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2010

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Réunion annuelle 2010

La Réunion annuelle des membres aura lieu le dimanche 4 juillet 2010, de 9h à 11h H.A.A.
au Centre Wu, Kent Auditorium, UNB, Fredericton, New Brunswick

Ordre du jour

1. Approbation de l'ordre du jour

2. Procès-verbal de la Réunion annuelle 2009

(publié dans la version électronique du rapport annuel 2009 qui se trouve dans la section réservé aux membres du site Web de la SRAC (www.rasc.ca/private/minutes))

3. Rapports des Officiers

Président	(Dave Lane)	États financiers
1ère Vice-Présidente	(Mary Lou Whitehorne)	Motion pour accepter les états financiers
2e Vice-Présidente	(Glenn Hawley)	Gestionnaire, Bureau national (Jo Taylor)
Secrétaire/rapporteur	(James Edgar)	
Trésorier	(Mayer Tchelebon)	

4. Rapports des comités permanents

Prix	(Peter Jedicke)	Histoire	(Barry Matthews)
Constitution	(Denis Grey)	Membres & Promotion	(Randall Rosenfeld)
Éducation	(Kim Hay)	Nomination	(Glenn Hawley)
Exécutif	(Dave Lane)	Observation	(Chris Beckett)
Finance	(Mayer Tchelebon)	Publications	(Mary Lou Whitehorne)

5. Rapports des comités spéciaux

Pointeur au laser vert	(Randall Rosenfeld)
Technologie de l'information	(Ryan May)
Réduction de la pollution lumineuse	(Robert Dick)

6. Motions

Motion pour modifier les cotisations de la Société. Voir les notes explicatives pour plus de détails.

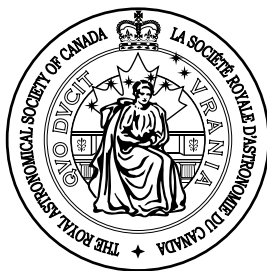
7. Élection d'un Vérificateur

8. Autres questions

9. Clôture

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Annual Meeting 2010

The Annual Meeting of members will be held on Sunday, 2010 July 4, from 9:00 to 11:00 ADT
in the Wu Centre, Kent Auditorium, UNB, Fredericton, New Brunswick

Agenda

1. Approval of Agenda

2. Minutes of the 2009 Annual Meeting

(Published in the on-line version 2009 Annual Report, and located on the Members-only section on the Web site (www.rasc.ca/private/minutes))

3. Reports of Officers

President	(Dave Lane)	Financial Statements
1st Vice-President	(Mary Lou Whitehorne)	Motion to approve the financial statements
2nd Vice-President	(Glenn Hawley)	National Office Manager (Jo Taylor)
Secretary/Recorder	(James Edgar)	
Treasurer	(Mayer Tchelebon)	

4. Reports of Standing Committees

Awards	(Peter Jedicke)	History	(Barry Matthews)
Constitution	(Denis Grey)	Membership & Promotion	(Randall Rosenfeld)
Education	(Kim Hay)	Nominating	(Glenn Hawley)
Executive	(Dave Lane)	Observing	(Chris Beckett)
Finance	(Mayer Tchelebon)	Publications	(Mary Lou Whitehorne)

5. Reports of Special Committees

Green Laser Pointer	(Randall Rosenfeld)
Information Technology	(Ryan May)
Light-Pollution Abatement	(Robert Dick)

6. Motions

Motion to change Society membership fees. See explanatory material.

7. Election of Auditor

8. Other Business

9. Adjournment

PRESIDENT NOMINATION

BIOGRAPHY OF THE NOMINATED PRESIDENT

(Candidate proposed by the Nominating Committee)

Mary Lou Whitehorne

Mary Lou Whitehorne joined the RASC in 1986 and has been a life member since 1990. She has served 15 years on the Halifax Centre executive, including three terms as President. She has been active in every aspect of Halifax Centre life, including observing, outreach in the schools and with the public, working on Nova East, and organizing the 1993 Halifax General Assembly. Nationally, Mary Lou has served on the Light-Pollution Abatement Committee, the Property Committee, the GA Guidelines Committee, and the Education Committee, as well as the Finance, Publications, Constitution, and Executive Committees in her roles as 1st Vice-President and 2nd Vice-President. She was a section contributor to the *Observer's Handbook* for nine years, and *Education Notes* editor for *JRASC* for two years. Mary Lou is the recipient of the RASC Chant Medal and Simon Newcomb Awards, the Messier and Finest NGC Certificates, as well as the Las Cumbres Amateur Outreach Award from the Astronomical Society of the Pacific.

Mary Lou has been involved in science education for 20 years, working with teachers and students at all grade levels in the classroom, in workshops and summer institutes, at professional development conferences, and in fixed and portable planetaria. She spent a few years doing space science education with the Canadian Space Agency and Canada's astronauts. She is the author of *Skyways: Astronomy Handbook for Teachers* and *Explorons l'astronomie - Guide pédagogique*, as well as the editor of the sixth edition of *The Beginner's Observing Guide*. She is presently working on innovative new educational products with Simulation Curriculum Corp., and is the lead author of *Starry Night Middle School*, *Starry Night High School*, and *Starry Night Elementary*.

Minor planet 144907 Whitehorne carries her name in recognition of her contribution to educational outreach in Canada.

BIOGRAPHIE DE LA PRÉSIDENTE NOMINÉE

(Candidature proposée par le Comité des nominations)

Mary Lou Whitehorne

Mary-Lou Whitehorne s'est jointe à la SRAC en 1986 et est membre à vie depuis 1990. Elle a été membre du comité exécutif du centre de Halifax pendant 15 ans, et 3 fois présidente. Elle a touché à tous les aspects du Centre de Halifax: l'observation, les activités dans les écoles et avec le public, l'initiative Nova East et en organisant l'Assemblée générale de la Société à Halifax en 1993. Mary Lou a été membre des comités sur la Lutte contre la pollution lumineuse, les Propriétés, les Lignes directrices pour les assemblées générales et celui de l'éducation, et à titre de 2^e et 1^{ère} vice-présidente, à ceux des Finances, des Publications, de la Constitution et du Comité exécutif. Elle a contribué à une section du *Observer's Handbook* pendant neuf ans, et à servi pendant deux ans comme éditrice de la section sur l'éducation du *Journal*. Mary Lou est récipiendaire de la Médaille Chant et du Prix Simon Newcomb de la SRAC, ainsi que des certificats Messier et « Plus beaux objets NGC ». Elle a également reçu le Prix Las Cumbres de l'Astronomical Society of the Pacific pour son travail de vulgarisation.

Mary Lou oeuvre dans le domaine de l'éducation scientifique depuis 20 ans. Elle a travaillé avec des professeurs et des élèves de tous les niveaux en classe, dans le contexte d'ateliers et de camps d'été, dans le cadre de conférences de développement professionnel, et dans des planétaria fixes ou mobiles. Elle a travaillé quelques années dans le domaine de l'éducation aérospatiale avec L'Agence spatiale canadienne et les astronautes canadiens. Elle est l'auteur de *Skyways: Astronomy Handbook for Teachers* et de *Explorons l'astronomie - Guide pédagogique*. Elle travaille actuellement sur des produits éducatifs innovateurs avec la société Simulation Curriculum Corp., et elle est l'auteur principal de *Starry Night Middle School*, de *Starry Night High School* et de *Starry Night Elementary*.

L'astéroïde 144907 Whitehorne a été nommé en son honneur pour souligner sa contribution à l'éducation populaire au Canada.

