

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE AAVSO  
HELD AT THE CONFERENCE CENTER, UNIVERSITY  
OF VIRGINIA, CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA  
MAY 19, 1973.

The Saturday morning business session was called to order by President Charles M. Good at 9:30 am. He introduced Dean Robert Cross, of the University of Virginia, who officially welcomed the AAVSO to the University campus. The Secretary's minutes of the October 1972 General Meeting were accepted as previously published in the Journal of The AAVSO, vol. 1, no. 2, Fall 1972.

In the absence of the Treasurer Mr. Davis, his interim report as of March 31, 1973 was summarized by Ex-President and Finance Committee member Cyrus F. Fernald. The budget figures revealed that the Association's finances would operate in the black until October 1973, and that for fiscal 1973-1974 a cash gift to the General Fund of \$5,000, which has already been pledged, would enable operating expenses to be met without resort to further invasion of the Endowment Fund's growth potential. A summary of this report appears elsewhere in this issue of the Journal.

The Director read the names and locations of new members of the Association elected by the Council at its meeting on May 18, 1973. Mr. Landis reported as Chairman of the Nominating Committee that the slate of nominees for the October 1973 elections was incomplete, but would be submitted in full before the end of June, 1973.

The President called for other Committee reports, which were read by the speakers indicated:

Solar Division	Casper H. Hossfield
Chart Distribution	Margaret W. Mayall
Nova Search	Carolyn J. Hurless
Eclipsing and RR Lyrae	Marvin E. Baldwin
Photoelectric Photometry	Arthur J. Stokes

Details of these reports appear elsewhere in this issue of the Journal.

Mr. Ford, the Chairman of the AAVSO Search Committee, summarized a report that he had presented to the Council at its meeting on May 18, 1973. The list of candidates for a new Director to succeed Mrs. Mayall upon her retirement has been narrowed to about 10 names from an original total of over 90. Mr. Ford announced that a Council vote on May 18 instructed him to write to these selected persons, and to report the results at the October 1973 Council meeting.

Mrs. Mayall presented a condensed Interim Director's Report for the past six months. Highlights included the usual increase in requests for data from astronomers, the nearly-complete work on AAVSO Report #30 which will further narrow the gap between published observations and current work, the continued successful employment of part-time personnel at Headquarters, and the valuable help of Mrs. Mayall's assistant Mrs. Janet Akyüz Mattei. It was also noted that a new list of the membership had been prepared and would be available to those requesting a copy. Mrs. Mayall announced a new program, headed by member C. Patrick Mahnkey, wherein older members will write to new members with observing help and encouragement.

Following a ten-minute break, the President opened the meeting for presentation of papers, and three were presented before adjourning at 11:40a.m. to board the bus for the scheduled trip to the University of Virginia's Fan Mountain Observatory. After an enjoyable lunch on the Observatory grounds, and inspection of the telescopes there through the kindness of Dr. Charles R. Tolbert, the Acting Director, the meeting re-convened at the Conference Center at 2:50p.m. Mrs. Hurless chaired the afternoon paper session.

Saturday evening members and guests attended a very pleasant reception given by NRAO and McCormick Observatory at the Conference Center. The annual Spring Banquet followed the reception. President Good expressed the thanks of the AAVSO to the University of Virginia, and especially to former AAVSO President Mrs. Martha Stahr Carpenter, for a very successful meeting of the Association.

On Sunday a group of 31 members travelled by bus to the National Radio Astronomy Observatory at Greenbank, West Virginia. After a sumptuous lunch at the NRAO Headquarters the group was treated to an in-depth tour of the facilities that was highlighted by visits to the control rooms of the 140 ft. and 300 ft. telescopes and of the interferometer array.

Clinton B. Ford  
Secretary

List of papers presented at the meeting and published in full or in abstract in this issue:

Harlow Shapley in Variable Comments or Good Observations  
Never Die.

Dorrit Hoffleit

The AMAS (Astrometric Multiplexing Area Scanner) A New  
Technique For Measuring Visual Binaries

Charles D. Smith

SS Aurigae, An Anomaly

Carolyn J. Hurless

The RV Tauri Stars

Janet Akyüz Mattei

The 1972 Anomaly of XZ Cygni

Marvin E. Baldwin

New Elements For Some Eclipsing Binary Stars

Marvin E. Baldwin

A Photoelectric Light Curve of X Cygni

Howard J. Landis

A Note On Observer Constants

Thomas A. Cragg

Other Papers Presented:

Comet Kohoutek: An Ephemeris.

Michael Mattei: Materials outlining the coming apparition  
of this exceptionally bright comet (1973f) were presented.

Variability In Ap Stars

James M. Huntley: Characteristics of Ap and Am stars were  
listed and compared. Possible explanations of the very  
small range variations exhibited by these stars were dis-  
cussed.

NOTE: Originals of papers are on file at AAVSO Headquarters.