

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE A.A.V.S.O.
HELD AT THE CAPITOL HILTON HOTEL, WASHINGTON, D.C. ON
FRIDAY MAY 13, AND SATURDAY MAY 14, 1977.

The Friday evening speaker for the 1977 Spring Meeting of the AAVSO was Dr. James L. Elliot of Cornell University's Astronomy Department, who described his recent research work, and that of his colleagues, which has led to the discovery of rings around the planet Uranus. The details of this work, which received much publicity shortly after the Cornell group's observation of an occultation of a 9th-magnitude star by Uranus on March 10, 1977, was a most interesting and timely topic. Dr. Elliot's slides illustrating the trip to Australia to make the observations, the equipment used, and the data tracings which revealed the presence of rings around Uranus, were excellent, well presented, and thoroughly enjoyed by the audience. Following a question and answer session, the Friday evening meeting adjourned about 12:30 A.M.

The Saturday morning business session of the AAVSO was called to order by President G.L. Fortier at 9:34 A.M. Secretary C.B. Ford read the minutes of the October 1976 General Meetings. Following approval of these minutes, Mr. Fortier read the summary of the AAVSO Treasurer's interim report for the six months ending 3/31/77. This was discussed briefly, and duly approved. Balanced receipts and expenditures for the interval were \$33,237, per detailed report to be published in the JAAVSO for this meeting (See p.48).()

The Director read her list of new membership applications approved by the Council at its meeting on May 13, 1977, the up-dated and final list to be published in JAAVSO (See p.44). Mrs. Mattei also read a list of 6 new sponsored members to the Association. All names were approved by general meeting vote. Mrs. Florence C. Bibber, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, submitted the following slate of nominees duly selected for Council members to be voted upon in October 1977:

Robert B. Ariail	(South Carolina)
Dr. Dorrit Hoffleit	(Connecticut)
Howard J. Landis	(Georgia)
Michael D. Overbeek	(New York, formerly South Africa)
Theodore H. N. Wales	(Massachusetts)
Winston S. Wilkerson	(New York)

This slate was read by President Fortier, and duly approved, after which he opened the meeting for other Committee Reports which were presented as follows:

Solar Division	Mr. Hossfield
Chart Curator	Mrs. Mattei
Chart Committee	Mr. Ford
Nova Search	Mr. Borzelli, read by Mrs. Mattei
Photoelectric	
Photometry	Mr. Landis
Eclipsing Binary & RR Lyrae	Mr. Baldwin
Variable Star Atlas	Messrs. Scovil & Ford
Telescopes	Mr. Scovil

The President then called on Mrs. Mattei for her interim Director's Report for the period 10/76 through 3/31/77. She recounted difficult times during the fall of 1976 with the overturn in personnel at Headquarters, resulting in the present employee situation consisting of 3 full-time workers including herself, 5 part-time, and the voluntary assistance of Emeritus Director Mrs. Margaret W. Mayall. Mrs. Mattei described a new

program for more efficient reduction of raw data as received from observers, the preparation of same for publication, and the printing of light-curves in finally-published AAVSO Reports. Samples of the latter new expanded form were presented, and enthusiastically received by members at the meeting. Further re AAVSO Reports, the Director announced a plan to issue as soon as possible the next Reports nos. 38 and 39 covering 1974 through 1977, thus leaving an unpublished gap from nos. 31 through 37 (8 years, 1966 through 1973) to be filled in later. The total number of observations received at Headquarters for the one month of December 1976, normally a low-activity month, was reported as over 10,000; the Director estimated that fiscal 1976-77 would be another record year for the Association in point of observations received.

In the category of "Other Business", Mr. Scovil displayed some of his detailed copy for JAAVSO Vol. 5, No. 2 (Fall '76), and Mrs. Woodward described her upcoming paper on AK Herculis and requested observations from AAVSO observers. The Director announced that plans had been completed to hold the 1977 annual AAVSO meeting at Maria Mitchell Observatory, Nantucket, Mass. on October 14-15, 1977, at the invitation of its Director Dr. Dorrit Hoffleit.

The President then opened the meeting for papers, and nos. 1 and 2 from the attached list were duly presented and discussed.

