne carries her name in recognition of Mary Lou's contribution to educational outreach in Canada.

BIOGRAPHIE DE LA PREMIÈRE VICE-PRÉSIDENTE NOMINÉE

(Candidature proposée par le Comité des nominations)

Mary Lou Whitehorne

Mary-Lou Whitehorne s'est jointe à la SRAC en 1986 et est membre à vie depuis 1990. Elle a été membre du comité exécutif du centre de Halifax pendant 15 ans, et 3 fois présidente. Elle a touché à tous les aspects du Centre de Halifax: l'observation, les activités dans les écoles et avec le public, l'initiative Nova East et en organisant l'Assemblée générale de la Société à Halifax en 1993. Sur le plan national, Mary Lou a été membre des comités sur la Lutte contre la pollution lumineuse, les Propriétés, les Lignes directrices pour les assemblées générales et celui de l'éducation, et à titre de 2e vice-présidente, à celui des Finances et du Comité exécutif. Elle a contribué à une section du *Observer's Handbook* pendant neuf ans, et à servi pendant deux ans comme éditrice de la section sur l'éducation du Journal. Mary Lou est récipiendaire de la Médaille Chant et du Prix Simon Newcomb de la SRAC, ainsi que des certificats Messier et « Plus beaux objets NGC ». Elle a également reçu le Prix Las Cumbres de l'Astronomical Society of the Pacific pour son travail de vulgarisation scolaire.

Mary Lou oeuvre dans le domaine de l'éducation scientifique depuis 18 ans. Elle a travaillé avec des professeurs et des élèves de tous les niveaux en classe, dans le contexte d'ateliers et de camps d'été, dans le cadre de conférences de développement professionnel, et dans des planétaria fixes ou mobiles. Elle a travaillé quelques années dans le domaine de l'éducation aérospatiale avec l'Agence spatiale canadienne et les astronautes canadiens. Elle est l'auteur de *Skyways: Astronomy Handbook for Teachers* et de *Explorons l'astronomie - Guide pédagogique*. Elle travaille actuellement sur des produits éducationnels innovateurs avec la société Starry Night/Imaginova Canada, et elle est l'auteur principal de *Starry Night Middle School*, de *Starry Night High School*, *Starry Night Elementary*, et *Open Sky Live*.

L'astéroïde 144907 Whitehorne a été nommé en son honneur pour souligner sa contribution à l'éducation populaire au Canada.

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT NOMINATION

BIOGRAPHY OF THE NOMINATED SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT

(Candidate proposed by the Nominating Committee)

Glenn Hawley

Glenn Hawley was born 1951 October 3 in Regina, Saskatchewan. He earned a B.Sc. in 1973 from the University of Manitoba with a double major in botany and zoology, and then in 1975 a Diploma of Education from the University of Calgary.

From 1979 to 1993 Glenn worked for CGG, Compagnie Générale de Géophysique, including 18 months at their head office in Paris, France, learning to speak French in the process. In 2007 he sold his share in a small geophysical company to his business partner and is now semi-retired. Glenn lives with his wife of 32 years, Lorna, and two cats.

Glenn became an amateur astronomer on 1979 February 26. He joined the Calgary Centre in 1983, and has been a member of the Centre Council continuously from 1987 to the present. Glenn served five years in total as Secretary, and two terms as Centre President. He has represented Calgary at National on several occasions, and took over the chairmanship of the Membership Survey Committee in 1992 in time to complete the survey and collate the results. Since 1990 Glenn has attended every General Assembly except one.

Glenn has observed at the Alberta Star Party and Star-B-Que, the Mount Kobau Star Party, the Saskatchewan Summer Star Party, and the Texas Star Party, living out of his camperized van, RASCCAL.

In 1986 Glenn accompanied an expedition led by Don Hladiuk to Australia to see Comet Halley. He went on to observe total solar eclipses in 1991, 1994, 1995, 1998, 1999, and 2001 on tours led by Don, but with Glenn helping out more and more. In 2002 Glenn led an eclipse group to South Africa, and for the 2004 transit of Venus and the 2006, 2008, and 2009 eclipses Glenn was and is a tour co-leader.

BIOGRAPHIE DU 2E VICE-PRÉSIDENT NOMINÉ

(Candidature proposée par le Comité des nominations)

Glenn Hawley

Glenn Hawley est né le 1951 octobre 3 à Regina, en Saskatchewan. En 1973 il complète son B.Sc. en botanique et zoologie, à l'Université du Manitoba, et obtient, en 1975, un Diplôme en éducation de l'Université de Calgary.

De 1979 à 1993 il travaille pour la CGG, la Compagnie générale de géophysique, et fait un séjour de 18 mois à l'administration centrale à Paris où il perfectionne son français. En 2007 il vend à son partenaire sa participation dans une petite compagnie de géophysique. Il est maintenant semi-retraité. Glenn est marié depuis 32 ans à Lorna, et ils possèdent deux chats.

Glen fait de l'astronomie amateur depuis le 1979 février 26. Il s'est joint au Centre de Calgary en 1983 et fait partie de son Conseil d'administration de façon continue depuis 1987. Il a servi cinq ans à titre de Secrétaire et a complété deux mandats à titre de Président. Il a représenté le Centre de Calgary au sein du Conseil national à plusieurs occasions. En 1992 il a assumé la présidence du Comité sur le sondage des membres, en temps pour compléter le sondage et colliger les résultats. Depuis 1990 Glen a assisté à toutes les Assemblées générales sauf une.

Glen a fait de l'observation au « Star Party et Star-B-Que » de l'Alberta ainsi qu'au « Star Party du Mont Kobau » au « Summer Star Party » de la Saskatchewan et au « Star Party » du Texas. Il s'y rend chaque fois avec sa fourgonnette qu'il a baptisée RASCCAL.

En 1986 il s'est joint à l'expédition de Don Hladiuk en Australie pour observer la comète de Halley. Il s'est joint aux expéditions de Don pour observer les éclipses totales du Soleil de 1991, 1994, 1998, 1999, et 2001, y jouant un rôle de plus en plus important. En 2002 il a dirigé un groupe pour une éclipse en Afrique du Sud. Il a agi à titre de chef adjoint d'expédition pour le transit de Vénus de 2004 et les éclipses de 2006, 2008, et 2009.

SECRETARY NOMINATION

BIOGRAPHY OF THE NOMINATED NATIONAL SECRETARY

(Candidate proposed by the Nominating Committee)

James Edgar

James Edgar, an RASC member since 2000 and a Life Member since 2001, quickly became involved in the Society. His participation on several Society publication production teams keeps him busy throughout the year—he is Editor's Assistant and Proofreader for the *Observer's Handbook*, Production Manager for the *Journal*, and Proofreader for the *Observer's Calendar*. Since the summer of 2007, James has combined the positions of Recorder and National Secretary. He is actively seeking election to the National Secretary position in 2008, a job for which he is well suited. In addition to the forgoing activities on a national front, James writes a monthly astronomy article that appears in over 20 weekly newspapers in south-eastern Saskatchewan.

BIOGRAPHIE DE LA SECRÉTAIRE NATIONAL NOMINÉE

(Candidature proposée par le Comité des nominations)

James Edgar

James Edgar est membre de la SRAC depuis l'an 2000 et membre à vie depuis 2001, s'impliquant très tôt dans les activités de la Société. Ses activités au sein d'équipes de production de plusieurs publications de la Société le tiennent occupé à l'année longue. Il est l'adjoint de l'Éditeur et vérificateur de textes du *Observer's Handbook*, responsable de la production du *Journal* et vérificateur de textes du *Observer's Calendar*. Depuis l'été 2007 James cumule les fonctions de Rapporteur et de Secrétaire national de la Société. Il souhaite être élu Secrétaire national en 2008, fonction pour laquelle il est éminemment qualifié. En plus de ses activités nationales, James rédige une chronique mensuelle sur l'astronomie, publiée dans plus de 20 hebdomadaires dans le sud-est de la Saskatchewan.

PROPOSED CORRECTIVE MEMBERSHIP FEE INCREASE — PROPOSITION D'UNE AUGMENTATION CORRECTIVE DES FRAIS D'ADHÉSION

Summary

The Society's membership fees are significantly lower than the cost of membership and are heavily subsidized by our net publications and other non-membership fee revenue.

With increasing downward pressure on our publications business, the Society must take steps now to remove our dependency on publications and other non-membership income in providing services to members, and in so doing, eliminate annual deficits and free up resources for mandate activities that are consistent with the Society's purpose and mission.

In addition, it is not appropriate for a registered Charity like the RASC to use its charitable resources for the material benefit of its members (i.e. subsidising membership fees with revenues from publications sales). The RASC can no longer continue with this practice as it has done in the past.

For a complete discussion of the foregoing points, see the discussion paper entitled **Aligning Membership Fees with the Cost of Service: An Important Proposal to National Council** and the meeting minutes in the Members' Only section of the Web site:

www.rasc.ca/private/reports/feechange_20080330.pdf

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Preamble

This motion proposes a membership fee increase for the Society that would bring the fees in line with the actual cost of providing existing membership programs and services, including associated overhead. The average cost to the national Society to service a member in 2008 is currently estimated at \$41.60 per year. The average revenue per member is presently about \$5 less than this amount.

This proposed fee increase of \$8 for ordinary members is higher than the shortfall to account for the following:

- An expected drop in members (requiring overhead costs to be covered by fewer members);
- The continuing decline of publication revenue (requiring a larger fraction of the fixed overhead costs to be borne by the members);
- The costs to service honorary members, and to make up for the revenue shortfall for Youth and Life Members; and
- An additional \$1 provided to the Centre portion of the fee to cover the costs associated with more members using credit cards to pay their fees.

This motion also significantly adjusts the fees for members outside of Canada, bringing them in line with actual costs for servicing these members. An analysis of the costs has found that these fees were significantly out of step with actual postage costs, resulting in a major adjustment for these members. This is particularly important now that the Canadian/US currency exchange rate is near par.

Sommaire

Les frais d'adhésion de la Société sont nettement plus bas que les coûts pour les services aux membres qui, de façon importante, sont financés par les revenus nets découlant des publications et d'autres revenus que les frais d'adhésion.

Avec la chute progressive des revenus provenant des publications, la Société doit prendre des mesures immédiates pour moins dépendre de ces revenus et des autres revenus non liés aux frais d'adhésion, pour financer ses services aux membres. Ce faisant, cela contribuera à éliminer les déficits annuels et dégagera des ressources pour financer des activités davantage reliées à la raison d'être et à la mission de la Société.

Par ailleurs, il est inapproprié pour un organisme reconnu à vocation charitable telle la SRAC, d'utiliser ses ressources liées à ce statut au profit de ses membres (i.e. en utilisant les revenus tirés de la vente des publications pour subventionner les services aux membres). La SRAC ne peut plus agir de la sorte comme elle l'a fait par le passé.