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT NOMINATION

BIOGRAPHY OF THE NOMINATED 1ST VICE-PRESIDENT

(Candidate proposed by the Nominating Committee)

Glenn Hawley

Glenn Hawley was born 1951 October 3 in Regina, Saskatchewan. He earned a B.Sc. in 1973 from the University of Manitoba with a double major in botany and zoology, and then in 1975 a Diploma of Education from the University of Calgary.

From 1979 to 1993 Glenn worked for CGG, Compagnie Générale de Géophysique, including 18 months at their head office in Paris, France, learning to speak French in the process. In 2007 he sold his share in a small geophysical company to his business partner and is now semi-retired. Glenn lives with his wife of 34 years, Lorna, and two cats.

Glenn became an amateur astronomer on 1979 February 26. He joined the Calgary Centre in 1983, and has been a member of the Centre Council continuously from 1987 to the present. Glenn served five years in total as Secretary, and two terms as Centre President. He has represented Calgary at National on several occasions, and took over the chairmanship of the Membership Survey Committee in 1992 in time to complete the survey and collate the results. He has also served two years as 2nd Vice-President of the Society. Since 1990 Glenn has attended every General Assembly except one.

Glenn has observed at the Alberta Star Party and Star-B-Que, the Mount Kobau Star Party, the Saskatchewan Summer Star Party, and the Texas Star Party, living out of his camperized van, RASCCAL.

In 1986 Glenn accompanied an expedition led by Don Hladiuk to Australia to see Comet Halley. He went on to observe total solar eclipses in 1991, 1994, 1995, 1998, 1999, and 2001 on tours led by Don, but with Glenn helping out more and more. In 2002 Glenn led an eclipse group to South Africa, and for the 2004 transit of Venus and the 2006, 2008, and 2009 eclipses Glenn was and is a tour co-leader.

BIOGRAPHIE DE LA PREMIÈRE VICE-PRÉSIDENTE NOMINÉE

(Candidature proposée par le Comité des nominations)

Glenn Hawley

Glenn Hawley est né le 1951 octobre 3 à Regina, en Saskatchewan. En 1973 il complète son B.Sc. en botanique et zoologie, à l'Université du Manitoba, et obtient, en 1975, un Diplôme en éducation de l'Université de Calgary.

De 1979 à 1993 il travaille pour la CGG, la Compagnie générale de géophysique, et fait un séjour de 18 mois à l'administration centrale à Paris où il perfectionne son français. En 2007 il vend à son partenaire sa participation dans une petite compagnie de géophysique. Il est maintenant semi-retraité. Glenn est marié depuis 34 ans à Lorna, et ils possèdent deux chats.

Glen fait de l'astronomie amateur depuis le 1979 février 26. Il s'est joint au Centre de Calgary en 1983 et fait partie de son Conseil d'administration de façon continue depuis 1987. Il a servi cinq ans à titre de Secrétaire et a complété deux mandats à titre de Président. Il a représenté le Centre de Calgary au sein du Conseil national à plusieurs occasions. En 1992 il a assumé la présidence du Comité sur le sondage des membres, en temps pour compléter le sondage et colliger les résultats. Il a servi deux ans à titre de 2e Vice-président de la société. Depuis 1990 Glen a assisté à toutes les Assemblées générales sauf une.

Glen a fait de l'observation au « Star Party et Star-B-Que » de l'Alberta ainsi qu'au « Star Party du Mont Kobau » au « Summer Star Party » de la Saskatchewan et au « Star Party » du Texas. Il s'y rend chaque fois avec sa fourgonnette qu'il a baptisée RASCCAL.

En 1986 il s'est joint à l'expédition de Don Hladiuk en Australie pour observer la comète de Halley. Il s'est joint aux expéditions de Don pour observer les éclipses totales du Soleil de 1991, 1994, 1998, 1999, et 2001, y jouant un rôle de plus en plus important. En 2002 il a dirigé un groupe pour une éclipse en Afrique du Sud. Il a agi à titre de chef adjoint d'expédition pour le transit de Vénus de 2004 et les éclipses de 2006, 2008, et 2009.

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT NOMINATION

BIOGRAPHY OF THE NOMINATED 2ND VICE-PRESIDENT

(Candidate proposed by the Nominating Committee)

Colin A. Haig

Colin A. Haig, B.Sc., M.Sc., began his first solar orbit in December, 1965. From Regina, Saskatchewan, he moved to Winnipeg, Manitoba, where he enjoyed a small refractor and clear prairie skies. High school in Mississauga, Ontario, included the Astronomy Club and his first mirror. He received a B.Sc. in Computer Science and Systems, summa cum laude, from McMaster University in 1988, and later a M.Sc. in Computation, with a thesis on Expert Systems and their application to geological instrumentation.

Colin joined two astronomy groups in Hamilton, Ontario in 1994-1995. He served on the RASC Hamilton Centre board from 1996 to 2005, as Orbit newsletter editor in 1996 and 1997, and three terms as President from 1998 through 2000. He helped fundraising and development of observatories at Saltfleet District High School, Tim Horton's children's camp, and the Leslie V. Powis Observatory.

Mr. Haig served on the RASC national Property, Finance, and Information Technology Committees, as well as a term as National Librarian and as the Hamilton Centre's National Council Representative. He is a life member of the RASC.

His interests include solar observing, CCD imaging, and astrophotography. He is a member of the International Dark-Sky Association (IDA), the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), and the International Occultation Timing Association (IOTA), where he serves on the awards committee.

His career includes Canada's first VSAT satellite network, artificial intelligence, local and wide area networks, data visualization, and transactional systems. He joined Toronto-based Triversity Inc. in 2000, and was vice-president of business development in 2005 when it was acquired by SAP AG, his current employer.

Mr. Haig is a private pilot, holds amateur radio call sign VE3MSC, and has a backyard observatory with a 12-inch Schmidt-Cassegrain telescope in Milton, Ontario. In March 2010, he travelled to the Atacama Desert of Chile for southern sky observing with members of the Hamilton and London Centres.

BIOGRAPHIE DU 2E VICE-PRÉSIDENT NOMINÉ

(Candidature proposée par le Comité des nominations)

Colin A. Haig

Colin A. Haig, B.Sc., M.Sc., a débuté sa première orbite solaire en décembre 1965. Il quitta Regina au Saskatchewan, pour Winnipeg au Manitoba où il put jouir d'un petit réfracteur et du ciel clair des prairies. À son école secondaire de Mississauga en Ontario, il connut son premier club d'astronomie et son premier miroir. Il obtient son B.Sc. en informatique et systèmes, summa cum laude, de l'Université McMaster en 1988, et plus tard son M.Sc. en programmation, avec thèse sur les systèmes experts et leur application à l'instrumentation géologique. Colin s'est joint à deux clubs d'astronomie à Hamilton en Ontario, en 1994-1995. Il a été membre du Conseil du Centre de Hamilton de 1996 à 2005, éditeur de la publication Orbit en 1996 et 1997, et à servi trois fois à titre de président de 1998 à 2000. Il a contribué à l'organisation de levées de fonds et au développement d'observatoires à l'école secondaire Saltfleet District, au camp pour enfants de Tim Horton, et pour l'Observatoire Leslie V. Powis.

M. Haig a servi sur divers comités nationaux de la SRAC: Propriété, Finances, et Technologies de l'information, en plus d'un mandat à titre de Bibliothécaire national et de représentant du Centre de Hamilton sur le Conseil national. Il est un membre à vie de la SRAC.

