

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE AAVSO
HELD AT THE FERNBANK SCIENCE CENTER
ATLANTA, GEORGIA, MAY 24, 1975.

The Saturday morning business meeting was called to order by President Scovil at 9:40 AM. Following several program announcements, Mr. Scovil introduced Dr. Richard M. Williamon of Fernbank Science Center, who welcomed the AAVSO on behalf of the Center and the Atlanta Astronomy Club. The minutes of the October 1974 General Meetings were accepted as printed in the issue of the Journal of the AAVSO covering that meeting.

In the absence of the Treasurer, his interim report was summarized by Secretary C. B. Ford. The report showed receipts and expenditures for the six-month period 10/1/74 thru 3/31/75 balanced at \$36,136. The report was duly accepted. During discussion of the Treasurer's report it was noted that a total budget for the year of approximately \$60,000 was expected, and that certain economy measures were necessary due to inflation. Mrs. Mattei pointed out that many of the expenses of the Association occurred during the first six months of the year and therefore the total budget would not be double that of the first six months. President Scovil noted that one necessary economy was the discontinuing of News Notes, formerly edited by Carolyn Hurless.

The Director read the names and locations of 67 new members eventually elected by the Council at this meeting. Those who were present stood for recognition and applause: Messrs. Sisson, Carney, and C. Whitney; and Miss Carla Holm. The report of the Nominating Committee was read by the President, showing the following as having accepted nomination for election to Council membership in October 1975:

*Selected
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✓ Harold G. Brock	Bruce F. Small
Lancaster Hiett	✓ Marjorie Williams
✓ Howard J. Landis	Thomas R. Williams
✓ Ernst H. Mayer	Thomas W. Wilson

The President called for reports of Standing Committees. The following were presented, as published in whole or in part in this issue of the Journal:

Solar Division	Casper Hossfield
Chart Distribution	Janet A. Mattei, read by Carla Holm
New Charts	Clinton Ford
Nova Search	Carmine Borzelli, read by C. Scovil
Eclipsing & RR Lyrae	Marvin E. Baldwin
Classical Cepheids	Thomas Cragg, read by Mrs. Mattei
Photoelectric	
Photometry	Arthur Stokes
Variable Star Atlas	C. Scovil & C. B. Ford
Telescope Loan	C. Scovil

The Director spoke at some length concerning the resignation of Dr. William H. Glenn as Editor of the Journal of the AAVSO, which took place in January, 1975, and the appointment of Dr. Charles A. Whitney as his successor. Dr. Whitney, who was present at the meeting, spoke briefly about his policies and plans for the future of the Journal.

Mrs. Mattei presented a few remarks in lieu of an interim Director's report. Especially noteworthy were the large increase in the number of requests from professional astronomers concerning dwarf novae variations, and the appointment of Miss

Carla Holm as a new full-time employee at AAVSO Headquarters. The Director also informed members of plans for the fall meeting which will be held at the Colonial Inn, Concord, Mass., on October 17-18, 1975.

The business meeting was adjourned for a coffee break at 11:00 AM, and reconvened at 11:20 AM for the presentation of papers, four of which were heard. The Saturday morning session was adjourned for lunch at 12:17 PM.

The Saturday afternoon general meeting was called to order by President Scovil at 1:45 PM. Following the reading of a telegram of greeting from Astronomical League President Robert Fried of Atlanta, the balance of the papers were presented and discussed. The afternoon meeting adjourned at 2:55 PM for the scheduled show at the Fernbank Center's Planetarium. Following this show, members and guests inspected the 36-inch reflector at the Center's observatory, with which the daytime view of the planet Venus was excellent.

The scheduled banquet at the Rodeway Inn Motel in Decatur, Georgia, on Saturday evening was followed by a slide-show concerning the February 1975 trip to South Africa made by President Scovil and Secretary Ford, during which they visited many observatories and AAVSO members in that country. Skies thereafter were excellent for viewing the total eclipse of the moon, the umbral phase of which began about midnight.