Pour une analyse détaillée de ce sujet, voir le document intitulé : **Aligning Membership Fees with the Cost of Service: An Important Proposal to National Council** ainsi que le procès-verbal de la réunion dans la section réservée aux membres de notre site internet:

www.rasc.ca/private/reports/feechange_20080330.pdf

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Préambule

Cette motion propose une augmentation des frais d'adhésion à la Société de sorte que ces frais soient équivalant aux coûts réels des services offerts aux membres, y compris les frais administratifs afférents. On évalue présentement à 41,60 \$ le coût moyen en 2008 pour les services offerts aux membres par la Société, soit quelque 5 \$ de plus par membre que les revenus provenant des frais d'adhésion.

L'augmentation proposée de 8 \$ des frais d'adhésion pour un membre ordinaire est plus élevée que le manque à gagner identifié, pour les raisons suivantes;

- Une diminution envisagée du nombre de membres (les frais administratifs devant être payés par un plus petit nombre de membres)
- Le déclin continu des revenus tirés de la vente des publications (une plus grande part des frais administratifs devant être défrayée par les membres)
- Les coûts reliés aux Membres honoraires, et le manque à gagner relié aux membres des catégories "jeunes" et "à vie"
- L'ajout de 1 \$ à la portion des frais d'adhésion des Centres, pour couvrir les coûts associés à l'usage croissant de cartes de crédit par les membres pour payer leurs frais d'adhésion.

Cette motion vise également à ajuster de façon importante les frais d'adhésion pour les membres qui résident à l'extérieur du Canada,

On recommendation of the Board Pilot Committee, National Council overwhelmingly passed this fee increase motion at its meeting of 2008 March 30, and it is therefore being proposed for adoption by the membership.

In addition, if this membership fee increase is not endorsed by the membership, the National Council has empowered the Executive Committee to **terminate the current SkyNews bundling agreement** and to negotiate a new agreement that provides access to an electronic version of *SkyNews* to all members and a preferentially priced printed subscription.

Motion #1 — Corrective Membership Fee Increase

Moved that the annual and Life-Membership fees of the Society be changed as follows:

For members with Canadian postal addresses:

- 1. Ordinary members - changed to \$67.00 with the Society portion equal to \$44.00 and the Centre portion equal to \$23.00; and*
- 2. Youth members - changed to \$41.00 with the Society portion equal to \$27.30 and the Centre portion equal to \$13.70.*

For members with United States postal addresses (in US dollars, unless stated):

- 1. Ordinary members - changed to \$83.00 with the Society portion equal to \$60.00 and the Centre portion equal to CDN\$23.00; and*
- 2. Youth members - changed to \$57.00 with the Society portion equal to \$43.30 and the Centre portion equal to CDN\$13.70*

For members with postal addresses outside Canada and the United States (in US dollars, unless stated):

- 1. Ordinary members - changed to \$112.00 with the Society portion equal to \$89.00 and the Centre portion equal to CDN\$23.00; and*
- 2. Youth members - changed to \$86.00 with the Society portion equal to \$72.30 and the Centre portion equal to CDN\$13.70.*

and that the Life Membership fee be increased from \$2100.00 to \$2345.00, and for persons outside of Canada be increased from \$2100.00 to \$4000.00 U.S. These new fees shall become effective at a date determined by the Executive Committee, except no earlier than 2008 July 1.

afin qu'ils reflètent les coûts réels pour les services qui leur sont offerts. Une analyse de ces coûts a démontré que les frais d'adhésion ne suffisaient pas à défrayer les frais de la poste et qu'un ajustement important était de mise pour ces membres. C'est davantage le cas maintenant que la valeur du dollar canadien est essentiellement à parité avec le dollar américain.

Tel que recommandé par le Comité directeur pilote, le Conseil national a adopté à grande majorité cette proposition d'augmentation des frais d'adhésion lors de sa réunion du 30 mars 2008. Elle est par conséquent proposée aux membres pour adoption.

Qui plus est, si cette augmentation des frais d'adhésion n'obtient pas l'appui des membres, le Conseil national a confié au Comité exécutif le soin de **terminer l'accord prévoyant la distribution aux membres de Sky News** et de négocier un nouvel accord prévoyant un accès pour tous les membres à la version électronique de *Sky News* ainsi qu'un tarif préférentiel pour un abonnement régulier.

Motion #1 — Augmentation corrective des frais d'adhésion

Il est proposée que les frais annuels d'adhésion à la Société et ceux pour les membres à vie soient modifiés comme suit :

Pour les membres qui ont une adresse postale au Canada:

- 1. membres ordinaires - 67,00 \$, la portion de la Société étant de 44,00 \$ et celle du Centre de 23,00 \$;*
- 2. membres "Jeunes" - 41,00 \$, la portion de la Société étant de 27,30 \$ et celle du Centre de 13,70 \$.*

Pour les membres qui ont une adresse postale aux États-Unis (en dollars US, sauf indication contraire):

- 1. membres ordinaires - 83,00 \$, la portion de la Société étant de 60,00 \$ et celle du Centre de 23,00 \$ CAN;*
- 2. membres "Jeunes" - 57,00 \$, la portion de la Société étant de 43,30 \$ et celle du Centre étant de 13,70 \$ CAN.*

Pour les membres qui ont une adresse postale ailleurs qu'au Canada ou aux États-Unis (en dollars US sauf indication contraire):

- 1. membres ordinaires - 112,00 \$, la portion de la Société étant de 89,00 \$ et celle du Centre de 23,00 \$;*
- 2. membres "Jeunes" - 86,00 \$, la portion de la Société étant de 72,30 \$ et celle du Centre de 13,70 \$.*

Et que les frais d'adhésion pour les membres à vie soient augmentés de 2100,00 \$ à 2345,00 \$ et, pour les membres résidant à l'extérieur du Canada, de 2100 \$ à 4000 \$ U.S. Ces nouveaux frais d'adhésion entreront en vigueur à une date établie par le Comité exécutif mais pas avant le 1^{er} juillet 2008.

PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGES

PROPOSITIONS POUR MODIFIER LES RÉGLEMENTS

These proposed changes to the Society's By-Law #1, and one additional motion, will be presented for ratification at the Society's Annual Meeting to be held on 2008 June 30.

Motion #2a — Changes Required for Charities Regulation Compliance

Over the past several months the Society's Executive and Board Pilot Committees have become aware that certain prior practices of the RASC, particularly relating to certain transfer of funds from the national Society to our Centres, are no longer compliant with Canadian law. Upon learning of this we immediately engaged the services of an expert in charity tax law — Susan Manwaring, a partner with Miller Thomson LLP — to provide advice on appropriate courses of action. Members can be assured that the National Council is acting in a professional and responsible manner in responding to these challenges, including recently making a voluntary disclosure to the Canada Revenue Agency regarding these matters.

This motion deals with one specific aspect of a complicated issue. For more general information, see the discussion paper entitled **Resolution of Charitable Issues Going Forward** in the Members' Only section of the Web site at www.rasc.ca/private/reports/bpc_charityissues_20080330.pdf (Username = rasc, Password = newcomb2005).

The most important transfers of funds to Centres are for membership fees, including the Centre Portion of the National Fee and Centre Surcharges. While the Society's financial statements and accounting practices support the interpretation of these payments as simply collected on behalf of the Centre and forwarded to the Centre, the necessary background documentation does not exist to justify these payments. Given that all of these payments are coming out of the same bank account as the Society's other activities, the legal advice that we have received tells us that it is essential that these transfers be properly documented to avoid problems in an audit scenario. Present wording in our by-laws is not sufficiently clear on this issue.

In addition, in order to make it completely transparent that the Society is simply collecting fees on behalf the Centres, the Society must not have control over the amounts of those fees (the Society — its Council and Membership — presently sets the Centre Portion of the fee). In order to provide transparency, the Society must no longer control the Centre Portion of the fee.

Presented here are a number of detailed changes to sections 1 through 3.09 of By-Law #1 in order to

- Provide Centre autonomy for setting their own fees and to allow Centres to determine themselves (based on their own rules) when a member is in default of centre fees, at which point the member would become an unattached member of the Society;
- Implement a "Centre affiliation incentive" to the annual membership fee. This is intended to encourage Centre membership and discourage unattached memberships. This replaces the existing fee structure, whereby the annual membership fee includes specific national and Centre portions;

Ces modifications proposées au Règlement # 1 de la Société, ainsi qu'une autre motion, seront présentées pour ratification lors de la Réunion annuelle de la Société le 30 juin 2008.

Motion #2a — Modification requise pour être en conformité avec la réglementation sur les organismes charitables

Au cours des derniers mois le Comité exécutif et le Comité directeur pilote ont appris que certaines pratiques de la SRAC, particulièrement en ce qui a trait au transfert de fonds de la Société nationale aux Centres, ne sont plus conformes à la législation canadienne. Nous avons immédiatement retenu les services d'une experte en législation touchant la fiscalité des organismes charitables — Susan Manwaring, partenaire de la société Miller, Thomson LLP — pour nous aviser sur les actions à prendre. Les membres peuvent être assurés que le Conseil national agit de façon professionnelle et responsable en relevant les défis que présente ce dossier, y compris récemment par le biais d'une divulgation volontaire à l'Agence canadienne du revenu à ce sujet.

Cette motion ne traite que d'un aspect d'un dossier compliqué. Pour des renseignements généraux sur cette question, veuillez consulter le document de discussion intitulé : **Resolution of Charitable Issues Going Forward** dans la section du site web de la Société qui est réservée aux membres: www.rasc.ca/private/reports/bpc_charityissues_20080330.pdf (Username = rasc, Password = newcomb2005).

Les plus importants transferts de fonds aux Centres sont reliés aux frais d'adhésion et comprennent la portion qui revient aux Centres des frais d'adhésion nationaux ainsi que la surcharge unique à chaque Centre. Alors que les états financiers et les pratiques comptables de la Société voient dans ces transferts de fonds que des sommes qui sont collectées pour les Centres et qui leur sont acheminées, la documentation nécessaire pour justifier de tels transferts n'existent pas. Étant donné que les fonds pour ces transferts proviennent du même compte de banque qui sert aux autres activités de la Société, l'avis légal que l'on a reçu nous dit qu'il est essentiel que ces transferts soient clairement documentés pour éviter tout problème lors d'une vérification. Nos règlements ne sont pas suffisamment clairs à cet égard.

Par ailleurs, pour que ce soit tout à fait clair que la Société ne fait que collecter des fonds pour les Centres, il importe que la Société n'ait aucun contrôle sur ces fonds (c'est la Société — son Conseil et ses membres — qui à l'heure actuelle établit la portion des Centres des frais nationaux d'adhésion). Pour assurer la transparence nécessaire, la Société ne doit plus contrôler la portion des Centres des frais d'adhésion.