Ses intérêts comprennent l'observation du Soleil, l'imagerie par CCD et l'astrophotographie. Il est membre de l'International Dark-Sky Association (IDA), de l'Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), et de l'International Occultation Timing Association (IOTA) où il siège sur le comité des Prix.

Au cours de sa carrière, il a oeuvré sur le premier réseau de satellites VSAT du Canada, l'intelligence artificielle, les réseaux locaux et de grande portée, la visualisation de données et les systèmes transactionnels. Il s'est joint à l'entreprise Triversity Inc. de Toronto en 2000, et il était vice-président au développement des affaires en 2005 quand cette société a été reprise par SAP AG, son employeur actuel.

M. Haig détient une licence de pilote privé, est le détenteur de l'indicatif de radio amateur VE3MSC, et possède un observatoire personnel doté d'un télescope Schmidt-Cassegrain de 12 pouces à Milton en Ontario. En mars 2010, il s'est rendu au désert d'Atacama au Chili pour observer le ciel de l'hémisphère sud en compagnie de membres des centres de Hamilton et de London.

INCREASE IN ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES AUGMENTER LES COTISATIONS

2010 FEE INCREASE MOTION

Summary

The RASC must have a full-time, paid Executive Director to undertake and oversee the multiple management tasks involved in running our charitable, publishing, and membership activities.

The Society, and the environment within which it works, have changed significantly in recent years. Our organization and operations have become increasingly complex. With a staff of 1.6 full-time employees handling administrative tasks, the Executive Committee members are overwhelmed with management duties necessary to the well-being and survival of the Society. Under the present model, many issues are being ignored to the long-term detriment of the Society. We need full-time paid management to assume routine management responsibilities without involving the Executive Committee on a daily basis, as is the present, unsustainable case.

The paid position of Executive Director will be financed in part by revenues from publications sales, investment income, membership fees, and potentially with some contribution from fund-raising efforts. The Executive Director will work on all areas of Society activities, including membership. Centres and members will benefit from this work, thus it is reasonable to expect membership to share in some of the costs.

For a complete information and discussion of this matter, please see the following reports from NC101 (2010 March 27 National Council meeting) in the Members Only portion of the Web site: <http://www.rasc.ca/private/reports/#20100327>

- Report of the 1st Vice-President
- Report of the Treasurer (page 4)
- Flash (unofficial) minutes (motions 10110 to 10114)

And also see, from NC094 (November 2009 National Council meeting) the discussion paper entitled It's Time for a RASC Executive Director in the Members Only portion of the Web site: <http://www.rasc.ca/private/reports/#20091121>

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Preamble

This motion proposes a small \$3 membership fee increase (excluding youth membership, which remains unchanged) to partially fund the new, council-approved position of Executive Director.

Please note: the originally proposed fee increase was \$6. Council approved a smaller, amended proposed fee increase of \$3. The Executive Committee informed council to expect a further small fee increase proposal in 2011.

MOTION VISANT L'AUGMENTER DES FRAIS DE COTISATION

Sommaire

La SRAC a besoin d'un directeur exécutif rémunéré, à plein temps, pour assumer et superviser les nombreuses fonctions de gestion reliées à nos activités caritatives, d'édition et de services aux membres.

La Société et l'environnement dans lequel elle opère, ont changé de façon importante ces dernières années. Notre organisation et ses opérations sont devenues plus complexes. Avec un personnel équivalent à 1,6 employé à temps plein pour traiter des tâches administratives, les membres du Comité exécutif doivent prendre en charge eux-mêmes les fonctions de gestion nécessaires à la bonne conduite et la survie de la Société. À cause de cette surcharge de travail, plusieurs dossiers sont délaissés au détriment, à long terme, de la Société. Nous avons besoin d'un gestionnaire rémunéré à temps plein pour assumer les fonctions courantes de gestion, sans que soit nécessaire l'intervention quotidienne du Comité exécutif, comme c'est le cas présentement et qui est inacceptable.

Le poste rémunéré de directeur exécutif sera financé en partie par les revenus tirés des publications et ceux des placements financiers et des cotisations et, potentiellement, d'activités de levées de fonds. Le directeur exécutif interviendra dans tous les secteurs d'activités de la Société, y compris les services aux membres. Les Centres et les membres vont bénéficier de son travail. Il est donc raisonnable qu'ils en assument une partie des coûts.

Pour une discussion plus complète et de plus amples informations sur ce sujet, consultez le rapport NC101 (réunion du Conseil national du 27 mars 2010) dans la section réservée aux membres du site web: <http://www.rasc.ca/private/reports/#20100327>

- Rapport de la 1ère vice-présidente
- Rapport du Trésorier (page 4)
- Procès-verbal instantanée (non officiel) (motions 10110 à 10114)

Consultez également le document de discussion du NC094 (réunion du Conseil national de novembre 2009) intitulé « It's Time for a RASC Executive Director », dans la section réservée aux membres du site web:

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Préambule

Cette motion vise une petite augmentation de 3 \$ des frais de cotisation (excluant ceux pour les membres "jeunes" qui demeurent inchangés) afin de financer une partie du nouveau poste de directeur exécutif, approuvé par le Conseil.

À noter: au départ il était question d'une hausse de 6 \$. Le Conseil a approuvé une proposition d'augmentation réduite de 3 \$. Le Comité exécutif a avisé le Conseil de s'attendre à une autre proposition en 2011 visant une autre petite augmentation.

Motion—Moved that the annual membership fees of the Society be changed as follows:

For members with Canadian postal addresses:

1. Ordinary members - changed to \$70.00; and
2. Youth members - no change.

For members with United States postal addresses (in US dollars):

1. Ordinary members - changed to \$86.00; and
2. Youth members - no change.

For members with postal addresses outside Canada and the United States (in US dollars):

1. Ordinary members - changed to \$115.00; and
2. Youth members - no change.

The current Centre affiliation incentive remains unchanged. These new fees shall become effective at a date determined by the Executive Committee except no earlier than 2010 July 4.

Motion—Il est proposé que les frais de cotisation annuels de la Société soient modifiés comme suit:

Pour les membres dont l'adresse postale est au Canada

1. membres réguliers - modifiés à 70,00 \$
2. membres "jeunes" - inchangés

Pour les membres dont l'adresse postale est aux États-Unis (en dollars US):

1. membres réguliers - modifiés à 86,00 \$
2. membres "jeunes" - inchangés

Pour les membres dont l'adresse postale est ailleurs qu'au Canada ou aux États-Unis (en dollars US):

1. membres réguliers - modifiés à 115,00 \$
2. membres "jeunes" - inchangés

Les incitatifs actuels d'affiliation à un Centre demeurent inchangés. Ces augmentations entreront en vigueur à une date fixée par le Comité exécutif, mais pas avant le 4 juillet 2010.

ELECTION OF AUDITOR — ÉLECTION D'UN VÉRIFICATEUR

Motion — Election of Auditor

Moved that Tinkham and Associates be elected as Auditor of the RASC.

Proposition — Choix d'un vérificateur

Motion pour désigner Tinkham and Associates à titre de vérificateurs de la SRAC.

Note: The complete Annual Report is available on-line at:
www.rasc.ca/private/annualreports/2009annualreportb.pdf
Should you encounter any problems with logging in, read this page:
www.rasc.ca/loginfaq.shtml

The complete version includes the following:
2009 Annual Meeting Minutes
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2010 National Council

THE ROYAL ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF CANADA
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PROXY 2010

Your name: (please print)

 I, being a voting member in good standing of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada (RASC), hereby appoint Proxy Holder:

 (please print)

to attend and vote on my behalf at the Annual Meeting of the RASC to be held on 2010 July 4, and at any adjournments. I hereby revoke any Proxy that I have previously given for this meeting.