The Saturday afternoon session convened at 2:20 P.M., with member Thomas Williams, from Texas, presiding. The balance of listed papers, nos. 3 through 14, were duly presented and discussed; the meeting adjourned at 5:15 P.M. The scheduled Saturday evening banquet and a very informative and interesting lecture by Dr. Vera Rubin of the Carnegie Institution on Supernovae took place, and was followed by an extensive question and answer period which was enjoyed by all present.

Clinton B. Ford
Secretary

LIST OF PAPERS PRESENTED AT THE MEETING OF THE AAVSO
HELD MAY 14, 1977

1. "We Remember Curtis." Carolyn J. Hurlless
2. "Infrared Satellite Observations of AAVSO Stars and Related Objects." Thomas Heinsheimer and Steve Maran
3. "Mapping the Solar Corona." Fred Espenak
4. "Triple Stars and Eclipsing Binaries." David Skillman
5. "The Mystery of KU Cas Field." Steve O'Meara
6. "The National Capital Astronomers (NCA) Nova Patrol Program." Daniel Costanzo
7. "A Call for PEP Observations of V389 Cyg." Dorrit Hoffleit
8. "Photometry is Sometimes Correct." Howard Landis
9. "AAVSO Data Processing." Robert Hill
10. "Asteroid Photometry and ALPO Minor Planets Section." Derek Wallentine. Read by William Winkler.
11. "V788 Cyg - A Period Correction." Marvin Baldwin
12. "A New Photovisual Atlas." Charles Scovil
13. "AM Herculis, A Very Important Variable (Viv!)"
William Liller
14. "Possible Observation of a Satellite of a Minor Planet."
David Dunham

List of New Members accepted at this meeting.

ALDERING, Gregory Scott, MI	MAUCHE, Christopher W., NY
ANGELICH, Michael T., MO	McGRATH, Melissa Ann, MA
ARNOLD, Tom, MS	McKEOWN, Kevin M., NY
BARBIN, Wade Douglas, PA	MINTEL, William A., NJ
BOHN, Jeff G., CA	MINTON, Robert S., TN
BOND, Howard E., LA	MITCHELL, Richard W., Australia
BRICKER, Bruce M., KS	NISHIMURA, Ken, Japan
CALHOON, Robert, MD	OLIVER, John Parker, FL
CANADA, Edwin R., AL	OPITZ, Gary Richard, NY
CARNES, Sheldon Y., Jr., MA	ORTEGA, Juan Carlos Gil, Spain
CARUSO, Thomas C., NY	PEEL, Michael, England
COOPER, Andrew Brent, Canada	PERCY, John R., Canada
DELICH, Mary Christina, Canada	PIVONKA, Robert J., CA
DeSTEFANO Francis T., Jr., MA	RAUTENKRANZ, Doug, Canada
ESPENAK, Fred, MD	SCHAFFER, Charles, UT
FISHER, Gordon F., TX	SHAW, Terry Lee, WI
GERNANT, Paul L., MI	SHIVAK, Randall R., OH
GOSS, Arthur F., OH	SMITH, Andy Jerrard, NY
HAGAR, Charles F., CA	SMITH, J. Allyn, FL
HALL, Charles E., Jr., OH	SPEERING, John David, GA
HEIL, Christopher E., MD	SPENCER, John, WA
HERS, Jan, South Africa	SPIZZIRRI, Raymond C., IL
HUDAK, Daniel Mark, OH	STEINMETZ, Peter N., MN
HUDGENS, Ben F., MS	STIEBER, Chris, PA
IANNA, Philip A., VA	STUEKERJUERGEN, Carl, IA
KORYCANSKY, Donald G., MD	SUMMERS, Robert K., VA
LIEGEOIS, Fernand A., Belgium	TUCKER, Roy Anthony, Jr., TN
LUDATSCHKA, Richard W., Germany	WANDLESS, Gregory Alan, VA
	WRIGHT, Irving B., VA

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HEVESI, Zoltan	Hungary	WILKERSON, Winston
KOSA-KISS, Attila	Romania	BARISANO, Leonard
MEZOSI, Csaba	Hungary	LEE, Roy
SPEIL, Jerzy	Poland	WILLIAMS, Thomas