Voici plusieurs modifications détaillées aux sections 1 à 3.09 du Règlement # 1 qui visent à :

- Donner aux Centres l'autonomie nécessaire pour établir leur propre frais d'adhésion et leur permettre (selon leur propre règlements) d'établir quand un membre est en défaut de paiement, auquel moment le membre deviendrait un membre de la Société non associé à un Centre.
- Mettre en oeuvre un "Incitatif à joindre un Centre" dans la structure des frais d'adhésion annuels. Cette mesure vise

- Be silent about how fees are actually collected. The details of how fees are collected will no longer be included in the bylaws, but will be documented in fee collection agreements between the national Society and the Centres;
- Remove the ability for a member to pay up to three years in advance (we haven't been offering this "service" formally for the past two years);
- Clarify that Centres may have only the member classes defined in the national By-Law #1, and that all members other than associate, affiliate, and temporary are members of the Society;
- Clarify the definition of the Centre affiliate member type;
- Clarify that Centres may require a life member to pay a fee (this is no different than at present, since a Centre may require a life member to pay a Centre surcharge).

It is important to note that the average member will not notice any significant change as a result of this motion. To see details of how each clause is proposed to be changed, see www.rasc.ca/private/bylaws/2008bylawchanges.pdf

Moved that By-Law #1 sections 1.01 to 3.09 be replaced with the following:

à encourager l'appartenance à un Centre et décourager les membres non associés. Elle remplacerait la structure actuelle des frais d'adhésion selon laquelle ils comprennent des portions spécifiques à la Société et au Centre.

- Ne pas détailler comment les frais d'adhésion sont recueillis. Le détail de ce processus ne se retrouvera plus dans les règlements généraux mais fera l'objet d'ententes portant sur la collecte des frais d'adhésion entre la Société nationale et les Centres.
- Ne plus permettre à un membre de payer jusqu'à trois ans d'avance (nous n'avons plus offert ce « service » de façon formelle depuis deux ans).
- Énoncer clairement que les Centres ne peuvent avoir que les mêmes catégories de membres que l'on retrouve dans le Règlement #1, et que tous les membres autres qu'associé, affilié ou temporaire, sont membres de la Société.
- Énoncer clairement la définition de « membre affilié » à un Centre
- Énoncer clairement que les Centres peuvent exiger des frais d'adhésion à un membre à vie (ce qui est déjà permis puisqu'un Centre peut exiger qu'un membre à vie paie une surcharge)

Il est important de noter que cette motion n'aura pas d'effet significatif pour la plupart des membres. Pour voir le détail des modifications proposées à chaque article du Règlement, voir: www.rasc.ca/private/bylaws/2008bylawchanges.pdf

Il est proposé que les sections 1.01 à 3.09 du Règlement # 1 soient remplacées par ce qui suit:

ARTICLE 1 – DEFINITIONS

- 1.01 In this By-law, and in all other By-laws of the Society, unless the context requires a different meaning,
- (c) "Centre affiliation incentive" means an amount by which the applicable annual Society membership fee is to be reduced as an incentive for a member to become an attached member of their Centre of choice, (new, June 2008)
- (Note: definitions have been alphabetized, so the numbering has changed. The definitions are otherwise unchanged)

ARTICLE 2 – SEAL

- 2.01 The corporate seal of the Society shall be such as the Council may by an ordinary resolution from time to time approve.

ARTICLE 3 – MEMBERSHIP

3.01 ELIGIBILITY

Membership in the Society shall be open to all persons who are interested in astronomy, as provided by the Letters Patent of the Society.

3.02 CLASSES OF MEMBERS

- (1) There shall be four classes of membership: ordinary, youth, life, and honorary. No member, other than an honorary member, may belong to more than one class. (amended, July 1993)
- (2) An ordinary member is a member who has paid the ordinary membership fee under Article 3.05(1). (amended, July 1999)
- (3) A youth member is a member who has paid the youth membership fee under Article 3.05(1) and who is less than twenty-one years of age at the time of such payment. (amended, July 1999, June 2008)
- (4) A life member is a member who has paid the life membership fee under Article 3.05(1), or a member upon whom the Council has conferred life membership in recognition of specified meritorious service to the Society or to a Centre. A life member shall not pay any annual membership fee referred to in Article 3.05(1), however he or she may be required to pay a fee to the Centre, referred to in Article 3.05(2), to which they are attached. (amended, July 1993, July 1999, June 2008)

- (5) An honorary member is a person upon whom honorary membership in the Society has been conferred by the Council in recognition of noteworthy contributions to astronomy. A person may simultaneously hold both honorary membership and life membership in the Society.
- (6) Only ordinary, youth, and life members are voting members of the Society. (amended, July 1993)

3.03

BECOMING A MEMBER

- (1) A person who has submitted an application and the fee under Article 3.05(1) may be elected as an unattached member, within the meaning of Article 3.04(2), by special resolution of the Council. (amended, July 1999)
- (2) A person who has submitted an application and the applicable fees under Articles 3.05(1) and 3.05(2) may become a member of a Centre in such manner, if any, as may be prescribed by the by-laws of the Centre. For such purpose the by-laws of a Centre may prescribe (i) election by a special or ordinary resolution of the Council of the Centre, (ii) election by a special or ordinary resolution of the Centre, or (iii) any other manner. (amended, July 1999, June 2008)
- (3) If the by-laws of a Centre are silent as to the manner in which a person may become a member, or do not provide to the contrary, then a person shall become a member in accordance with following provisions: A person shall become a member on a provisional basis upon submission of an application and payment of the applicable fees under Articles 3.05(1) and 3.05(2). Such provisional membership may be rejected by the Centre within three months thereafter, in such manner as may be prescribed by the by-laws of the Centre or, if the by-laws of the Centre do not so provide, then by ordinary resolution of either the Centre or of the council of the Centre. If the person's membership is not so rejected, then on the expiry of the three-month period the provisional membership shall become full membership. A person who is a member on a provisional basis shall be entitled to all rights of membership, except that Article 3.11(3) (Expulsion from Membership) does not apply to such a person. (new, July 1999)
- (4) Any person whose nomination for membership is defeated, and any person who is a member on a provisional basis and whose membership is rejected, shall be entitled to an immediate repayment of the fee submitted with his or her application. (amended, July 1999)
- (5) Recommendations of candidates for honorary membership shall be made to the Council by the Nominating Committee under Article 7.13(2)(b). A person may be elected as an honorary member by special resolution of the Council and upon subsequent acceptance of such election by the nominee. No more than two honorary members shall be elected in any year. There shall be no more than fifteen honorary members of the Society at any time. (amended, July 1999)

3.04

RELATIONSHIP OF SOCIETY, CENTRE, UNATTACHED, ASSOCIATE AND TEMPORARY MEMBERS

- (1) Every ordinary, youth, or life member of every Centre is a member of the Society, and is attached to the Centre of which he or she is a member. A person who for any reason ceases to be a member of the Society thereupon ceases to be a member of the Centre to which he or she was attached. (amended, July 1993)
- (2) A person (referred to as an "unattached" member) may be a member of the Society without being a member of and attached to a Centre.
- (3) One or more persons who belong to the same family as an ordinary, youth, or life member attached to a Centre may become associate members of the Centre in such manner as may be prescribed by the by-laws of the Centre, but, except through membership in another Centre as specified by Article 3.04(5), an associate member of a Centre is not a member of the Society. A member of the Society attached to a Centre may also be a member of one or more additional Centres (referred to as an "affiliate" member) in such manner as may be prescribed by the by-laws of the additional Centre. (amended, July 1993, July 1999, June 2008)
- (4) Any person may become a temporary member of the Centre, for one non-renewable period not exceeding six months, in such manner and with entitlement to such Centre rights and services as may be prescribed by the by-laws of the Centre. A temporary member of a Centre is not a member of the Society. The purpose of temporary membership is to facilitate membership promotion, by permitting prospective members of the Society to become familiar with the operation of and the rights and services offered by Centres without being required immediately to become members of the Society. (new, July 1995) (amended, July 1999, June 2008)
- (5) Each member shall have only one membership in the Society. However, a member of one Centre may become an associate or affiliate member of one or more additional Centres in accordance with the by-laws of the additional Centre(s). (amended, July 1993, May 2005, June 2008)
- (6) A Centre shall only permit the classes of members referred to in Articles 3.04(2), 3.04(3), 3.04(4), and 3.04(5). (new June 2008)

3.05

MEMBERSHIP FEES

- (1) The annual Society membership fees and the life membership fee shall be determined from time to time by ordinary resolution of the Council and of the Society. The Centre affiliation incentive shall be determined from time to time by ordinary resolution of the Council. No fee shall be payable for honorary membership in the Society. (amended, July 1993, February 2006, June 2008)
- (2) Centre membership fees shall be determined by each Centre in accordance with such procedure as is established by the Centre by-laws. (new, June 2008)

- (3) Any meeting of the Council at which it is proposed to move any resolution to change the membership fees of the Society, including the Centre affiliation incentive, shall be preceded by at least thirty days notice of the specifics of the resolution. The agenda for any meeting of the Society at which it is proposed to move any resolution to change the membership fees of the Society shall include the specifics of the resolution. At any meeting at which such resolution is considered, the resolution may be amended without further notice to the members of the Society or the Council as appropriate. (new, July 1993) (amended, July 1999, May 2005, February 2006, June 2008)
- (4) A member who becomes a life member is not entitled to a refund of any fees paid previously for the current year or for the previous years. (amended, July 1999)
- (5) Each Centre is entitled to receive for its own use from the Society on or before 1 March in every year an amount, in respect of every life member attached to it as of the previous 31 December, equivalent to the Centre affiliation incentive for an ordinary member. (amended, July 1999, June 2008)

3.06

ENTITLEMENT OF MEMBERS TO SOCIETY RIGHTS AND SERVICES

- (1) Every voting member has the right
 - (a) to receive notice of, to attend, and to vote at all meetings of the Society,
 - (b) to attend all meetings of the Council, unless, in exceptional circumstances, the Council declares, by special resolution of the Council, a meeting or a part of a meeting to be closed to the membership;
 - (c) to receive the *Observer's Handbook* and such other publications of the Society as may be determined by the Council, as provided in Article 3.06(3), (amended, July 1999, February 2006)
 - (d) subject to Article 7, to stand for appointment to every committee of the Council, and
 - (e) to stand for election or appointment to any office of the Society or as a member of the Council provided the member is not less than twenty-one years of age.
- (2) Every honorary member has the right to attend all meetings of the Society and to receive the publications of the Society as provided in Article 3.06(1)(c), but is not entitled to vote or to hold office in the Society. (amended, July 1999)
- (3) Every person who is
 - (a) a member of the Society as of November 1; or
 - (b) joins the Society as a new member between November 1 and December 31 in any year
 is entitled to receive the *Observer's Handbook* published for the next calendar year.