I understand that the following instructions are guidelines for the Proxy Holder only and that, having discussed these issues with me, the Proxy Holder will use best judgement when applying my proxy.

Regarding the motions below, see the included explanatory material for additional details.

Motion — Fee Increase Motion

For: _____ Against: _____

Holder's Discretion: _____

Motion — Election of Auditor: Tinkham & Associates

For: _____ Against: _____

Holder's Discretion: _____

I understand that the Proxy Holder has the right to also withhold my proxy if relevant new information is presented at the annual meeting that addresses my concerns and that the withholding of my proxy would be in my best interest. I also understand that the Proxy Holder will provide me with a summary of the results, how my proxy was voted, and in the event my proxy was withheld, an explanation of why it was withheld.

Date: _____

Signature: _____

PROCURATION 2010

Votre nom: (en lettres moulées)

 Étant un membre votant en règle de La société royale d'astronomie du Canada (SRAC), je nomme comme mandataire:

 (en lettres moulées)

Cette personne exercera mon droit de vote par procuration lors de la Réunion annuelle, le 2010 juillet 4, et ultérieurement si la réunion est suspendue. J'annule, par la présente, toute procuration antérieure visant la même réunion.

Ces instructions ne servent qu'à guider mon mandataire qui, connaissant mes opinions, utilisera ce mandat comme bon lui semblera.

Voyez les notes explicatives pour plus de détails sur les propositions qui suivent.

Motion visant a augmenter les cotisations

pour: _____ contre: _____

à la discrétion du mandataire: _____

Motion — Nomination des Vérificateurs: Tinkham & Associates

pour: _____ contre: _____

à la discrétion du mandataire: _____

Je reconnais que le mandataire a le droit de ne pas utiliser ma procuration si de nouvelles informations présentées lors de la réunion, vont dans le sens de mes opinions et font que ce geste serait dans mon meilleur intérêt. Le mandataire m'informerá des résultats et de l'usage qu'il aura fait de ma procuration et, si elle n'est pas utilisée, il m'expliquera pourquoi.

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Notice to members regarding Proxies:

Dear RASC member,

The best way to participate in the Annual Meeting is to attend the meeting and to vote in person. This allows you to cast your vote, based both on the opinions that you held prior to the meeting and also on the discussion that takes place at the meeting itself.

If you cannot attend the Annual Meeting, but wish to participate, you may ask someone else who will be at the meeting to cast a vote on your behalf. That person (referred to as your "Proxy Holder") may vote for you only if she (or he) is a **voting member in good standing** of the RASC and has been properly appointed by you by properly completing, dating, and signing the form of Proxy on the previous page. This should only be done after you have reviewed the issues with your intended Proxy Holder and he/she has agreed to act on your behalf in the manner indicated. A person can refuse to be your Proxy holder if they feel they cannot in good conscience represent you as you have indicated.

In order to be valid, your Proxy must, at a minimum, bear your name, the name of the Proxy Holder, your signature, and the date when you sign the Proxy. Give, mail, or fax the completed Proxy form to your Proxy Holder by **2010 June 15**.

If you personally do not know anyone attending the General Meeting, you may wish to contact one of the members in good standing listed below to determine if one of them is willing to act as your Proxy Holder. Your Proxy Holder may not transfer your Proxy to another person.

You may instruct your Proxy Holder how to vote on your behalf, either by completing the appropriate sections on the form or by attaching clear written instructions. In spite of any instructions that you give to your Proxy Holder, she or he **may withhold** your Proxy on any motion, if relevant new information is presented at the Annual Meeting that addresses your concerns and that the withholding of your Proxy would be in your best interest.

After the Annual Meeting, the Proxy Holder will provide you with summary of the results, how your Proxy was voted, and in the event your Proxy was withheld, an explanation of why it was withheld.

Choose your Proxy Holder wisely and follow up with them after the Annual Meeting.

If you personally do not know anyone attending the Annual Meeting, you may wish to contact one of the members in good standing listed below to determine if one of them is willing to act as your Proxy Holder. Your Proxy Holder may not transfer your Proxy to another person.

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proxy2@rasc.ca = Peter Jedicke (London)

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Note au sujet des procurations:

Cher membre de la SRAC,

La meilleure façon de participer et de voter à la Réunion annuelle est encore d'y être. Cela vous permet de voter de façon éclairée non seulement à partir de ce que vous saviez déjà mais aussi à la lumière des débats qui se tiendront à la réunion.

Si vous ne pouvez être présent, vous pouvez mandater, par procuration, une personne présente pour voter en votre nom. Cette personne (votre mandataire) peut voter en votre nom seulement si elle est un membre votant en règle de la SRAC et si vous l'avez dûment mandatée en complétant, datant et signant la procuration à la page précédente.

Vous ne devriez pas mandater une personne sans avoir discuté avec elle des questions qui vous intéressent et sans qu'elle n'accepte d'exercer le mandat selon votre volonté. Une personne a le droit de refuser le mandat si elle pense qu'elle ne peut pas, en toute conscience, l'exercer selon votre volonté.

La procuration doit, au minimum, porter votre nom, le nom d'un mandataire, votre signature et la date de cette signature. Vous devez remettre le formulaire à votre mandataire (en personne, par la poste, courriel, fax) avant le **2010 juin 15**.

Si vous ne connaissez par personne qui va à la réunion, vous pouvez contacter un des membres sur la liste ci-dessous afin de déterminer s'il y en a un qui accepterait d'être votre mandataire. Votre mandataire ne peut pas transférer votre procuration à une autre personne.

Vous pouvez demander à votre mandataire de voter comme vous le désirez sur les diverses propositions en complétant la partie pertinente au recto ou en fournissant des instructions claires et écrites. Nonobstant vos instructions, le mandataire a le droit de **ne pas exercer** votre mandat lors d'un vote si on y présente des renseignements qui répondent à vos inquiétudes et qui font en sorte qu'il y va de votre intérêt de ne pas voter.

Après la réunion, le mandataire vous fera rapport des résultats, de la façon qu'il a exercé votre procuration, et dans le cas d'un non-vote, il vous expliquera pourquoi.

Choisissez sagement votre mandataire; communiquez avec votre mandataire avant et après la réunion.

Si vous ne connaissez personne qui participera à la Réunion annuelle, veuillez communiquer avec un des membres en règle ci-dessous et vérifiez si l'un d'eux accepterait d'être votre mandataire. Cette personne n'est pas autorisée à transférer votre procuration à une autre personne.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

International Year of Astronomy (IYA) took place throughout 2009, and the RASC, its Centres, and its members pulled out all the stops in providing many opportunities for Canadians to experience a "Galileo Moment." These Galileo Moments were about providing opportunities for Canadians to make a personal discovery, learn something new about, or be enlightened somehow by astronomy, often for the first time. Delivery was through local events, such as public observing, lectures, exhibitions, planetarium shows, and visits to school and youth groups.

We worked in partnership with the Canadian Astronomical Society and the Fédération des Astronomes Amateurs du Québec. We also worked with and assisted many other organizations, such as public parks, cultural institutions, and public libraries. The outcomes were truly amazing, as illustrated by some of the statistics from the year:

Reported Galileo Moments	1,931,439
Reported Events held	3,589
Promotional posters printed	13,500
Astronomy trading cards printed	700,000
Mary Lou's New Telescope books printed	23,000
Star Finders printed	265,000
Sidewalk Astronomer Booklet printed	24,000
Canada Post IYA stamps printed	6,000,000
Royal Canadian Mint IYA silver coins made	10,000
New Dark-Sky Preserves designated	4

We are also grateful for the generous donations received from our members that were used to fund part of the printing and distribution costs for IYA-inspired educational materials. These materials were developed by our members and were given away free at IYA events. The creators of these materials will be awarded the Ken Chilton Prize at the upcoming General Assembly in Fredericton.

