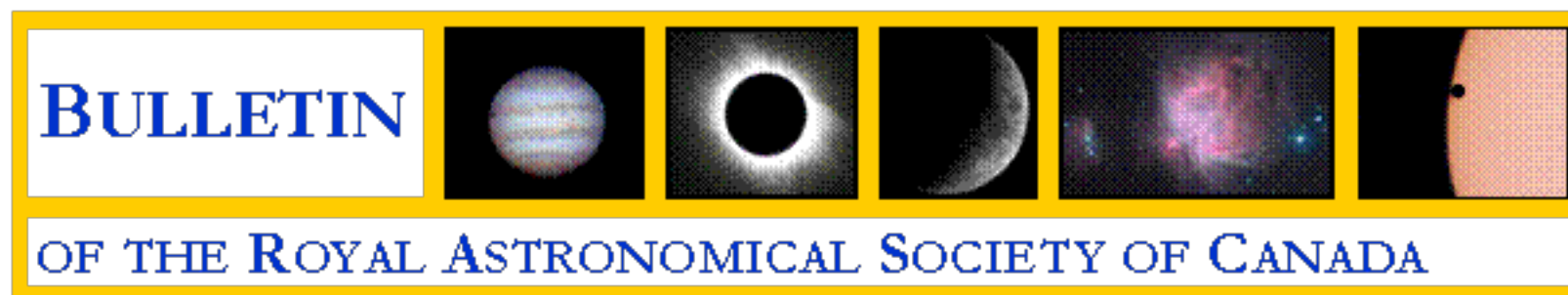


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National Council Meeting Highlights - June 28, 2007 (NC073)

The RASC's National Council met during the General Assembly in Calgary, AB. Here are some of the highlights from the two meetings held on June 28 and July 1:

- - Seven members of the Society were elected to the Board Pilot Committee (see below)
 - Council accepted Saskatoon Centre's proposal to host the 2009 General Assembly (see below)
 - A proposal from Toronto Centre member **Joel Parkes** for an astroimaging certificate program was discussed and will continue to be developed for adoption by the Society.
 - Active work from many Society committees was reviewed.

[Unofficial minutes](#) [2] from the meetings are available in the members-only section of the Society's Web site. Reports from all National Council meetings are also [available](#) [3] for review by members.

Complete Annual Report Now Available

The complete edition of the Society's Annual Report, including extended reports from all members of the Society, is now available for download in the Members' Only section of the RASC website. The complete report can be downloaded from: www.rasc.ca/private/governance/annualreports.shtml [4].

Two hundred attend Astronomy Roundup!



The 2007 General Assembly is now behind us and a magnificent time was had by all. Congratulations are in order to the entire AR2007 organizing team including Chair **Bob King** and Calgary Centre President **Larry McNish**. The GA featured three workshops, five keynote speakers and 37 paper sessions. This year's GA was large and varied in large part due to the participation of the American Association of Variable Star Observers (AAVSO) and the Association of Lunar and Planetary Observers (ALPO). The opportunity to meet and mingle with so many astronomy colleagues made this GA a special event.

A special highlight of the GA was the presentation by AAVSO Executive Director **Arne Hendon** of a special Director's Service Award [5] to Regina Centre Vice-President **Vance Petriew**. Vance joined RASC Service Award Winners [6] **Rajiv Gupta** and **Bruce McCurdy** as well as Simon Newcomb Award [7] winner **Alan Dyer** on the main stage as part of the closing banquet at the General Assembly.

The next GA will be held at York University in Toronto from June 27th-30th and will be sponsored by the Hamilton, Mississauga and Toronto Centres. Stay tuned for details on next year's main event for the Society.

Seven Members Elected to RASC Board Pilot Committee

At the National Council meeting held in Calgary, AB on June 28th, seven members of the Society were elected to the Board Pilot Committee. These members will join the National Executive in setting strategic direction and priorities for the Society for a one-year trial period beginning June 29, 2007.