Every person who joins the Society as a new member between January 1 and January 31 in any year is entitled to receive the *Observer's Handbook* published for the current calendar year. (new, July 1999; amended February 2006; amended, June 2008)

3.07

ENTITLEMENT OF MEMBERS TO CENTRE RIGHTS AND SERVICES

- (1) Every member is entitled to exercise the following rights, in respect of the Centre to which he or she is attached:
 - (a) to attend and to vote at all Centre meetings;
 - (b) to attend all meetings of the Council of the Centre, unless, in exceptional circumstances, the Council of the Centre declares, by special resolution of the Council of the Centre, a meeting or a part of a meeting to be closed to the membership;
 - (c) where permitted by applicable legislation, to stand for election as an officer of the Centre and to the Council of the Centre; and
 - (d) where he or she is twenty-one years of age or more, to stand for election as a National Council Representative under Article 4.08.
- (2) An unattached member is not entitled to exercise any rights in respect of, nor to receive any services from, any Centre.

3.08

DURATION OF MEMBERSHIP

- (1) A life member or honorary member shall be a member for life. Any other person shall be a member for twelve months after becoming a member, and thereafter for successive twelve-month periods as long as that person renews his or her membership in accordance with this Article 3.08. A person may not pay the youth membership fee for any period that extends more than twelve months beyond the time when the member becomes twenty-one years of age. (new, July 1999)
- (2) Renewal fees, referred to in Article 3.05(1), for existing members are due and payable before expiry of the person's membership, in default of which (subject to Article 3.08(3)) the person ceases to be a member of the Society. (new, July 1999, amended June 2008)
- (3) If a Centre notifies the Society that a member has not paid the membership renewal fees referred to in Article 3.05(2), and as such is no longer considered to be a member in good standing of the Centre, the member shall become an unattached member subject to Article 3.10(2). (new, June 2008)
- (4) Notwithstanding Article 3.08(2), a person who submits a membership fee within four months after the expiry of his or her membership shall be considered to have renewed his or her membership for a 12-month period (or multiple thereof, if applicable) as of the previous expiry of membership, with no interruption in membership. If a person submits a membership fee later than four months after expiry of a previous membership, then such person shall be considered a new member, with a break in continuity of membership. The Society shall keep a record of expired memberships for at least one year following expiry. (new, July 1999)

- (1) A member who is entitled to Society rights and services under Article 3.06 is so entitled during the period provided under Article 3.08(1). A life member is entitled to rights and services under Article 3.06 for the duration of his or her life. (amended, July 1999)
- (2) This provision applies where a person fails to renew his or her membership by paying the required renewal fee before expiry of the person's membership, with the result that the person ceases to be a member as provided by Article 3.08(2). In such case, the person's entitlement to all rights and services of both the Society and the Centre, if any, to which the person was attached, including those specified in Articles 3.06(1) and 3.07(1), is suspended. Further, if such a person is a member of the National Council, the holder of any office or position with the Society, a member of the Council of a Centre, or the holder of any office or position with a Centre, then that person is suspended from each such position. If the person subsequently renews his or her membership within the four-month period referred to in Article 3.08(4), then
- (i) the suspension of the person's entitlement to rights and services shall be removed,
 - (ii) that person's suspension from all Society and Centre positions shall be removed, and
 - (iii) the person shall be entitled to receive all back issues of all Society publications, specified in Article 3.06(1)(c), that the person did not receive during the period of suspension.
- If the person does not renew his or her membership within the four-month period referred to in Article 3.08(4), then
- (i) the person's entitlement to all rights and services of both the Society and the Centre, if any, to which the person was attached, including those specified in Articles 3.06(1) and 3.07(1), terminates,
 - (ii) if such a person is a member of the National Council, the holder of any office or position with the Society, a member of the Council of a Centre, or the holder of any office or position with a Centre, then that person is thereupon removed from each such position, and
 - (iii) Article 6.19 (Vacancy of an Office) thereupon applies to such person.

(new, July 1999, amended 2008)

Motion #2b — Motion to Confirm Current National Fees

As a result of the by-law change provided by Motion #2a, the Society needs to confirm how the previous fees are translated to the new terminology.

Moved that any membership fees established and existing prior to the adoption of Motion #2a are continued and that the Centre affiliation incentive becomes equal to the then current Centre portion of the fee.

Motion #2c — Change Timing of Handbook Mailings for New Members

Under the existing By-Law #1, most new members of the Society effectively receive two copies of the *Observer's Handbook* in their first year of membership — one for the current year and another for the next calendar year. With a turnover of about 800-1000 members each year, this entitlement costs the Society approximately \$4000 to \$5000 per year. This proposal ensures that every member will still receive one Handbook per year of membership. New members will, at time of joining, be offered a discount coupon permitting them to purchase the current year's Handbook as part of their new-member package. New members will receive a copy of the *Observer's Handbook* for the following calendar year when the Handbook is published and distributed to all members. This should also provide a modest increase in Handbook revenue for the Society.

Moved that article 3.06 of By-Law #1 be amended as follows:

"3.06 (3) Every person who is

(a) a member of the Society as of November 1; or

Motion #2b — Motion pour confirmer les frais d'adhésion nationaux actuels

Suite aux modifications apportées au Règlement #1 par la Motion #2a, la Société doit confirmer ses frais d'adhésion en termes compatibles avec la nouvelle terminologie.

Il est proposé que les frais d'adhésion établis et existants avant l'adoption de la Motion #2a, demeurent en vigueur et que l'Incitatif à l'appartenance au Centre devient égal à la portion actuelle des frais d'adhésion qui va au Centre.

Motion #2c — Modification aux dates régissant l'envoi du Handbook aux nouveaux membres

Selon le Règlement #1 actuel, la plupart des nouveaux membres de la Société reçoivent deux numéros du *Observer's Handbook* au cours de leur première année d'adhésion — un pour l'année en cours et un autre pour l'année suivante. Avec un roulement de quelque 800 à 1000 membres par année, ce privilège coûte de 4000 \$ à 5000 \$ à la Société chaque année. Cette proposition fera en sorte que chaque membre recevra un *Observer's Handbook* pour chaque année de membership. Lorsqu'ils se joindront à la Société, on offrira aux nouveaux membres d'acheter à rabais le *Observer's Handbook* de l'année en cours. Ils recevront tous le *Observer's Handbook* l'année suivante lorsque celui-ci est distribué à tous les membres. Cela devrait également résulter en une modeste augmentation des revenus liés au Handbook.

Il est proposé que l'article 3.06 du Règlement #1 soit modifié comme suit:

"3.06 (3) Every person who is

(a) a member of the Society as of November 1; or

(b) joins the Society as a new member between November 1 and December 31

in any year is entitled to receive the Observer's Handbook published for the next calendar year.

Every person who joins the Society as a new member between January 1 and January 31 in any year is entitled to receive the Observer's Handbook published for the current calendar year."

Motion #2d — Combine Historical & Library Committees

This proposal combines the Historical and Library Committees into a new History Committee in order to streamline their activities. It also proposes to eliminate the Society Librarian position whose duties will be undertaken collectively by the new committee.

Moved that By-Law #1 be amended as follows with the purpose of removing the Librarian as an appointed officer and replacing the Historical and Library Committees with a single History Committee:

- *Article 6.02 (2) shall have the "the Librarian" removed*
- *Articles 6.02 (3-19) shall be renumbered as appropriate*
- *Article 6.14 shall be rescinded*
- *Article 7.01 (1) (g) shall be rescinded*
- *Article 7.01 (1) (f) shall be changed to "History Committee"*
- *Articles 7.01 (1) (b-l) shall be renumbered as appropriate*
- *Article 7.11 shall be rescinded*
- *Article 7.12 shall be replaced with*

"7.11 HISTORY COMMITTEE

(1) The History Committee shall consist of at least three members of the Society.

(2) The History Committee shall

- (a) maintain the historical records of the Society and make them available to the membership, as well as anyone with a demonstrable interest in using the Society's collections (subject to rules to be established by the committee);*
 - (b) administer the Society's collection of books, manuscripts, instruments, periodicals, letters, and photographs, and ensure that they are adequately stored, catalogued, and cared for;*
 - (c) maintain an up-to-date electronic copy of newsletters and archival items on whatever medium is current to ensure that future inquiries can be answered in a timely manner;*
 - (d) promote and encourage the study and awareness of the history of astronomy in Canada; and*
 - (e) have such other duties as may be prescribed by the Council."*
- *Articles 7.12 - 7.19 shall be renumbered as appropriate*

(b) joins the Society as a new member between November 1 and December 31

in any year is entitled to receive the Observer's Handbook published for the next calendar year.

Every person who joins the Society as a new member between January 1 and January 31 in any year is entitled to receive the Observer's Handbook published for the current calendar year."

Motion #2d — Amalgamation des comités d'histoire et de la bibliothèque

Afin de mieux coordonner leurs activités, il est proposé d'amalgamer les comités d'histoire et de la bibliothèque et de former du nouveau Comité d'histoire. Il est également proposé d'éliminer le poste de Bibliothécaire de la Société, ses fonctions devant être assumées par l'ensemble du nouveau comité.

Il est proposé de modifier le Règlement #1 de la Société afin d'éliminer le poste de Bibliothécaire à titre d'officier nommé de la Société et de remplacer les comités d'histoire et de la bibliothèque par un seul Comité d'histoire.

- *Article 6.02 (2): on enlèvera les mots "the Librarian,"*
- *Articles 6.02 (3-19) : sera renuméroté*
- *Article 6.14 : sera révoqué*
- *Article 7.01 (1) (g): sera révoqué*
- *Article 7.01 (1) (f): sera modifié pour lire "History Committee"*
- *Articles 7.01 (1) (b-l): sera renuméroté*
- *Article 7.11: sera révoqué*
- *Article 7.12: sera remplacé par ce qui suit:*

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 - (b) administer the Society's collection of books, manuscripts, instruments, periodicals, letters, and photographs, and ensure that they are adequately stored, catalogued, and cared for,*
 - (c) maintain an up-to-date electronic copy of newsletters and archival items on whatever medium is current to ensure that future inquiries can be answered in a timely manner,*
 - (d) promote and encourage the study and awareness of the history of astronomy in Canada, and*
 - (e) have such other duties as may be prescribed by the Council."*
- *Articles 7.12 - 7.19 : seront renumérotés*

Motion #2e — Change to the Composition of the Nominating Committee

Under the existing requirements of section 7.14(1), the Nominating Committee is made up of three past Presidents of the Society. This rigid restriction on the make-up of the committee can make it difficult for National Council to recruit past Presidents with the time and energy to fulfill the committee's very important mandate. The proposed committee composition still requires at least one past-president in order to maintain continuity.

Moved that section 7.14(1) of By-Law #1 be amended as follows:

“The Nominating Committee shall consist of a Past President and two other Society members, who will be appointed by National Council.”