The national program was also financially supported by the Trottier Family Foundation, the University of Calgary, and Lumec Inc., and by in-kind donations from many other individuals and organizations. In addition, many volunteers were able to spend a significant amount of time on IYA activities during their work days, due to the understanding and generosity of their employers (whether they were aware of it or not!).

For more details, see the article printed in the April 2010 issue of the Journal. A very detailed final report is just about ready for release as I write this (mid-May). By the time you read this, it should be located at www.rasc.ca/iya

Even though the odometer has rolled from 2009 to 2010, it is difficult to tell that IYA is over. The momentum built in 2009 continues in 2010. If what I see in my local area holds true across the country, many of the programs started for IYA continue at nearly the same pace as last year.

IYA was not the only thing that kept us hopping during 2009. There were many other issues that had to be dealt with, not only in keeping our increasingly complicated Society running, but also in resolving long-standing issues or in helping to secure our future. In particular:

- the sale of our Dupont Street property closed and we moved into a new leased office space in March. The new space is working out well for us.

- the Life Member Program was wound down – current Life Members will be retained, but no new Life Members will be permitted.
- the development and implementation of iMIS, our new membership, product sales, and donation administration software, was completed – this software, among many other things, allows new members to join on-line and existing members to renew on-line automatically with essentially no involvement of our staff. I encourage all members to renew on-line, as this will save us money or allow us to redirect staff time to more productive tasks.
- we decided to change our investment management strategy for our long-term assets, from one that previously invested only in bank deposits and guaranteed investment certificates to one that is invested in a mix of equities and bonds, managed by a manager (without investment decisions being made by volunteers).
- it was decided recently that the RASC will hire its first Executive Director. This position will be in addition to our current full-time National Office Manager and part-time Membership and Publications Coordinator. The daily work that has been required by the Executive Committee to run the Society has burnt out too many volunteers, and there are very few new members willing and able to commit the 10-20 hours per week that have been required. Many important larger, long-term issues are being ignored. This new position will provide high-level management of the RASC's operations and also assist the Executive and National Council to move the Society forward.

In the past year I was able to visit eight Centres, four in British Columbia (including our newest Centre—Sunshine Coast) and four in Ontario. I thank all the hosts who treated me well during these travels.

This is my last report to you as president, as my term ends in early July. It has certainly been a challenging but rewarding experience being your president for the last two years, and being a vice-president for the prior four years. Many positive outcomes have taken place during this period that I have led or had a hand in. The Society is in a better, if not more stable, place than it was six years ago.

I thank my executive colleagues, and my predecessor Scott Young, for their service and guidance and Jo Taylor for her work at the National Office, which has been a particularly stressful place over the last few years with all the "change" and other challenges. And, finally, I thank Denis Grey for the countless hours he has spent proposing, developing, and implementing our new iMIS administrative computer system.

I wish my executive colleagues, the National Council, and, in particular, incoming president Mary Lou Whitehorne, best wishes in directing the Society through future challenges and opportunities as they bring us to our natural next level. While I intend to somewhat fade away, I will be available to support my successors in any way that I can.

Dave Lane
President

TREASURER'S REPORT

Our finances took a substantial turn for the better in 2009. First, the sale of our building brought about \$470,000 to our coffers, single-handedly doubling our equity to just under \$1 million. We have a long-term lease on new premises at a very attractive rate. Our staff will be able to concentrate on member services, rather than building and tenant maintenance.

The twin deficits of 2007 and 2008 were turned into a large surplus in 2009. Various factors contributed to this happy state of affairs.

Our publication sales were helped by one large order from Edmonton Centre, in connection with the IYA (International Year of Astronomy). Investment returns were helped by a market turnaround, which helped our mutual funds. Our IYA public outreach program benefitted from larger-than-expected IYA-specific donations, as well as the cost-sharing of production of some of the educational materials. Together, we were able to fund a larger program with a smaller outlay of our own funds.

And, still speaking of IYA, we have continued to receive a grant from CASCA to fund the placement of an IYA coordinator, which began in 2008, and ended in January 2010. The financial statement shows this item as a donation income, offset by IYA expenses.

Our membership revenues show a large increase from 2008, reflecting the implementation of the fee increase approved at the 2008 GA. This increase was required to make our membership self-sustaining, a requirement of charities by the CRA. We are happy to report that, despite the increase, our membership dropped by less than 4 percent, which affirms the good value of our product.

Meanwhile, the iMIS system implementation continued throughout 2009, and was wound down by the spring of 2010. The costs of implementation have been funded from our Endowment Fund.

In 2009, the RASC reached a new milestone: \$500,000 in gross revenues, excluding the proceeds of the sale of our building. Under generally accepted accounting principles, this mandates that our furniture and equipment be capitalized and amortized over their useful life, retroactive to the date of acquisition. The statements for 2009 reflect this, and 2008 has been restated for consistency with 2009.

Going back to our investment performance (the markets helped our mutual funds), they only comprise 5 percent of our investments. The balance is held in GICs and savings products, and the returns on these have been, well, rock-bottom, in tandem with the low-interest-rate policies being pursued around the world.

As a result, we have decided to hire an outside portfolio manager to manage most of our investible assets. We are now looking for various firms with expertise in the management of endowments. The intent is to have the manager select the appropriate instruments that would provide a balance of growth and income, based on investment parameters set by your Executive, and reviewed on an annual basis. It is expected that this measure will provide a boost to our general revenues, which would enable us, among other things, to hire an Executive Director for the RASC (a more detailed discussion is provided elsewhere in this report).

As always, we wish to express our gratitude to those who have contributed their talent and resources to make the RASC what it is today.

Mayer Tchelebon
Treasurer

SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

The year 2009 saw our Society settle down into a comfortable, normal atmosphere. There were no great burning issues that needed immediate attention, nor were we stressed to the point of exasperation—how nice!

We had a bit of difficulty finding a person to fill the role of the so-called MemPub Clerk, but have resolved that issue with the hiring of Irina Mosquera. She is capable and fits in well with our goals and chores. Her official title is now Membership and Publications Co-ordinator.

Speaking of official titles, Jo Taylor is now the National Office Manager. It's not a change of personnel—just a change of title to be more in keeping with the job requirements. Thanks to both of our employees for helping us with all they do, and especially for making us look good!

It is a few months now since IYA2009 ended, but the feeling

of euphoria continues. It was a great year and a great way to let people know about our hobby and the pleasures of viewing sky phenomena. When we first started thinking in 2008 about what our goals would be, having one million Galileo Moments seemed pretty “far out.” But, now that the year is done, and having attained over two million of those precious moments, what comes to mind is “Wow! What a year!!”

Some RASC members weren't able to be involved with or continue with our collective efforts—they passed away in 2009. We extend our condolences to the families and friends of the following deceased Members: Laurence Anderson (Charlottetown); Leo Enright, Paolo Maffei (Kingston); Bill Hydromako (Saskatoon); Chelva Elankian (Toronto); James M. McLeod (Winnipeg).

