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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE AAVSO  
HELD AT THE HARVARD-SMITHSONIAN CENTER FOR ASTROPHYSICS,  
CAMBRIDGE, MA, OCTOBER 27-29, 1978

The Friday evening meeting featured two interesting slide shows by members recently returned from astronomical trips abroad, namely Charles Morris (Japan), and Carmine Borzelli (Australia), plus a successful observing session on the roof of the Center For Astrophysics (CFA) thanks to clear weather.

The Saturday morning business meeting was called to order by President M. E. Baldwin at 9:15 AM. A welcoming speech by Prof. Riccardo Giacconi of the CFA staff was applauded. The Secretary's minutes of the June 1978 General Meeting were read by Mr. Ford, and duly approved following corrections recorded in the original file copy. The President appointed Miss M. J. Taylor and Messrs. Lowder and Mayer as tellers to collect ballots on voting for Council Members for 1978-81, and called for Committee Reports which were presented as follows:

Nova Search	Mr. Borzelli
Photoelectric Photometry	Mr. Landis
Eclipsing and RR Lyrae Stars	Mr. Baldwin
Chart Distribution (from HQ)	Mrs. Mattei
New Charts Committee	Mr. Ford
AAVSO Variable Star Atlas	Mr. Ford
Telescope Loan	Mr. Scovil
	(read by Mr. Ford)
Cepheid Variables	Mr. Cragg
	(read by Mrs. Mattei)
Solar Division	Mr. Hossfield

Details of most of these reports are published separately in this issue of JAAVSO.

The President announced results of the above balloting as follows: Joseph Ashbrook (MA); William Liller (MA); Theodore Wales (MA); Thomas Williams (TX).

In the absence of the Treasurer, his annual report was summarized by Emeritus Director Mrs. Margaret W. Mayall. Details of this report appear elsewhere in this issue. Balanced receipts vs. expenditures totalled \$69,944 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1978. \$39,426 of the total receipts derived from AAVSO Endowment Fund income.

The Annual Report of the AAVSO Director for 1977-78, was presented by Mrs. Mattei and it appears elsewhere in this issue.

Mrs. Mattei then read a list of new membership applications as approved by the AAVSO Council at its meeting on October 27, 1978, totalling 39 names as later amended. She also announced plans to hold the 1979 Spring Meeting of the Association in Orlando, Florida, at the invitation of the Central Florida Astronomical Society and former AAVSO President Cyrus F. Fernald, on the weekend of May 26, 1979.

The Saturday morning business session adjourned at 11:05 AM, and re-convened for an initial papers session at 11:25 AM. Papers numbered 1 thru 3 on the following list were presented and discussed before adjournment for a group photograph and lunch at 12:10 PM.

The Saturday afternoon papers session was called to order at 2:10 PM, with former Council Member Ernst Mayer presiding. Papers numbered 4 thru 17 were presented and discussed before adjournment at 4:30 PM.

The scheduled banquet at the Sheraton-Commander Hotel in Cambridge was well attended, and the illustrated lecture by the evening's speaker Miss France Cordova of the California Institute of Technology was an excellent presentation, reminding all of the usefulness of AAVSO visual data in NASA's important work with its HEAO programs. (A paper based on this talk appears elsewhere in this issue.) The question and answer period lasted until after 11 P.M.

On Sunday morning, a group of members gathered at CFA for the scheduled talk on the second HEAO satellite, (HEAO-B), and a tour of HEAO data-collecting facilities, conducted by Dr. Frederick Seward. Those who attended had the opportunity to hear about HEAO-B and its observational goals, and to see the simulated data, expected to be received from it. This group adjourned at about noon and enjoyed open house refreshments thereafter at AAVSO Headquarters.

Clinton B. Ford  
Secretary

LIST OF PAPERS PRESENTED AT THE MEETING OF THE AAVSO HELD OCTOBER 28, 1978.

1. "The RV Tauri Variables"  
Edward G. Oravec
2. "One Man's Nova Patrol"  
Peter L. Collins
3. "Three Variable Stars in Scutum;"  
"TX Scuti: Lost and Not Found"  
Wendy A. Whiting
4. "Teaching Astronomy to Young Children"  
David H. Levy
5. "Seven Long-Period Variables in Sagittarius"  
Sara J. Beck
6. "Nova Cygni 1978"  
Richard F. Lynch
7. "Period Change, Semi-Convection, and IV Cygni"  
Emilia P. Belserene
8. "P Cygni and V Sagittae"  
Robert McCormick Adams
9. "Annie Jump Cannon and Women at Harvard Observatory"  
Barbara L. Welther
10. "Observing Dwarf Cepheids for Fun and Profit"  
Douglas L. Welch
11. "Three Unusual Variables in Cygnus"  
Karen J. Meech (Read by Ann Piening)
12. "S4693 -- a Possible Z Camelopardalis Star in Cygnus"  
Deborah A. Crocker (Read by Ann Piening)

13. "Two Irregular Variables in Scutum;"  
"An Eclipsing Star in Scutum"  
Edward H. Morgan
14. "Periods for Three Variables in Cygnus"  
Stephen W. Sands
15. "Comet Meier 1978f -- The Century's Largest?"  
Joseph N. Marcus
16. "The Present Sun-Spot Cycle"  
Herbert A. Luft
17. "Excerpts from a Diary"  
Stephen J. O'Meara

List of New Members accepted at this meeting.

BECK, Sara J., MA	LAWSON, Mike, TX
BECKMANN, Kenneth C., MI	LEWIS, James W., PA
BLOSCHAK, Andrew M., NJ	LOZAR, Robert C., IL
BORRA, John F., KS	MANNING, Alan S., NJ
BOYD, John W., IL	MATEO, Mario Luis, TX
BUSCHER, Bert S., NY	MEBUS, Don, TX
COLLIER, Gregory A., WY	MEECH, Karen J., TX
COMELLO, Georg, The Netherlands	MILLER, Robert H., NJ
CROCKER, Deborah, MA	MOGELINSKI, Jeffrey, NJ
CRUMP, Phil C., OR	RUTH, James A., NY
FLYNN, Edward M., PA	RYAN, Arthur M., WA
FRAGOLA, Joseph L., Jr., NY	SCHILLER, Olivier, France
GODIN, Ronald J., NH	SHERMAN, Robert L., CA
GREENE, Barry R., PA	SIPLE, John W., OR
HASLAG, Kevin P., VA	VOLKMER, Kent, CA
HEYN, Herman M., MD	WARNER, Brian D., CO
S KELLY, Kenneth E., MI	S WILLSON, LeeAnne, IA
KNEIPP, Paul W., LA	WILSON, Daniel D., VT
KRAHNERT, Aaron C., NJ	ZAK, Dean S., NY

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