Motion #2f – Change the Scheduling of the Annual Meeting

To allow for a General Assembly, including the Annual Meeting, to be held in the months of July, August, or September, the following is a proposed amendment to the By-Law. This change is being proposed in order to provide more flexibility in the timing of the date of a General Assembly while being consistent with Canadian Corporation Law. This is particularly necessary to allow the Annual Meeting in 2009 to be held as part of the General Assembly scheduled to take place during the Saskatchewan Summer Star Party being held in August.

Moved that section 8.01(1) of By-Law #1 be amended as follows:

“The annual meeting of the members of the Society shall be held once each calendar year, at such time and place within Canada as shall be designated by the Council. The annual meeting shall take place not more than fifteen months after the previous annual meeting and in no case be held later than September 30.”

Motion #2e — Modification à la composition du Comité des nominations

Selon l'actuel article 7.14(1), le Comité des nominations est composé de trois anciens présidents de la Société. Cette restriction rend parfois difficile le recrutement par le Conseil national d'anciens présidents qui ont le temps et l'énergie à consacrer à cette importante fonction. La proposition assurerait la présence d'au moins un ancien président pour assurer la continuité.

Il est proposé de modifier l'article 7.14(1) du Règlement #1 comme suit:

“The Nominating Committee shall consist of a Past President, and two other Society members, who will be appointed by National Council.”

Motion #2f – Modification à la date de la tenue de la Réunion annuelle

Il est proposé de modifier les Règlements généraux afin de permettre la tenue de l'Assemblée générale, y compris la Réunion annuelle, au cours des mois de juillet, août ou septembre. Cette modification fournirait davantage de flexibilité quant à la date de la tenue de l'Assemblée générale tout en respectant la Loi canadienne sur les corporations. C'est particulièrement important si l'on veut que la Réunion annuelle 2009 se tienne lors de l'Assemblée générale qui est prévue durant le Saskatchewan Star party, en août.

Il est proposé que l'article 8.01(1) du Règlement #1 soit modifié comme suit:

“The annual meeting of the members of the Society shall be held once each calendar year, at such time and place within Canada as shall be designated by the Council. The annual meeting shall take place not more than fifteen months after the previous annual meeting, and in no case be held later than September 30.”

ELECTION OF AUDITOR — ÉLECTION D'UN VÉRIFICATEUR

The RASC has had the same auditor for decades, and it is prudent to periodically evaluate the value and qualifications of the current auditor by surveying the marketplace. We propose to conduct a search for a potential new auditor who is familiar with and has expertise with charitable organizations such as the RASC.

Moved that National Council be authorized to seek and appoint an Auditor; however, until such time as a new auditor is chosen, Tinkham and Associates will remain the Auditor of the RASC.

La SRAC a le même Vérificateur depuis des décennies. Il est prudent d'évaluer la valeur et les qualifications du présent Vérificateur par rapport à ce qu'offre le marché. Nous proposons de rechercher un nouveau Vérificateur potentiel qui connaît bien le monde des organismes charitables, tel la SRAC.

Il est proposé que le Conseil national soit autorisé à chercher et nommer un Vérificateur, et qu'Mentyre-temps Tinkham and Associates demeure le Vérificateur de la SRAC.

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<p>PROXY Your name: (please print) _____</p> <p>I, being a voting member in good standing of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada (RASC), hereby appoint Proxy Holder: _____</p> <p>(please print) to attend and vote on my behalf at the Annual Meeting of the RASC to be held on 2008 June 30, and at any adjournments. I hereby revoke any Proxy that I have previously given for this meeting. I understand that the following instructions are guidelines for the Proxy Holder only and that, having discussed these issues with me, the Proxy Holder will use best judgement when applying my proxy. Regarding the motions below, see the included explanatory material for additional details.</p>
<p>Motion #1 – Corrective Membership Fee Increase For: _____ Against: _____ Holder's Discretion: _____</p>
<p>Motion #2a – Changes Required for Charities Regulations Compliance For: _____ Against: _____ Holder's Discretion: _____</p>
<p>Motion #2b – Motion to Confirm Current National Fees For: _____ Against: _____ Holder's Discretion: _____</p>
<p>Motion #2c – Change Timing of Handbook Mailings for New Members For: _____ Against: _____ Holder's Discretion: _____</p>
<p>Motion #2d – Combine Historical & Library Committees For: _____ Against: _____ Holder's Discretion: _____</p>
<p>Motion #2e – Change to the Composition of the Nominating Committee For: _____ Against: _____ Holder's Discretion: _____</p>
<p>Motion #2f – Change the Scheduling of the Annual Meeting For: _____ Against: _____ Holder's Discretion: _____</p>
<p>Motion — Election of Auditor <i>Moved that National Council be authorized to seek and appoint an Auditor, however until such time as a new auditor is chosen, Tinkham and Associates will remain the Auditor of the RASC.</i> For: _____ Against: _____ Holder's Discretion: _____</p>
<p>I understand that the Proxy Holder has the right to also withhold my proxy if relevant new information is presented at the annual meeting that addresses my concerns and that the withholding of my proxy would be in my best interest. I also understand that the Proxy Holder will provide me with a summary of the results, how my proxy was voted, and in the event my proxy was withheld, an explanation of why it was withheld.</p>
<p>Date: _____ Signature: _____</p>

<p>PROCURATION Votre nom: (en lettres moulées) _____</p> <p>Étant un membre votant en règle de La société royale d'astronomie du Canada (SRAC), je nomme comme mandataire: _____</p> <p>(en lettres moulées) Cette personne exercera mon droit de vote par procuration lors de la Réunion annuelle, le 2008 juin 30, et ultérieurement si la réunion est suspendue. J'annule, par la présente, toute procuration antérieure visant la même réunion. Ces instructions ne servent qu'à guider mon mandataire qui, connaissant mes opinions, utilisera ce mandat comme bon lui semblera. Pour les motions ci-bas, voir les notes explicatives pour plus de détails.</p>
<p>Motion #1 – augmentation corrective des frais d'adhésion pour: _____ contre: _____ à la discrétion du mandataire: _____</p>
<p>Motion #2a – modifications pour être conforme aux Règlements sur les organismes charitables For: _____ Against: _____ Holder's Discretion: _____</p>
<p>Motion #2b – motion pour confirmer les frais d'adhésion nationaux actuels pour: _____ contre: _____ à la discrétion du mandataire: _____</p>
<p>Motion #2c – Modifier le calendrier de distribution aux membres de l'Handbook pour: _____ contre: _____ à la discrétion du mandataire: _____</p>
<p>Motion #2d – Amalgamer les Comités de l'histoire et de la bibliothèque pour: _____ contre: _____ à la discrétion du mandataire: _____</p>
<p>Motion #2e – Modifier la composition du Comité des nominations pour: _____ contre: _____ à la discrétion du mandataire: _____</p>
<p>Motion #2f – Modification à la date de la tenue de la Réunion annuelle pour: _____ contre: _____ à la discrétion du mandataire: _____</p>
<p>Motion – Choix d'un vérificateur <i>Il est proposé que le Conseil national soit autorisé à trouver et nommer un Vérificateur, laissant en fonction à titre de Vérificateur de la SRAC la firme Tinkham and Associates jusqu'au choix d'un nouveau Vérificateur.</i> For: _____ Against: _____ Holder's Discretion: _____</p>
<p>Je reconnais que le mandataire a le droit de ne pas utiliser ma procuration si de nouvelles informations présentées lors de la réunion, vont dans le sens de mes opinions et font que ce geste serait dans mon meilleur intérêt. Le mandataire m'informerait des résultats et de l'usage qu'il aura fait de ma procuration et, si elle n'est pas utilisée, il m'expliquerait pourquoi.</p>
<p>Date: _____ Signature: _____</p>

Notice to members regarding Proxies:

Dear RASC member,

The best way to participate in the Annual Meeting is to attend the meeting and to vote in person. This allows you to cast your vote, based both on the opinions that you held prior to the meeting and also on the discussion that takes place at the meeting itself.

If you cannot attend the Annual Meeting, but wish to participate, you may ask someone else who will be at the meeting to cast a vote on your behalf. That person (referred to as your "Proxy Holder") may vote for you only if she (or he) is a **voting member in good standing** of the RASC and has been properly appointed by you by properly completing, dating, and signing the form of Proxy on the reverse side of this page. This should only be done after you have reviewed the issues with your intended Proxy Holder and he/she has agreed to act on your behalf in the manner indicated. A person can refuse to be your Proxy holder if they feel they cannot in good conscience represent you as you have indicated.

In order to be valid, your Proxy must, at a minimum, bear your name, the name of the Proxy Holder, your signature, and the date when you sign the Proxy. Give, mail, or fax the completed Proxy form to your Proxy Holder by **2008 June 23**.

If you personally do not know anyone attending the General Meeting, you may wish to contact one of the members in good standing listed below to determine if one of them is willing to act as your Proxy Holder. Your Proxy Holder may not transfer your proxy to another person.

You may instruct your Proxy Holder how to vote on your behalf, either by completing the appropriate sections on the form or by attaching clear written instructions. In spite of any instructions that you give to your Proxy Holder, she or he **may withhold** your Proxy on any motion, if relevant new information is presented at the Annual Meeting that addresses your concerns and that the withholding of your proxy would be in your best interest.

After the AGM, the Proxy Holder will provide you with summary of the results, how your proxy was voted, and in the event your proxy was withheld, an explanation of why it was withheld.

Choose your Proxy Holder wisely and follow up with them after the annual meeting.

Proxies may be exercised for (i) the fee increase, (ii) the proposed By-Law amendments, (iii) the appointment of auditors, and (iv) any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

If you personally do not know anyone attending the Annual Meeting, you may wish to contact one of the members in good standing listed below to determine if one of them is willing to act as your Proxy Holder. Your Proxy Holder may not transfer your Proxy to another person.

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Commentaires touchant les procurations:

Cher membre de la SRAC,

La meilleure façon de participer et de voter à la Réunion annuelle est encore d'y être. Cela vous permet de voter de façon éclairée non seulement à partir de ce que vous saviez déjà mais aussi à la lumière des débats qui se tiendront à la réunion.

Si vous ne pouvez être présent, vous pouvez mandater, par procuration, une personne présente pour voter en votre nom. Cette personne (votre mandataire) peut voter en votre nom seulement si elle est un **membre votant en règle** de la SRAC et si vous l'avez dûment mandatée en complétant, datant et signant la procuration au verso.

Vous ne devriez pas mandater une personne sans avoir discuter avec elle des questions qui vous intéressent et sans qu'elle n'accepte d'exercer le mandat selon votre volonté. Une personne a le droit de refuser le mandat si elle pense qu'elle ne peut pas, en toute conscience, l'exercer selon votre volonté.

La procuration doit, au minimum, porter votre nom, le nom d'un mandataire, votre signature et la date de cette signature. Vous devez remettre le formulaire à votre mandataire (en personne, par la poste, courriel, fax) avant le **2008 juin 23**.