James Edgar
Secretary

Membership Statistics 2000-2009

Centre	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000
Belleville	26	32	35	33	32	29	26	N/A	N/A	N/A
Calgary	300	317	313	278	302	323	321	315	315	310
Charlottetown	24	24	22	21	20	19	20	16	18	15
Edmonton	257	258	255	241	261	267	271	262	249	222
Halifax	155	157	162	152	171	197	214	196	186	172
Hamilton	70	76	80	82	91	91	113	114	122	109
Kingston	90	98	106	125	128	110	132	145	146	152
Kitchener-Waterloo	116	118	104	101	127	127	133	114	106	95
London	97	101	104	99	112	115	119	118	115	115
Mississauga	127	120	103	53						
C.F de Montréal	24	23	28	32	32	30	40	39	36	38
Montréal	103	107	99	105	109	108	121	116	106	102
New Brunswick	75	79	88	78	75	70	59	62	46	29
Niagara	82	97	104	101	114	123	117	109	97	91
Okanagan	103	88	86	85	83	85	92	87	70	61
Ottawa	389	410	416	396	447	469	500	480	457	431
Prince George	64	79	67	82	75	40	43	42	25	N/A
Québec	17	35	44	40	39	38	38	45	50	63
Regina	52	48	55	53	47	53	59	56	47	30
St. John's	48	47	52	49	51	44	54	54	45	47
Sarnia	19	24	25	27	27	32	26	27	27	31
Saskatoon	71	71	78	76	70	67	73	70	73	76
Sunshine coast	32									
Thunder Bay	44	37	41	40	39	41	43	39	38	32
Toronto	502	506	610	622	748	841	889	886	775	792
Vancouver	251	263	256	238	267	291	313	292	294	275
Victoria	185	173	188	177	186	192	200	188	200	159
Windsor	96	98	94	89	105	122	125	120	107	102
Winnipeg	162	169	157	136	132	140	136	114	105	99
Unattached	459	530	561	512	538	591	610	575	552	558
Honorary	15	15	14	15	15	14	14	13	13	13
Total	4040	4216	4347	4138	4443	4655	4901	4688	4420	4230

Membership by Type

Type	Number	% of Total
Ordinary	3594	89.3
Life	328	8.2
Youth	103	2.5
Honorary	(15)	n/a

Membership by Country

Country	Number	% of Total
Canada	3777	93.5
USA	220	5.4
Other	43	1.1

AUDITOR'S REPORT

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To the Members of

THE ROYAL ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF CANADA

LA SOCIÉTÉ ROYALE D'ASTRONOMIE DU CANADA

We have audited the balance sheet of The Royal Astronomical Society of Canada as at December 31, 2009 and the statements of revenue and expenditures, and changes in net assets for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Society's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

Except as explained in the following paragraph, we conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In common with many charitable organizations, the Society derives revenue from donations, the completeness of which is not susceptible of satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, our verification of these revenues was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of the Society and we were not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to donation revenue, excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditures, assets or unrestricted net assets.

In our opinion, except for the effect of adjustments, if any, which we might have determined to be necessary had we been able to satisfy ourselves concerning the completeness of the donation revenues referred to in the preceding paragraph, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Society as at December 31, 2009 and the results of its operations for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

TORONTO, Ontario

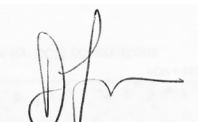
April 14, 2010

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LICENSED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

BALANCE SHEET

As at December 31	2009	2008
Assets		
Current		
Cash	\$ 81,760	\$ 344,425
Short-term investments (note 3)	415,277	283,474
Accounts receivable	73,940	74,684
Inventory	21,032	21,941
Prepaid expenses	9,845	12,728
	601,854	740,019
Long Term		
Investments (note 4)	593,754	-
Capital assets (note 5)	15,879	\$ 16,742
	\$1,211,847	756,761
Liabilities		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued charges	\$ 61,919	\$ 93,937
Deferred revenue		
Membership fees for ensuing years	98,601	102,820
Journal subscriptions	14,439	10,063
Unamortized life membership fees (note 4)	39,563	66,405
	214,522	273,225
Net Assets		
Unrestricted	644,841	90,365
Internally restricted (note 9)	352,124	393,171
	996,965	466,795
	\$1,211,487	\$ 740,020
Commitment (note 8)		<i>See accompanying notes to financial statements</i>

On Behalf of the Board



President



Treasurer

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

	Internally Restricted (schedule 1)	Unrestricted	2009	2008
Year ended December 31				
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 393,171	\$ 90,365	\$ 483,536	\$ 538,244
Excess of expenditures over revenue for the year		513,429	513,429	\$ (8,575)
Transfers (Schedule 1)	(41,047)	41,047	-	-
Balance, end of year	\$ 352,124	\$ 644,841	\$ 996,965	\$ 483,536

See accompanying notes to financial statements

STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES

Year ended December 31	2009	2008
Revenue		
Membership fees	\$ 176,791	\$ 144,375
Publication revenue		
Journal	37,290	34,476
Observer's Handbook	97,247	97,828
Beginner's Observing Guide	5,868	10,194
Observer's Calendar	46,815	54,141
Skyways	12,425	941
Shipping and Handling	30,704	27,179
International Year of Astronomy	30,646	15,051
Other	1,017	259
	262,012	240,069
Miscellaneous income		
Donations	83,279	63,941
Investment Income	24,667	(1,462)
Rent	-	8,112
Promotional products	8,542	4,434
Other income	178	297
	116,666	75,322
	555,469	459,766
Expenditures		
Publication costs		
Journal	47,614	50,276
Annual report	1,691	1,805
Cost of publications sold	33,127	32,573
Observer's Handbook	20,034	16,812
Beginner's Observing Guide	501	1,532
Observer's Calendar	13,377	15,004
Skyways	3,207	-
	119,551	118,002
Operating costs		
Office salaries and employee benefits	63,631	74,468
Membership services	71,939	73,496
Office expenses	54,864	56,418
Services	39,403	57,053
Committees	14,150	17,406
Travel expenses	16,090	14,232
Cost of promotional items sold	4,911	3,612
International Year of Astronomy	102,812	82,475
Amortization of Capital Assets	2,841	2,505
Occupancy	24,772	15,595
	395,413	399,755
	514,964	517,757
	40,505	(54,708)
Gain on sale of land and building	472,924	-
Excess of revenue over expenditures	\$ 513,429	\$ (54,708)

See accompanying notes to financial statements

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

2009 December 31

1. Organization

The Royal Astronomical Society of Canada is a Canadian corporation without share capital and a registered charitable organization, incorporated for the purpose of stimulating interest in and promoting astronomy and related sciences. The organization is not subject to income taxes pursuant to exemptions accorded to registered charities in the income tax legislation.

The Society is trustee of an endowment fund created by Mr. Walter J. Helm (a former Royal Astronomical Society of Canada member) who passed away 1960 June 5. In his will he provided a bequest to the Society (after heir John Helm died in 1961) that was to be used by the Society to support the general purposes of the David Dunlap Observatory (DDO) in Richmond Hill, Ontario. With the sale and closing of the DDO in 2008, it is no longer operating as a research observatory. The Society is presently seeking a legal interpretation of the will and the options it has for using income from the fund to support research in astronomy generally, which is stated in the will in the event the observatory was "destroyed." Pursuant to a legal opinion obtained by the Society, the endowment fund is excluded from the accounts of the Society. Total assets of the fund under administration by the Society are \$172,189 (2008 - \$0).

2 Significant accounting policies

These financial statements have been prepared by management in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles. The preparation of The Royal Astronomical Society of Canada financial statements in conformance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the balance sheet date and the reported amounts of revenue and expense during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from such estimates.