Clinton B. Ford
Secretary

List of papers published in full or in abstract in this issue.

RY Carinae: A Complex Star Group
Caryn Johnson and Martha Liller

V Sagittae (201520)
Ernst H. Mayer

New Infra-Red Data on Mira Variables
Charles A. Whitney

XZ Cygni: Recent Period Study, Again
Maryjane Taylor

Techniques for Visual Observation of Eclipsing Binary Stars
Marvin E. Baldwin

A Photometric Analysis of X Persei $\frac{2}{3}$ 3U 0352+30
Elaine W. Gottlieb, Richard L. Wright and William Liller

The Occultation of κ Geminorum by Eros - A Learning Experience
Edwin B. Weston, Brian G. Marsden and Brian O'Leary

Other papers presented:

"Fernbank Science Center and Planetarium"
Richard M. Williamon: Description of the building of the Center, and current research projects undertaken with the 36-inch telescope.

"Lunar Occultation Series of Multiple Star System Beta Scorpii"
Mike Reynolds: Discussion of data derived from the May, 1971 occultation of β Sco by Jupiter and Io, and the probability of additional components of the star system.

"AAVSO Light-Curves of the Recent Activities of SS Cygni and SU Tauri"

Janet A. Mattei: Display and discussion of computer-generated light curves in a new format showing the number of estimates in each magnitude zone and date as well as the shape of the light curve.

List of New Members accepted at this meeting.

*Badri Aghassi, MA	#Dale Kurita, CA
Philip Atwood, NH	#André M. Lazorenko, Canada
#Barclay W. Bakkum, IA	Howard Louth, WN
Luigi Baldinelli, Italy	John Mason, U.K.
*Leonard R. Barisano, MA	Michael J. Newton, NY
Bruce Blakeslee, NJ	#David A. Noble, NB
Thomas C. Bretl, OH	Guy Vernon Ottewell, SC
Robert T. Campbell, GA	James Rodriguez, IL
Harold S. Carney, FL	#Raul R. Reynoso, Mexico
Rickie Howard Chase, ME	#J. Michael Roney, Canada
Peter Lawrence Collins, MA	Kenneth Michael Sabine, CA
Glenn P. Davis, FL	Roger L. St. Germain, MA
Patricia Ann DelCotto, NY	Richard James Sandifer, MD
#Wayne Alexander Derrick, TX	#James Scholl, NY
Charles H. Doerr, OH	#Mitchell B. Shifrin, MA
#Roger D. Dufur, WN	#David A. Sisson, FL
Storm Richard Dunlop, U.K.	Larry D. Smith, NM
Gary Paul Emerson, CO	Albert J. Solis, Jr., TX
Alan M. Ference, PA	Vincent V. Spirito, NY
Bruce Stephen Figler, PA	Martin Eric Sulkanen, MI
Peter J.A. Gaposchkin, CA	#Robert Alan Szilagy, NY
#Geoffrey Hunter Goldberg, MA	Henry A. Taitt, IL
Paul Newton Goodwin, LA	Melvyn Douglas Taylor, U.K.
Frank K. Green, DL	#Mark David Travis, CO
Craig Dennis Halverson, CA	Jan Vander Stucken, TX
Edward R. Hayden, CT	#Timothy Arville Ward, OH
Norman A. Higginbotham, MO	William V. Webb, OH
#Carla Holm, MA	David D. Weier, WI
#Geert J. Hoogeveen, Neth.	Robert Stephen Weikel III, KY
#David Hough, NJ	#Douglas L. Welch, Canada
#Stephen Kenneth Johnson, FL	#Andrew Cooper Wells, MA
Raymond W. Jones, Jr., NY	Charles A. Whitney, MA
Kenneth Kelly, NM	Nicola Zaccaria, Italy

Change to sustaining: Michael R. Blizzard, APO NY

- * - Sustaining
- # - Student