Si vous ne connaissez par personne qui va à la réunion, vous pouvez contacter un des membres sur la liste ci-dessous afin de déterminer s'il y en a un qui accepterait d'être votre mandataire. Votre mandataire ne peut pas transférer votre procuration à une autre personne.

Vous pouvez demander à votre mandataire de voter comme vous le désirez sur les diverses propositions en complétant la partie pertinente au recto ou en fournissant des instructions claires et écrites. Nonobstant vos instructions, le mandataire a le droit de **ne pas exercer** votre mandat lors d'un vote si on y présente des renseignements qui répondent à vos inquiétudes et qui font en sorte qu'il y va de votre intérêt de ne pas voter.

Après la réunion, le mandataire vous fera rapport des résultats, de la façon qu'il a exercé votre procuration, et dans le cas d'un non-vote, il vous expliquera pourquoi.

Choisissez sagement votre mandataire; communiquez avec votre mandataire avant et après la réunion.

Les procurations ne servent qu'aux motions visant (i) à modifier les Règlements généraux, (ii) à nommer des vérificateurs, et (iii) à régler toute autre question faisant l'objet de délibérations durant la réunion.

Si vous ne connaissez personne qui participera à la Réunion annuelle, veuillez communiquer avec un des membres en règle ci-dessous et vérifiez si l'un d'eux accepterait d'être votre mandataire. Cette personne n'est pas autorisée à transférer votre procuration à une autre personne.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"May you live in interesting times...." I've never understood, until this year, why the Chinese consider this to be a curse. 2007 was an "interesting" year for the Society, and 2008 will see many changes in the way the Society operates. Some of these changes will be by choice, but many are required by changes in the federal regulations governing the operation of charitable groups such as ours. The Society will emerge from this transition stronger and better prepared for the 21st century, but it has definitely taken a toll on the dedicated volunteer core that makes up the Society's National Council, and in particular the Executive and members of the Board Pilot Committee.

In a nutshell, the regulations regarding how Canadian charities must conduct business have changed, and the Society was slow to keep up. There are issues surrounding the transfer of funds from the Society to independent chapters (Centres) that aren't registered charities. There are also complications involving the handling of life membership funds and transferring the Centre portion on to the Centres. The way we used to do things is no longer allowed, and so the Society must adapt. Included with this Annual Report are some important By-Law changes, which are required to bring the Society back into compliance with the new regulations. I urge every RASC member to read the materials and vote to support the By-Law changes requested by Council.

This issue has highlighted the importance of the role of the Society's Council. Council isn't just made of Centre reps who are there to be watchdogs over the "them" of National—Council is the Society's Board of Directors, and it's their job to manage the Society. That's a big investment of time and effort. Make sure you thank Centre reps for their efforts on your behalf. (And if you don't know about what's going on at the national level, ask your Centre rep—it's their job to make sure their Centre members are kept informed.)

The charitable issue seemed like a crisis on its own, but in reality it is just a symptom of the true crisis facing our Society — the "volunteer deficit," which many people have identified but no one has yet solved. We face this problem at the Centre level as well, but nationally a lack of volunteers can spell disaster.

Consider the following: while we have two dedicated and hard-working staff (Bonnie Bird and Jo Taylor) who handle the office, the Society's business is run on a day-to-day basis by the Executive Committee. The five members of the Executive are the volunteer CEOs of a national not-for-profit charitable corporation, which also is a half-million-dollar publishing business—*and* the best astronomy club in the country (perhaps the world). A typical Executive member spends two years as 2nd Vice-President (in charge of membership), two years as 1st Vice-President (in charge of publications), and then two years as President. On a day-to-day basis, these folks have to work a few hours a *day* in order to do the job justice — and that's to maintain the status quo and deal with the various crises that erupt on their own. Add to that an ambitious agenda to try to modernize the RASC's governance and plans to improve the Society's outreach capability in preparation for the International Year of Astronomy, and it becomes a full-time job. It is unreasonable to assume we can find people who can take six years away from family, career, and real life to help run the RASC. It's not sustainable, and if we keep trying to do it "the old way," we're going to drive away some of our most dedicated and talented volunteers—because even these folks have their breaking point.

This issue was recognized last year, and the Board Pilot Committee (BPC) was created as a way to increase the volunteer pool. The BPC adds seven more people to the Executive to help deal with the business of the Society. While it had a few problems out of the gate

(as any new process does), I feel that this step is essential to keeping the Society running effectively. However, the BPC is largely made up of the same folks who were Committee Chairs or Council reps in the first place. We've essentially given busy people more work, rather than bringing in more people to help share the load.

We all recognize that much of the value of the RASC occurs at the Centre level. I grew up in the Winnipeg Centre, cut my teeth on its loaner telescopes, learned public speaking and science education as a Winnipeg Centre member, before I ever knew about the national dimension of the Society. When I went to my first General Assembly (1990 in Ottawa), I realized that there were folks across the country who were doing the same sorts of things. I realized that the Society publishes the Observer's Handbook, the most respected of its kind in the world. This isn't just a book that I get for free as an RASC member—we MAKE it, and make it available to the world. We also publish a Journal, and for over 100 years we have been the largest group bringing the wonders of astronomy to Canadians. I realized I was a part of a much greater thing than I had realized. I also realized I needed to do my part to keep it going.

If you feel, as I do, that the RASC has a value beyond your local Centre meeting, I urge you to volunteer at the national level. Become a Centre rep, join a Committee, run for the BPC, talk to the Executive and see what projects need doing, and then do one. We often have people send us ideas of what we should be doing to promote astronomy or improve the Society—as if there were an army of folks with no idea what to do, just waiting for someone to come up with something! Don't say, "You should do this...." Tell Council, "I will do this...."

We're coming up to International Year of Astronomy in 2009, and the RASC is playing a leadership role in the Canadian effort. The 2008 GA has an IYA theme, and as the year approaches there will be more hype and more resources available, but the real magic of IYA will happen between a person and a telescope. The "Galileo moment," I started calling it, because it's really about the moment of discovery when looking through a telescope for the first time. The first view of Saturn's rings is a discovery — it doesn't matter at all that they've been discovered before by others. Personal discovery of the cosmos is what IYA is all about, and it's what the RASC is uniquely suited to provide to Canadians. We hope that over one-million Canadians will have a "Galileo Moment" in 2009—and that some of those folks will want to join the RASC.

Finally, as many of you know, our Executive Secretary Bonnie Bird is retiring this July, after 12 years of service to the Society. Bonnie has been the kind voice of National Office through three different membership systems and a bunch of changes, and has always handled the job with dignity and a friendly demeanour that made things run smoothly. Thanks, Bonnie, for all your work in bringing the Society forward. Enjoy your retirement!

By the time you read this, my time as President of the Society will have already come to an end. I will always treasure my time on the Executive, due to the great people I've worked with, the amazing experiences the Society has provided me, and the many close friends I've made. Your current Executive is a great group of people who care deeply about the welfare of the Society, and have worked long and hard to navigate some "interesting" waters. Thanks, Dave, Mary Lou, James, and Mayer for all your work — the Society owes you all a debt of gratitude that few truly appreciate.

Clear skies,

Scott Young
President

SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

The year 2007 saw ups and downs as in any venture — we prefer to remember the high points. Some of them include: the creation of a trial expanded executive called the Board Pilot Committee (BPC); a fantastic General Assembly in Calgary — they raised the bar for other Centres to strive for; a start to planning for the International Year of Astronomy (IYA2009); the Journal production team met and sometimes exceeded the printing and distribution schedule; and the first enquiries came from the nascent Sunshine Coast Centre, our 29th!

I thank our two employees at National Office, Bonnie Bird and Jo Taylor, for their unflinching support. They keep the Society together and on the right track.

Membership numbers held steady, and even grew slightly, for the first year in recent history — see the chart below. Next year's IYA activities are the perfect springboard to give that extra impetus to growing our hobby and public outreach. We encourage you to keep the momentum going.

Lastly, it is not only customary but essential that we honour our deceased members. On behalf of the Society, I extend our deepest sympathies to the families and friends of the following members who passed during 2007; they are: Douglas G. Baker (Calgary); Dr. F. Bateson (Honorary); John F. Bulger (Toronto); J. Grant Carscallen (London); Norman Davidson (Unattached); Fred Davis (Saskatoon); Arlyne Gillespie (Kingston); Rev. Norman Green (Hamilton); Richard W. Hart (Edmonton); Robert James Kilgour (Toronto); Ray Koenig (Kitchener-Waterloo); Marvin R. Lang (Vancouver); Dr. Clement McCulloch (Unattached); Stan A. Mott (Ottawa); Lance Olkovich (Vancouver); Rev. Dunstan Pasterfield (Regina); Brooke Patton (Toronto); G. Peron (Montreal); Bruce Pippy (Winnipeg); Andrew H.C. Schuh (Toronto); Dr. Alexis Troc (Unattached); James F. Wright (Vancouver).

James Edgar
Secretary

Centre	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000
Belleville	35	33	32	29	26	N/A	N/A	N/A
Calgary	313	278	302	323	321	315	315	310
Charlottetown	22	21	20	19	20	16	18	15
Edmonton	255	241	261	267	271	262	249	222
Halifax	162	152	171	197	214	196	186	172
Hamilton	80	82	91	91	113	114	122	109
Kingston	106	125	128	110	132	145	146	152
Kitchener-Waterloo	104	101	127	127	133	114	106	95
London	104	99	112	115	119	118	115	115
Mississauga	103	53						
C.F. de Montréal	28	32	32	30	40	39	36	38
Montréal	99	105	109	108	121	116	106	102
New Brunswick	88	78	75	70	59	62	46	29
Niagra	104	101	114	123	117	109	97	91
Okanagan	86	85	83	85	92	87	70	61
Ottawa	416	396	447	469	500	480	457	431
Prince George	67	82	75	40	43	42	25	N/A
Québec	44	40	39	38	38	45	50	63
Regina	55	53	47	53	59	56	47	30
St. John's	52	49	51	44	54	54	45	47
Sarnia	25	27	27	32	26	27	27	31
Saskatoon	78	76	70	67	73	70	73	76
Thunder Bay	41	40	39	41	43	39	38	32
Toronto	610	622	748	841	889	886	775	792
Vancouver	256	238	267	291	313	292	294	275
Victoria	188	177	186	192	200	188	200	159
Windsor	94	89	105	122	125	120	107	102
Winnipeg	157	136	132	140	136	114	105	99
Unattached	561	512	538	591	610	575	552	558
Honorary	14	15	15	14	14	13	13	13
Total	4347	4138	4443	4655	4901	4688	4420	4230

Membership by Type

Type	Number	% of Total
Ordinary	3866	89.2
Life	338	7.8
Youth	129	3.0
Honorary	(14)	n/a

Membership by Country

Country	Number	% of Total
Canada	4019	92.5
USA	279	6.4
Other	49	1.1

TREASURER'S REPORT

It was a pleasure to assume the Treasurer's position effective 2008 February 01. I look forward to being part of the many changes now under way at the RASC.