Here is the list of the new appointees to the committee:

- **Randy Attwood** (Mississauga)
- **Brian Battersby** (Prince George)
- **Debra Ceravolo** (Ottawa)
- **Paul Gray** (New Brunswick)
- **Denis Grey** (Toronto)
- **Kim Hay** (Kingston)
- **Patrice Scattolin** (Centre francophone de Montreal)
- **Bonnie Bird** (National Office, ex-officio)

Ron Jerome (Vancouver) and **Charlene Schiffer** (Thunder Bay) were the alternates selected in the election process. Executive Secretary **Bonnie Bird** will serve in an ex-officio capacity on the committee.

National Light-Pollution Committee Seeks Contributors

The National Light-Pollution Abatement Committee (LPAC) is planning to increase its public visibility through new local and national outreach programs. LPA will be a major theme of the International Year of

The Light-Pollution Abatement Committee (LPAC) is developing an extensive plan that will raise public awareness of the problem of light pollution during 2009. In order to implement this plan we will need volunteers and contributors of all kinds. The LPAC has attracted a large number of members to further develop these plans, however, more help is needed to develop and produce the materials that will be distributed to Centres and the public.

If you or your Centre has ideas about helping to reduce light pollution and promote the benefits of responsible lighting practices that you would like to pursue with the help of the LPAC, please contact Robert Dick, the LPAC Chair at rdick@ccs.carleton.ca [8].

► Across the RASC

Mayor of Edmonton Endorses Beaver Hills DSP

Sherrilyn Jahrig of the Edmonton Centre reports that His Worship Mayor Stephen Mandel has provided a formal endorsement of the Beaver Hills DSP and the on-going work of the Edmonton Centre. See the letter at www.rasc.ca/im/lpa/mayormandelbhdspmessage.pdf [9].

Centre Projects Fund Awards First Grants

The Trustees for the Centre Projects Fund [10] announced the first-ever grant awards at the 2007 General Assembly. Grants totalling \$2,034 were awarded to three Centres - Hamilton, New Brunswick and Winnipeg. For more details see the item on the RASC eNews [11]. The next application deadline is December 31, 2007.

Saskatoon Centre to Host 2009 General Assembly

At the General Assembly in Calgary the Saskatoon Centre was awarded the General Assembly in 2009. This GA will be held during the Saskatchewan Summer Star Party at Cypress Hills Interprovincial Park in Saskatchewan. Organizer Les Dickson was very enthusiastic about holding a General Assembly at a major Star Party and all of the rooms at the on-site convention centre are booked. For more details on 2009 check out www.rasc.ca/ga-2009 [12].

LPAC Chair to Speak at International Forum

RASC Light-Pollution Abatement Chair **Robert Dick** will be a featured speaker at the International Dark Sky Symposium [13] to be held at Mont Megantic, QC in September. A paper outlining the evolution of the RASC LPA program will be delivered and the RASC will also be involved with media promotion of this international event. If any Centres wish to contribute their light pollution experiences to the RASC program, they are encouraged to contact the LPA Committee Chair (Robert Dick [8]) prior to August 15th so it can be included in the paper presentation. RASC members are encouraged to consider participating in this special event.

► The Sky this Month

Happy Hunting Grounds

Gary Boyle's regular [The Sky This Month](#) [14] column for July features the Happy Hunting Grounds of Sagittarius which includes many bright Messier and other deep sky targets, the heart of the Milky Way and the planet Jupiter.

► Dates to Remember

- - **July 14-15, 2007** - [Star BQ](#) [15] (Calgary)
 - **July 20-22, 2007** - [Butterpot Star Party](#) [16] (St. John's)
 - **July 20-22, 2007** - CAFTA Telescope Making Contest (C.F. de Montreal)
 - **August 9-12, 2007** - [Saskatchewan Summer Star Party](#) [17] (Regina/Saskatoon)
 - **August 17-19, 2007** - [Nova East Star Party](#) [18] (Halifax)
 - **August 22-24, 2007** - [RASCals Star Party](#) [19] (Victoria)
 - **August 28, 2007** - Total Lunar Eclipse (best in Western Canada)
 - **September 7-9, 2007** - [10th Annual Algonquin Adventure Star Party](#) [20] (Toronto)
 - **Sept 14-16** - [Fall N Stars](#) [21] (Belleville/Kingston), Thomasburg, ON
 - **December 31, 2007** - [Centre Projects Fund Application Deadline](#) [10]



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