(a) Basis of accounting

These financial statements were prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. The accrual basis recognizes revenues as they become available and measurable; expenses are recognized as they are incurred and measurable as a result of receipts of goods or services and the creation of a legal obligation to pay.

(b) Inventory

Inventory is comprised of publications and promotional items for re-sale and is carried at the lower of cost and net realizable value. Cost is determined on an average cost basis.

(c) Capital assets

The organization changed its accounting policy for capital assets in the current year. The organization met the exemption criteria for small not-for-profit organizations and carried the assets in the accounts at a nominal value in prior years. Commencing in 2009, the organization no longer qualifies for this exemption and has therefore retrospectively recorded these assets at cost and calculated and recorded amortization thereon, based on the estimated useful lives of the assets. Information was not available to support the original cost of the property sold in 2009 as well as the library, that which remains, and accordingly, these assets are included at a nominal amount.

The effect of this change on the prior year figures is an increase to capital assets in the amount of \$16,740, opening unrestricted net assets has been increased \$13,458, amortization expense recorded \$2,505, office expense reduced \$5,788.

Amortization has been determined using a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives as follows:

- Computer hardware - 3 years
- Software - 10 years
- Office furniture - 10 years

(d) Membership fees

Membership fees received in the first half of the year are recognized during the current year. Those received in the second half of the year are recorded as deferred revenue and recognized in the following year. The organization previously offered life memberships to members. Life memberships received in prior years were credited to unamortized life membership fees liability account, as per Note 6. Five percent of the life membership fund is transferred at the beginning of each year to membership fees revenue.

(e) Revenue recognition

The organization follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue when received or receivable, if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

(f) Publications

RASC Journal subscription revenues are amortized into income over the subscription period.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(g) Contributed materials and services

The organization is dependant on the voluntary services of many individuals. Since these services are not normally purchased, and because of the difficulty in estimating their fair market value, they are not recorded in these financial statements

(h) Financial instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are initially recognized at fair value, and their subsequent measurement is dependent on their classification as described below. Their classification depends on the purpose for which the financial instruments were acquired or issued, their characteristics and the Society's designation of such instruments. Settlement date accounting is used.

<u>Financial Instrument</u>	<u>Classification</u>
Cash	Held for trading
Investments	Held for trading
Receivables	Loans and receivables
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	Other liabilities

(i) New accounting pronouncements

Effective for fiscal years beginning on or after 2008 October 2, CICA handbook Section 1000 has been amended to focus on the capitalization of cost that truly meets the definition of an asset and to de-emphasize the matching principle.

Effective for fiscal years beginning on or after 2010 January 1:

CICA handbook Section 4400 has been amended for the treatment of net assets invested in capital assets and for the presentation of revenues and expenses;

CICA handbook Section 4460 establishes disclosure standards for not-for-profit organizations that choose to classify their expenses by function and allocate expenses from one function to another.

The organization has applied all of the above new accounting standards at the beginning of its current fiscal year. The financial statements have been retroactively adjusted to remove the category of net assets invested in capital assets on the balance sheet and statement of changes in net assets. The other pronouncements have no impact on the organization's financial statements.

3 Short-term investments

	2009	2008
Mutual fund investments with Scotia McLeod	Market	Market
Ivy Canadian Fund	\$ 21,353	\$ 20,365
MacKenzie Cundill Value	10,057	8,774
Scotia Canadian Dividend	22,375	17,754
Savings Accounts		
Manulife Investment Savings account	125,202	76,581
Altamira High Interest Cash Performer account	118,104	-
Dundee Investment Savings account	118,186	-
Guaranteed investments certificates		
Scotia McLeod, matured 2009 June 6, 3.10% interest	-	81,413
TD Mortgage Corp, matured 2009 June 24, 3.25% interest	-	81,354
	\$ 415,277	\$ 286,241

4 Long-term investments

	2009	2008
Guaranteed investments certificates		
ING Direct, matures 2011 March 5, interest compound at 3.00%	256,180	-
Bank of Nova Scotia, matures 2011 April 4, 2.15% interest	126,995	-
HSVC Bank Canada, matures 2011 April 4, 2.3% interest	127,135	-
Scotia Mortgage Corp, matures 2011 June 9, 2.05% interest	83,444	-
	\$ 593,754	\$ -

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

4. Capital Asset

	2009	2008
Guaranteed investments certificates		
ING Direct, matures 2011 March 5, interest compound at 3.00%	256,180	-
Bank of Nova Scotia, matures 2011 April 4, 2.15% interest	126,995	-
HSVC Bank Canada, matures 2011 April 4, 2.3% interest	127,135	-
Scotia Mortgage Corp, matures 2011 June 9, 2.05% interest	83,444	-
	\$ 593,754	\$ -

5. Capital Assets

	2009		2008	
Computer hardware	4,093	2,922	3,108	1,890
Software	17,580	3,816	17,580	2,058
Office furniture	993	50	-	-
Library	1	-	1	-
Land and building	-	-	1	-
	\$ 22,667	\$ 6,788	\$ 20,690	\$ 3,948
		\$ 15,879		\$ 16,742

6. Unamortized life membership fees

	2009	2007
Life membership fees as of January 1	\$ 69,900	\$ 73,573
Deduct: Amortization to income	(3,495)	(3,679)
Balance, December 31	\$ 66,405	\$ 69,900

7. Statement of cash flows

A statement of cash flows is not provided as the required cash flow information is readily apparent from the other financial statements.

8. Commitment

The Society has entered into a lease agreement for office premises for a 3-year term commencing 2009 March 1, and ending 2012 February 28, with an option to renew for a further 3-year term. The minimum annual payments required under the lease, excluding an estimate of the proportionate share of property taxes, maintenance, and insurance for the premises, in aggregate and for each of the next three fiscal years is as follows:

2010	\$ 7,515
2011	7,835
2012	1,316

9. Internally restricted net assets

The Society has internally restricted certain funds. The Ruth Northcott Fund was established in 1969, and funds are used for a variety of specified purposes as approved by the National Council. The P.M. Millman Endowment Fund was established for the purpose of providing for the long-term growth of the Society. An amount equal to the investment income for the year is transferred to all funds annually on a proportionate basis.

The Life Membership Fund was established as a result of a change in accounting policy to conform with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles in 2005, and was wound up in the current fiscal year. The Centre Projects Fund was established in 2005, and was used to encourage and facilitate the development of its member Centres, however, it, too, has been wound up, with the money being transferred to the new Public Speaker Programme Fund. In addition, the National Council has segregated a significant donation received

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from the Estate of the late Walter Feibelman into a separate fund in 2005. Finally, the Public Speaker Programme Fund was established this year to encourage Centres to organize and host public talks by speakers from outside their local area about astronomical related topics.

All disbursements from these funds must be approved by the National Council or are administered by trustees who are appointed by and responsible to National Council.