Our financial results for 2007 were impacted by two new items: the purchase and implementation costs of our new membership database system (iMIS), and the legal fees incurred to obtain advice on our charitable status and activities. Both of these will impact 2008 results as well. However, one will yield both increased efficiencies and significant staff savings in the future, and the other will enable the Society to comply with CRA's charity regulations with a minimal impact to its mandate, so it is money well spent. The iMIS costs are funded from the Endowment Fund, in accordance with its mandate and previous instructions from National Council.

Speaking of CRA's charity regulations, we have submitted our voluntary disclosure in April 2008 regarding our past practices. At this time it is impossible to determine our potential liability, if any. Therefore, we have not made any provision for such in the 2007 financial statements

Until recently, our funds were invested in low-yielding savings accounts and GICs. To increase investment income, we have decided to invest up to \$300,000 of our funds in a selection of mutual funds. On the \$100,000 actually invested, we unfortunately lost 7.9% due to the economy, which impacted the total income from investments in 2007. We will continue to monitor our investment performance, making changes where appropriate.

Our net income from publications did not vary significantly from the previous year. We received the benefit of a full year of savings

from moving the *Journal* online. We've spent some of those savings in more advertising for our publications. I wish to remind our members that the "profit" from our publications is due to the generosity of those who contribute both content and manpower at no cost to the Society. As such, there is no certainty that the profit will continue at current levels, or even exist in the future, should we have to pay for some of these services.

That profit, while it lasts, will be spent on activities which fulfill the Society's mandate, and not to subsidize membership fees. In this vein, we are moving towards a self-sustaining membership model, where the membership services are funded entirely from membership fees.

We will also need to address the Life Member Fund. Like a pension plan, it has to be sufficiently funded to service all Life Members. That is not the case here; thus, we will have to take remedial actions, not unlike those of a pension plan.

Because of the changes and challenges presently facing the Society, 2007 was a very busy year for the Finance Committee. I thank the members of the Finance Committee for their valuable contributions to the work of the Society.

Your executive has worked hard, and will continue to do so to implement the various changes mentioned above. There are interesting times for the RASC, and I am very grateful to be part of it.

Mayer Tchelebon
Treasurer

AUDITOR'S REPORT

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To the Members of

THE ROYAL ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF CANADA

LA SOCIÉTÉ ROYALE D'ASTRONOMIE DU CANADA

We have audited the balance sheet of The Royal Astronomical Society of Canada as at December 31, 2007 and the statements of revenue and expenditures, and changes in net assets for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Society's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

Except as explained in the following paragraph, we conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In common with many charitable organizations, the Society derives revenue from donations, the completeness of which is not susceptible of satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, our verification of these revenues was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of the Society and we were not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to donation revenue, excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditures, assets or unrestricted net assets.

In our opinion, except for the effect of adjustments, if any, which we might have determined to be necessary had we been able to satisfy ourselves concerning the completeness of the donation revenues referred to in the preceding paragraph, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Society as at December 31, 2007 and the results of its operations for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

TORONTO, Ontario

April 21, 2008


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BALANCE SHEET

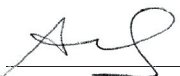
As at December 31	2007	2006
Assets		
Current		
Cash	\$ 358,959	\$ 115,352
Short-term investments (note 3)	292,091	505,000
Accrued interest receivable	4,727	13,438
Accounts receivable	56,366	44,956
Inventory	29,887	35,513
Prepaid expenses	13,374	16,336
	755,404	730,595
Capital assets		
Office building, furniture, equipment, library (nominal value)	1	1
	\$ 755,405	\$ 730,596
Liabilities		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued charges	\$ 55,888	\$ 17,557
Deferred revenue		
Membership fees for ensuing years	90,124	91,355
Jounal subscriptions	14,707	14,744
Unamortized life membership fees (note 4)	69,900	73,579
	230,619	197,235
Net Assets		
Invested in capital assets	1	1
Unrestricted	86,917	85,242
Internally restricted (note 6)	437,868	448,118
	524,786	533,361
	\$ 755,405	\$ 730,596

On Behalf of the Board

See accompanying notes to financial statements



President



Treasurer

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

	Invested in Capital Assets	Internally Restricted (schedule 1)	Unrestricted	2007	2006
Year ended December 31					
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 1	\$ 448,118	\$ 85,242	\$ 533,361	\$ 495,293
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditures for the year	-	-	(8,575)	\$ (8,575)	\$ 38,068
Transfers	-	(10,250)	10,250	-	-
Balance, end of year	\$ 1	\$ 437,868	\$ 86,917	\$ 524,786	\$ 533,361

See accompanying notes to financial statements

STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES

Year ended December 31	2007	2006
Revenue		
Membership fees	\$ 140,646	\$ 140,557
Publication revenue		
Journal	28,469	32,851
Observer's Handbook	96,565	102,593
Beginner's Observing Guide	13,500	9,654
Observer's Calendar	48,335	43,216
Skyways	1,769	6,276
Explorons l'astronomie	2,366	3,810
Shipping and Handling	25,657	24,631
Other	619	501
	217,280	223,532
Miscellaneous income		
Donations	51,689	62,513
Grants	5,374	-
Interest on investment	12,500	21,684
Rent	16,239	16,159
Promotional products	7,126	7,482
Other income	4,201	332
	97,129	108,170
	455,055	472,259
Expenditures		
Publication costs		
Journal	46,794	68,344
Annual report	2,914	3,445
Cost of publications sold	37,358	42,405
Observer's Handbook	16,233	14,448
Beginner's Observing Guide	5,586	2,908
Observer's Calendar	16,866	12,754
Skyways	1,296	591
Explorons l'astronomie	144	353
Other	42	42
	127,400	145,290
Operating costs		
Office salaries and employee benefits	61,938	56,341
Membership services	107,807	132,228
Office expenses	58,664	26,310
Services	43,472	34,667
Committees	32,319	4,958
Travel expenses	14,505	17,373
Cost of promotional items sold	4,963	4,562
Building	12,462	12,462
	336,230	288,901
	463,630	434,191
Excess of revenue over expenditures	\$ (8,575)	\$ 38,068

See accompanying notes to financial statements

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2007

1. Organization

The Royal Astronomical Society of Canada is a Canadian corporation without share capital and a registered charitable organization, incorporated for the purpose of stimulating interest in and promoting astronomy and related sciences. The organization is not subject to income taxes pursuant to exemptions accorded to registered charities in the income tax legislation.

2 Significant accounting policies

These financial statements have been prepared by management in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles. The preparation of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada financial statements in conformance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the balance sheet date and the reported amounts of revenue and expense during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from such estimates.

(a) Basis of accounting

These financial statements were prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. The accrual basis recognizes revenues as they become available and measurable; expenses are recognized as they are incurred and measurable as a result of receipts of goods or services and the creation of a legal obligation to pay.

(b) Investments

Short-term investments are carried at the lower of cost (including accrued interest) and market on an individual basis. Long-term investments are carried at cost.

(c) Inventory

Inventory is comprised of publications and promotional items for re-sale and is carried at the lower of cost and net realizable value. Cost is determined on an average cost basis.

(c) Capital assets

The office building, furniture, equipment and library of the Society are carried in the accounts at a nominal value. The cost of additions to and replacements of capital assets are expensed as they are incurred. The total cost of capital assets expensed in the current year is \$14,057.

(d) Membership fees

Membership fees received in the first half of the year are recognized during the current year. Those received in the second half of the year are recorded as deferred revenue and recognized in the following year. New life memberships received are credited to Unamortized life membership fees liability account, as per Note 4. Five percent of the life membership fund is transferred at the beginning of each year to membership fees revenue and five percent of the internally restricted net assets (Life Membership Fund) is transferred to Unrestricted net assets.

(e) Revenue recognition

The organization follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue when received or receivable, if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

(f) Publications

R.A.S.C. Journal subscription revenues are amortized into income over the subscription period.

(g) Contributed materials and services

The organization is dependant on the voluntary services of many individuals. Since these services are not normally purchased and because of the difficulty in estimating their fair market value, these services are not recorded in these financial statements

(h) Financial instruments

The Society has adopted the recommendations of the CICA Handbook Section 3855, Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement and Section 3861, Financial Instruments: Disclosure and Presentation effective January 1, 2007. Cash, short-term investments, accrued interest receivable and accounts receivable are classified as held for trading and measured at fair value. Mutual funds are marked to market at the end of the year, and the appropriate gain or loss is recorded for the year. Accounts payable and accrued

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

charges are classified as other financial liabilities and measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method. There is no adjustment required to opening unrestricted net assets as a result of the change in accounting policies for financial instruments.

Unless otherwise noted, it is management's opinion that the organization is not exposed to significant interest, currency or credit risks arising from its financial instruments. Due to the short term nature of the financial instruments and current pricing, book values approximate fair values.

3 Short-term investments

		2007	2006
Mutual fund investments with Scotia McLeod	Cost	Market	Market
Ivy Canadian Fund	\$ 25,000	\$ 24,181	\$ -
MacKenzie Cundill Value	12,500	11,769	-
Scotia Canadian Dividend	25,000	24,255	-
Trimark Canadian Endeavour	25,000	20,368	-
Brandes Global Balanced	12,500	11,218	-
	\$ 100,000	\$ 92,091	\$ -
Scotia McLeod guaranteed investment certificates			
Matures June 6, 2008, bearing interest at 4.28%		\$ 100,000	
Matures June 22, 2008, bearing interest at 4.35%		\$ 100,000	
Royal Bank guaranteed investment certificates			
Matures June 14, 2007, bearing interest at 3.75% - 355,000			\$ 355,000
Matures March 7, 2007, bearing interest at 5.00%			\$ 150,000
		\$ 292,091	\$ 505,000

4. Unamortized life membership fees

	2007	2006
Life membership fees as of January 1	\$ 73,579	\$ 76,031
Add: Life membership fees received in the year	-	1,350
Deduct: Amortization to income	(3,679)	(3,802)
Balance, December 31	\$ 69,900	\$ 73,579

5. Statement of cash flows

A statement of cash flows is not provided as the required cash flow information is readily apparent from the other financial statements.

6. Internally restricted net assets

The Board of Directors has internally restricted certain funds. The Ruth Northcott Fund was established in 1969 and funds are used for a variety of specified purposes as approved by the National Council. The P.M. Millman Endowment Fund was established for the purpose of providing for the long-term growth of the Society. An amount calculated using the rate of inflation for the previous year is transferred to this fund annually.

The Life Membership Fund was established as a result of a change in accounting policy to conform with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles in 2005. The Centre Projects Fund, established in 2005, is used to encourage and facilitate the development of its member Centres. In addition, the National Council has segregated a significant donation received from the Estate of the late Walter Feibelman into a separate fund in 2005.

