

**MINUTES OF THE SPRING MEETING OF
THE AAVSO HELD IN SAN FRANCISCO, CA
MAY 15-16, 1987**

The 76th Spring Meeting of the Association began with an informal dinner for early arrivals on the evening of Thursday, May 14. Friday evening's Dinner Cruise of the San Francisco harbor was very pleasant, especially in its beautiful, unusual setting.

Saturday's general meeting at the Marines' Memorial Club was called to order by President Thomas R. Williams at 9:10 AM. He introduced AAVSO Councilor Lewis M. Cook, the host for this meeting, who detailed travel arrangements, including the scheduled trip to Lick Observatory on May 17. The Secretary's Minutes of the August, 1986, Annual Meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer, Theodore H. N. Wales, summarized his report for the period October 1, 1986, through March 31, 1987, as approved by the AAVSO Council on May 15. This report showed an Endowment Fund market valuation of \$1,395,000 with an annual income of about \$91,000, and indicated that the Association would be about \$20,000 in the red for the balance of fiscal 1986-87. Director Dr. Janet A. Mattei congratulated Mr. Wales on an excellent report. President Williams then congratulated Dr. Mattei and Dr. Charles A. Whitney for their excellent job in completing the special 286-page issue of the **Journal of the AAVSO** covering the 75th Anniversary Meeting of the Association held in Cambridge, Massachusetts, in August, 1986.

The President called for Committee reports, and the following were presented and discussed:

Chart Distribution	J. Mattei
New Charts	C. Ford
Nova Search	K. Beckmann (read by J. Mattei)
Solar Division	P. Taylor (read by R. Ariail)
Eclipsing Binaries	M. Baldwin
RR Lyrae Stars	M. Baldwin
Photoelectric Photometry	H. Landis
Telescopes	C. Scovil

The report of the Nominating Committee, prepared by its Chairman Ernst H. Mayer, was read by the Director, placing the following names in nomination for the AAVSO Council (an asterisk indicates for re-election):

Lewis M. Cook* (CA)	Mark K. Malmros (PA)
Charles A. Fausel* (MI)	Paul L. Sventek (TX)
John W. Griese, III* (CT)	Barbara L. Welther (MA)
Wayne M. Lowder* (NY)	

Members and guests stood while the Director read the list of members deceased since August, 1986:

Antonio T. Bueno (CA)	Carolyn J. Hurless (OH)
Herbert Butler (MI)	Arthur L. Koster (WI)
Ambrosio J. Camponovo, Argentina	

President Williams spoke in memory of Mrs. Hurless, noting that the AAVSO Council had taken action at its meeting on May 15 to award her a posthumous AAVSO Merit Award, and to give her name to the program that sponsors observers in "Iron Curtain" countries to AAVSO membership.

The Director read the list of new memberships approved by the Council at its meeting on May 14: 84 Adult, 13 Junior, and 3 Sustaining. Those new members present stood for applause: Philip Atwood (CA), and Bahadir Erimli (Turkey), representing the Robert College Astronomical Society.

The meeting re-convened at 10:20 AM following a coffee break. Dr. Mattei presented her semi-annual report of AAVSO activities, covering the Association's first 8 months in its new Headquarters building, dedicated in August, 1986. Especially noted were the efforts of members Edward A. Halbach (CO) and Roy R. Lee (FL) to build and install additional library shelving on the lower level of the building. The annual total of observations was projected to be about 240,000; the first two AAVSO Monographs (SS Cygni and U Geminorum) were published; work on preparation of archival observations for publication progressed to about 45% of completion. Graphs shown included the percentages of time spent on publications, services to professional astronomers, and the various types of variables for which AAVSO data were requested. The Director's report, as usual, produced standing applause.

The dates and location for the 1987 Annual Meeting were announced as October 23-24, at the new Headquarters in Cambridge, Massachusetts. The President remarked that in the future Association Meetings may be scheduled only once per year, in August rather than October. The meeting was then opened for papers, and the first two papers on the attached list were presented before adjournment for a group photograph taken a few blocks away in Union Square, San Francisco.

The meeting reconvened about 2:05 PM at the Marines' Club, and the remaining papers on the attached list were duly presented and discussed. These papers included the scheduled special address by Dr. George H. Herbig of Lick Observatory on T Tauri stars, which was enjoyed by all and duly applauded. The paper session concluded about 4:45 PM.

Members and guests assembled for the scheduled banquet at about 6 PM at The Cliff House at Point Lobos, overlooking the Pacific Ocean. Guest Speaker Dr. Andrew Fraknoi, Executive Director of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific, gave a very interesting and entertaining talk entitled, "The Music of the Spheres - The Influence of Astronomy on Music and Literature."

Sunday's field trip to Lick Observatory was greatly enjoyed by those who went. The excellent, informative tour of the Observatory given by Eugene Harlan was appreciated by everyone.

Clinton B. Ford
Secretary

PAPERS PRESENTED AT THIS MEETING

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| 1. David Levy | SN 1897A: The High Cost of a Single Variable Star Estimate |
| 2. Richard E. Hill | A Record Breaking Problem |
| 3. George H. Herbig | The T Tauri Stars |
| 4. Edward A. Halbach | Program to Store Observations |
| 5. Barbara L. Welther | The Discovery of Sirius B: A Case of Strategy or Serendipity? |
| 6. Lewis M. Cook | The Frequency of Outbursts in VW Hydri |
| 7. Dorrit Hoffleit | The Earliest Infrared Light Curves |
| 8. Richard E. Hill | The ALPO Solar Section |
| 9. Vic Stryker | Quick Dark-Adapt Technique |
| 10. Richard E. Hill | The Warner & Swasey Observatory |
| 11. John W. Griesse, III | Chasing Supernova 1897A |

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