Minutes of the 92nd Annual Meeting of the AAVSO, Held October 25, 2003, Cambridge, MA

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The 92nd Annual Meeting of the AAVSO, an abbreviated meeting, was held on Saturday evening, October 25, 2003. The Executive Board meeting and the Council meeting were held during the day. The membership meeting was called to order at 5:35 P.M. by President Dan Kaiser. At that time, the President requested that any additional ballots for Council members be turned in. No additional ballots were presented.

Secretary Martha Hazen gave a summary of the minutes of the Spring, 2003, Meeting. The minutes were accepted as summarized.

Treasurer Louis Cohen presented his report for the fiscal year ending on September 30, 2003. He stated that our financial status is much better than a year ago. Our income was lower, but expenses were lower still. He noted that the Stock Market had risen, which gives us more freedom in how we use our investments. The aim is to withdraw no more than 4% of the sum of our interest, dividends and principal; last year we withdrew 6.7%, but this year only 3.1%. President Kaiser thanked the treasurer for his help, especially in the two months the Director had been ill.

The following Committee reports were read:

Charge-Coupled Device (CCD)	Gary Walker, Chair
RR Lyrae	Marvin Baldwin, Chair
Eclipsing Binary Stars	Marvin Baldwin, Chair
Solar	Carl Feehrer, Chair
High Energy Network	Aaron Price
AAVSO Comparison Star Database Team	Aaron Price (for Vance Petriew)
Charts Team	Michael Simonson
Photoelectric Photometry	Elizabeth Waagen (for J. Phillip Manker)

[There were no reports from the New Chart, Nova Search, Supernova Search, and Telescope Committees.]

At the Council meeting, 54 new members were elected to membership in AAVSO; of these, one was complimentary (Helen Stokes) and one sustaining. Marilyn Wales was also given complimentary membership.

Interim Director Elizabeth Waagen presented the list of members deceased in the past year. They are Joseph Anderer, Steven Ashe, James Bush, Casper Hossfield, William Krywos, Wayne Lowder, Ernst Mayer, Robert Miller, Theodore Wales, and Margareta Westlund. This list includes several very long-time members, with 258 years of membership collectively.

Plans for Future Meetings were presented. The "Spring Meeting" will be held July 20–24, 2004, in Oakland, CA. This is a combined meeting for the AAVSO, the ASP, ALPO, and the Astronomical League. On April 24, 2004, there will be a Council meeting at Headquarters. The Fall Meeting will be an abbreviated one again in 2004, and will be held on October 30.

Interim Director Elizabeth Waagen presented a summary of her annual report. The full text will appear in the *Journal of the AAVSO*.

President Kaiser announced the results of the balloting for Council. The new council members are Arne Henden, Charles Pullen, Paula Szkody, and Doug West. Gary Billings, who received the fifth-highest number of votes, was appointed to fill out the one-year council vacancy created by the election of David B. Williams as Second Vice President.

A supernova award was presented in absentia to Robert Evans for his discovery of 4 supernovae. A 30-year award was presented in absentia to Director Janet Mattei.

Retiring President Daniel Kaiser presented the gavel to incoming President William Dillon. Other officers for the year are: First Vice President Kevin Marvel, Second Vice President David B. Williams, Secretary Martha Hazen, Treasurer Louis Cohen, Director Janet Mattei, and Clerk Michael Mattei.

The membership meeting was adjourned at 7:09 P.M., and was followed by an informal buffet supper at AAVSO Headquarters.

[There were no papers presented at the 92nd Annual Meeting.]

New Members Accepted at the Annual Meeting, October 25, 2003

Allen, William C., Canada
Amelotti, Charles W., MO
Arvedson, Ricahrd S., TX
Avizinis, Edward J., RI
Baldanza, Fulvio, Italy
Barembaum, Morrie J., CA
Beebe, Shane M., OH
Brennen, John E., Canada
Brockman, Eldon, NC
Calia, Charles L., CT
Campbell, John P., MA
Candela, Giacinto, Italy
Canelhas, Jorge, Portugal
Douglas, John S., Australia
Earl, Patrick, Canada
Fahami, Nasser, Germany
Gendreau, Susan, CA
Hansen, Kevin, CA
Housewright, Ronald E., CA
Jensen, Jeff, Australia
Jepeal, Richard, CT
Jones, Richard C., NM
Kenaga, Steven, IN
Lane, David J., Canada
Ling, Alister, Canada
Mardones, Francisco Javier, Chile
Massey, Neill, England
Mckown, Archibald, MD
Miami Valley Astron. Soc., OH
Mount, Peter, England
Munro, Andrew M., IA
Naillon, Dominique, France
Olenick, Richard P., TX
Peter Mount, England

M = complimentary membership; **S** =sustaining membership

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New Members, cont.

S Poon, Chiu K., Australia
Reiter, Nicholas K., Scotland
Reynolds, David S., CA
Robson, Monty, CT
Rockwell, Gregory A., PA
Shepard, John W., IA
Smith, Michael B., NM
Sostero, Giovanni, Italy
Stephens, Michael, Canada
Steven Kenaga, IN
M Stokes, Helen, OH
Streamer, Margaret, Australia
Thompson, Marcus, PA
Tucker, George F., NY
Wasser, Larry P., IL
Winkelman, Bruce, OK
Young, David, MA
Young, Tod S., LA
Zaleski, Philip, MA
Zappe, Michael, NC

Deceased Members, Observers, and Colleagues

Bush, James, FL
Wales, Theodore H. N., MA
Westlund, Margareta, Sweden

AAVSO Nova Award Recipient (presented at the 92nd Annual Meeting in Cambridge, MA, October 1, 2003)

Robert O. Evans of Hazelbrook, New South Wales, Australia, for his visual discovery of the following supernovae:

Supernova 2003B near NGC 1097 on January 5.5 UT;
Supernova 2003gd IN M74 NGC 628 on June 12.82 UT;
Supernova 2003gs IN NGC 936 July 29.75 UT;
Supernova 2003hn IN NGC 1448 Aug. 25.70 UT.

The award was announced at the 92nd Annual Meeting.

AAVSO William Tyler Olcott Distinguished Service Award Recipient (presented *in absentia* at the 92nd Annual Meeting in Cambridge, MA, October 25, 2003)

Edward A. Halbach was presented the third William Tyler Olcott Award "...for his untiring promotion of variable star observing through his activities since 1933."

30-Year Service Award Recipient (presented *in absentia* at the 92nd Annual Meeting in Cambridge, MA, October 25, 2003)

AAVSO Director Janet A. Mattei was presented an award honoring her 30 years of service to the AAVSO and the astronomical community. It was accepted on her behalf by her husband, AAVSO member and Clerk Michael Mattei.