All disbursements from these funds must be approved by the Board of Directors. See schedule 1 attached for details of the continuity of these funds.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Schedule 1: Internally Restricted Net Assets

						2007	2006
	W. Feibelman Fund	Centre Projects Fund	Life Membership Fund	Ruth Northcott Fund	P.M. Millman Endowment Fund	Total	Total
Fund balance, January 1	\$ 36,924	\$ 3,721	\$ 42,144	\$ 91,408	\$ 273,921	\$ 448,118	\$ 423,753
Transferred from Unrestricted net assets:							
Interest	689	69	1,573	4,273	-	6,604	8,479
Donations	3,532	2,657	-	646	1,585	8,420	12,466
Expenses	-	(2,034)	(2,106)	41	(25,284)	(29,383)	(2,323)
Inflation adjustment	-	-	-	-	4,109	4,109	5,743
	4,221	692	(533)	4,960	(19,590)	10,250	24,365
Balance, December 31	\$ 41,145	\$ 4,413	\$ 41,611	\$ 96,368	\$ 254,331	\$ 437,868	\$ 448,118

CENTRE TREASURERS' REPORTS FOR FISCAL YEAR — 2007

		Belleville	Calgary	Charlottetown	Edmonton	Halifax	Hamilton	Kingston	Kitchener-Waterloo	London
REVENUE										
Membership	Membership Fees (Regular)	1,107	6,976	518	5,073	3,023	2,758	2,294	1,897	2,703
	Membership Fees (Youth)		430							
	Membership Fees (Basic surcharge)		4,500				91	518	870	
	Membership Fees (Special surcharge / Associates / Affiliates)		40	20			30	15		
	Life Membership Grants		374		242	484		198	110	
Donations / Fundraising	Donations				90	687	1,407	364	347	200
	Fundraising / Sponsorships / Grants		3,725	576	50		441	387	369	67
Educational Activities / Materials								1,050		
Interest and Dividends				2	134	98		404		
Publication Sales	Sale of Observer's Handbooks					294	60	40		193
	Sale of Observer's Calendars		1,050	311	870	792	50	665	1,010	261
	Sale of Beginner's Observing Guides		30			256		20		
	Other Publication Sales					20		251		
Subscriptions	Astronomy / Sky & Telescope									
	Other									
Product Sales	RASC promo items		1,665			1,456		33		
	Other items		1,750							
Advertising			25							
General Assembly			3,024							
Events	Star Parties	206	844					1,789		
	Annual Dinner		1,664				900	870	1,540	30
Observatory site or equipment rentals / loans			1,062		75					
Miscellaneous			332		311	30	244	30	2,518	250
TOTAL REVENUE		1,313	27,491	1,427	6,845	7,140	5,981	8,928	8,661	3,704
EXPENDITURES										
Library			113		1,957	126		275		
Publications	Newsletter		4,361		3,024	1,167		1,049		255
	Observer's Handbook					255	14	50		878
	Observer's Calendar		-450	264	1,424	535	112	540	771	
	Beginner's Observing Guide					214		235		
	Other Publications			17				178		
Events	Meetings		224		90	288	360	90		
	Star Parties	94	739			153		1,385		
	Annual Dinner	165	1,788				803	1,490	2,163	
	Astronomy Day			62				343	147	
	Other Events	456	540	79	1,466					
Product Expenses	RASC promo items	20	1,123			144		256		
	Other items	37	466		1,383					
Advertising					1,068		136		138	
Travel	General Assembly and Council Meetings	400	91	311	581					150
	Speaker Travel Assistance		492		411					
Equipment and Supplies				67	15,949		200		114	
Office Administration		2			442	174	230	230	23	117
General Expenses and Audit		61	764		982	25		621		
Educational Activities			43		783			1,279	529	
Insurance			1,272			1,043	1,645			
Awards and Donations				200	1,853	191		318	860	57
Observatory and Site Expenses			2,154		8,161	66	5,296	509	1,392	
Depreciation										
Miscellaneous			1,142	478				90	342	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		1,235	14,862	1,478	39,574	4,381	8,796	8,938	6,479	1,457
SURPLUS OR DEFICIT ON OPERATIONS		78	12,629	-51	-32,759	2,759	-2,815	-10	2,182	2,247
ASSETS	Liquid assets	2,666	36,501	2,196	107,278	11,281	8,538	21,320	10,285	12,598
	Capital assets	210	20,243	0	0	38,212	100,000	20,950	38,950	59,573
LIABILITIES					909					

CENTRE TREASURERS' REPORTS FOR FISCAL YEAR — 2007

		Mississauga	C. F. de Montréal	Montréal	New Brunswick	Niagara	Okanagan	Ottawa	Prince George	Québec	Regina
REVENUE											
Membership	Membership Fees (Regular)	1,718	2,249	2,089	1,839	1,895	1,990	8,336	2,342	1,156	1,077
	Membership Fees (Youth)	3				69					41
	Membership Fees (Basic surcharge)			793		344	331			547	196
	Membership Fees (Special surcharge / Associates / Affiliates)	38				120					
	Life Membership Grants	60	22	93		66	44	858		88	66
Donations / Fundraising	Donations	376	526	290	718	806	10,985	875	1,215	58	151
	Fundraising / Sponsorships / Grants				566	215		446	8,000		10,209
Educational Activities / Materials											
Interest and Dividends											
Publication Sales	Sale of Observer's Handbooks		28	1,087		164	4	155			
	Sale of Observer's Calendars	455	85	320	1,050	295	633	1,760	100	285	480
	Sale of Beginner's Observing Guides					43					
	Other Publication Sales										
Subscriptions	Astronomy / Sky & Telescope					1,114					
	Other										
Product Sales	RASC promo items				757	251	120			92	
	Other items	1,134	3			101	319	970			
Advertising			240								
General Assembly					250			400			
Events	Star Parties										4,453
	Annual Dinner				60	1,670		2,065			
	Observatory site or equipment rentals / loans		93				295	1,302			
Miscellaneous			40			282		250	3,700		
TOTAL REVENUE		3,774	3,286	4,672	5,240	7,434	14,721	17,417	15,357	2,226	16,673
EXPENDITURES											
Library			46				86			119	
Publications	Newsletter		446	347	264	175	309	3,211	589		
	Observer's Handbook					37					15
	Observer's Calendar	245		645	232	232		1,799		202	135
	Beginner's Observing Guide					68					
	Other Publications										
Events	Meetings	650			186	440		621		75	
	Star Parties				231	24				46	3,721
	Annual Dinner				314	1,594		2,317			
	Astronomy Day				35			157			
	Other Events							-6,683			4,700
Product Expenses	RASC promo items				1,296	66	638				110
	Other items	863			617	140			993	18	
Advertising					67			424	473		
Travel	General Assembly and Council Meetings			351	334		165	263			
	Speaker Travel Assistance				293		82			255	
Equipment and Supplies					1,158	1,263		666	1,362		
Office Administration			2,032			42	998	945	126	870	1,592
General Expenses and Audit		575		101		47	253		25		
Educational Activities									90		
Insurance			469				1,000	3,201	1,479		446
Awards and Donations				200	29						
Observatory and Site Expenses			198			300	5,965	606	2,728		1,200
Depreciation			506					8,305			
Miscellaneous		60	74	1,284	90	2,402	60	4	4,438	6	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		2,393	3,771	2,928	5,146	6,829	9,556	15,836	12,303	1,701	11,809
SURPLUS OR DEFICIT ON OPERATIONS		1,381	-485	1,744	94	605	5,165	1,581	3,054	525	4,864
ASSETS	Liquid assets	4,191	3,941	73,567	0	0	0	36,627	12,702	2,398	10,046
	Capital assets	0	10,319	26,052	0	0	8,023	53,085	78,580	0	77,394
LIABILITIES			25	762				2,210			

CENTRE TREASURERS' REPORTS FOR FISCAL YEAR — 2007

		St. John's	Sarnia	Saskatoon	Thunder Bay	Toronto	Vancouver	Victoria	Windsor	Winnipeg
REVENUE										
Membership	Membership Fees (Regular)	1,034	565	2,337	1,062	25,190	4,776	4,782	1,488	3,130
	Membership Fees (Youth)						151			
	Membership Fees (Basic surcharge)	188					651			
	Membership Fees (Special surcharge / Associates / Affiliates)	3								
	Life Membership Grants	66			22	1,804	374		88	66
Donations / Fundraising	Donations	435		848	7	13,853	27,368	8,230	1,154	365
	Fundraising / Sponsorships / Grants			3,282	345	16,674	1,066	11,000		1,093
Educational Activities / Materials		972		40		2,731	871			
Interest and Dividends		3	134	386		3,168	8,415		2	74
Publication Sales	Sale of Observer's Handbooks						823		20	
	Sale of Observer's Calendars	575	195		570		1,205	392	431	1,439
	Sale of Beginner's Observing Guides						170			
	Other Publication Sales								24	
Subscriptions	Astronomy / Sky & Telescope					5,625				
	Other									
Product Sales	RASC promo items						20			
	Other items	69		1,919		5,322				
Advertising										
General Assembly										
Events	Star Parties			14,043		1,470		1,520		705
	Annual Dinner							1,420		
Observatory site or equipment rentals / loans						2,730			830	
Miscellaneous			500	176			75		962	203
TOTAL REVENUE		3,345	1,394	23,030	2,006	78,567	45,965	27,344	4,999	7,075
EXPENDITURES										
Library						3,985	106	235		38
Publications	Newsletter			1,013	257	2,482	663		238	482
	Observer's Handbook						782		81	
	Observer's Calendar	351	174		705		998	314	316	922
	Beginner's Observing Guide	127					155			
	Other Publications					8,735			15	
Events	Meetings	194			75		15	200	1,242	267
	Star Parties	492		11,666				1,151	155	662
	Annual Dinner							1,606	100	
	Astronomy Day	33	42		164		613	1,244	50	
	Other Events						285			
Product Expenses	RASC promo items				21		12			
	Other items			783	424					
Advertising							486	26		
Travel	General Assembly and Council Meetings						426	125		444
	Speaker Travel Assistance						2,012			
Equipment and Supplies		109	30		456			135	1,092	22
Office Administration						9,590	335	43	21	225
General Expenses and Audit			36	10	90	4,065		206		
Educational Activities				134			368		1,431	
Insurance				1,002						946
Awards and Donations		150						245		350
Observatory and Site Expenses				769		12,262	27,690	14,617	1,378	300
Depreciation				837		16,965	1,000			
Miscellaneous			51	206		15,113	47		804	40
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		1,456	333	16,419	2,192	69,216	35,993	20,147	6,923	4,698
SURPLUS OR DEFICIT ON OPERATIONS		1,889	1,061	6,610	-186	9,351	9,972	7,197	-1,924	2,377
ASSETS	Liquid assets	19,807	0	25,862	1,236	97,566	235,909	12,550	3,626	7,460
	Capital assets	0	0	17,987	0	406,711	22,398		77,000	1
LIABILITIES						205,796	362			