Schedule 1: Internally Restricted Net Assets

December 31, 2009							2009	2008
	Public Speaker Programme Fund	W. Feibelman Fund	Centre Projects Fund	Life Membership Fund	Ruth Northcott Fund	P.M. Millman Endowment Fund	Total	Total
Fund balance, January 1	\$ -	\$ 41,145	\$ 7,104	\$ 41,611	\$ 91,590	\$ 230,004	\$ 393,171	\$ 437,868
Transferred from Unrestricted Net Assets								
Interest	176	565	-	-	2,263	5,684	8,688	(1,103)
Donations	2,746	-	-	-	491	166	3,403	3,409
Expenses	-	(6,081)	-	-	(1,250)	(4,196)	(11,527)	(47,003)
Transfer	7,104	-	(7,104)	-	-	-	-	-
Close Fund	-	-	-	(41,611)	-	-	(41,611)	4,109
	10,026	(5,516)	(7,104)	(41,611)	1,504	1,654	(41,047)	(44,697)
Balance, December 31	\$ 10,026	\$ 17,346	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 93,094	\$ 231,658	\$ 352,124	\$ 393,171

CENTRE TREASURERS' REPORTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009

		Belleville	Calgary	Charlottetown	Edmonton	Halifax	Hamilton	Kingston	Kitchener- Waterloo	London
REVENUE										
Membership	Membership Fees: Centre Fee	766	9,242	510	5,389	3,266	2,047	2,170	2,816	2,344
	Membership Fees: Associate		60				80	15		
	Membership Fees: Affiliate									
	Membership Fees: other		13					23		
	Life Membership Payout Received		1,298		1,020				464	
	Centre Newsletter									
Donations / Fundraising	Donations		969	20	162			317	216	
	Fundraising		6,350		74,073			229		
Sales Revenue	Sale of Observer's Handbooks					210		80		214
	Sale of Observer's Calendars		1,367	374	660	392	56	304	868	285
	Sale of Beginner's Observing Guides		30			47		20		
	Other Publication Sales									
	RASC Promo Items		1,125					32	35	
	Other Sales						98	56	184	
Subscription Revenue	Astronomy / Sky & Telescope									
	Other									
Events Revenue	Star Parties	109	2,730			4,812		944		
	Annual Dinner		2,190				1,000			960
	IYA Event									
	Astronomy Day			471						
	Other Events				4,580					
General Assembly Revenue	General Assembly									
Miscellaneous Revenue	Interest and Dividends	2	7		125	28		203	52	
	Advertising		125					120		
	Observatory Site		70						217	
	Equipment Rentals/Loans		604		135				427	
	Miscellaneous			175	40	10		10		
TOTAL REVENUE		877	26,180	1,550	86,184	8,765	3,281	4,523	5,279	3,803
EXPENDITURES										
Sales Expenses	Observer's Handbook					1,041				
	Beginner's Observing Guide			20		23				
	Observer's Calendar		1,493	323	1,045	180		585	941	
	Other Publications									116
	Newsletter		3,696		2,824	1,474		705		288
	RASC promo items		1,973			1,173				
	Other			72				15	371	
Event Expenses	Star Parties		1,270			2,905		822	274	
	Annual Dinner	170	3,057				960		1,097	1,167
	Astronomy Day			181			220	181	127	
	IYA Event				4,118	2,590		2,178		177
	Meetings		216		541	226	300	210	79	
	Other Events	220	536	98	8,798				43	48
Travel	General Assembly and Council Meetings		463		268			200		
Administrative Expenses	Office Administration		178		239	201	124	70	161	
	Equipment and Supplies		57			26				738
	Insurance		2,721			1,087	1,252			
	General Expenses and Audit	2		216		27		447		
	Awards	25	5,100	200	382	100				
	Donations				14,793					
	Advertising				4,388			36		
Miscellaneous Expenses	Observatory and Site Expenses		5,877	884	6,985	29	2,321	28	350	97
	Library							52	155	
	Depreciation		2,595							
	Miscellaneous	92	791	41	3,025	31		63	147	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		509	30,023	2,035	47,406	11,113	5,177	5,592	3,745	2,631
SURPLUS OR DEFICIT ON OPERATIONS		368	-3,842	485	38,778	-2,348	-1,896	-1,069	-1,534	1,172
ASSETS	Current assets	3,658	22,094	1,573	181,453	12,302	16,826	21,683	13,012	14,557
	Capital assets		1,027	2,500		17,000	95,987	21,250	30,000	61,532
LIABILITIES					5,420	2,640				

CENTRE TREASURERS' REPORTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009

		Mississauga	C. F. de Montréal	Montréal	New Brunswick	Niagara	Okanagan	Ottawa	Prince George	Québec	Regina
REVENUE											
Membership	Membership Fees: Centre Fee	2,425		3,072	1,267	1,991	3,005	7432	1,886	925	1,385
	Membership Fees: Associate	20				53					
	Membership Fees: Affiliate	22									
	Membership Fees: other	69									
	Life Membership Payout Received	371				278	185				278
	Centre Newsletter										
Donations / Fundraising	Donations	68		638		207	11,488	250	300	15	225
	Fundraising	1,091			39	483	18,242		8,000		2,771
Sales Revenue	Sale of Observer's Handbooks									100	40
	Sale of Observer's Calendars	488		235	1,175	354	795	2,245	794	300	420
	Sale of Beginner's Observing Guides					45	180				
	Other Publication Sales										
	RASC promo items	247			226	228	242				
	Other Sales	40		78		570			554		
Subscriptions	Astronomy / Sky & Telescope										
	Other										
Events Revenue	Star Parties				145						7,697
	Annual Dinner							2,370			
	IYA Event										1,191
	Astronomy Day										
	Other Events						996				
General Assembly Revenue	General Assembly										
Miscellaneous Revenue	Interest and Dividends			686		94	21	871			
	Advertising										
	Observatory Site							595	1,797		
	Equipment Rentals/Loans				710		185	230			
	Miscellaneous			216		43	1,500	652	74		
TOTAL REVENUE		4,841		4,925	3,562	4,346	36,839	14,645	13,405	1,340	14,007
EXPENDITURES											
Sales Expenses	Observer's Handbook									179	30
	Beginner's Observing Guide						250				
	Observer's Calendar	540		384	731	284	588		537	72	331
	Other Publications				75						
	Newsletter			1,025	253	151	82	3,173			
	RASC promo items	256				368	602				
	Other	203			905	176				52	5,680
Event Expenses	Star Parties				189	70				30	164
	Annual Dinner				134			2,959			146
	Astronomy Day							373			
	IYA Event										324
	Meetings			1,024	104	382	34	268		145	
	Other Events	850			787				1,339		333
Travel	General Assembly and Council Meetings			581	169						
Administrative Expenses	Office Administration			41		40	1,044	796	536	405	1,658
	Equipment and Supplies			41		806	6,631		216		22
	Insurance						1,608	3,472	3,212		455
	General Expenses and Audit	422		432		51					602
	Awards										66
	Donations							150	100		
	Advertising							190	60		298
Miscellaneous Expenses	Observatory and Site Expenses				86	621	38,321	1,052	7,369	237	478
	Library				250		112		235	251	
	Depreciation	168			59			9,432			
	Miscellaneous	483		1,282	33	1,534		37	117		410
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		2,922		4,810	3,775	4,483	49,272	21,902	13,721	1,371	10,997
SURPLUS OR DEFICIT ON OPERATIONS		1,919		-101	213	-137	-12,433	-7,257	316	-31	3,010
ASSETS	Liquid assets	9,200		93,970	3,825	9,045	26,083	35,176	9,785	855	9,101
	Capital assets	204		26,767	64	20,561	48,000	43,552	82,280		72,762
LIABILITIES		2,640						2,418	279		

CENTRE TREASURERS' REPORTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009

		St. John's	Sarnia	Saskatoon	Sunshine Coast	Thunder Bay	Toronto	Vancouver	Victoria	Windsor	Winnipeg
REVENUE											
Membership	Membership Fees: Centre Fee	1,205	456		254	850	8,944	5,555	3,975	2,044	3,604
	Membership Fees: Associate	10					465				
	Membership Fees: Affiliate						207				
	Membership Fees: other									610	
	Life Membership Payout Received			2249		93		1,203			
	Centre Newsletter										
Donations / Fundraising	Donations			3769		1,075	8,188	1,021	50	1,699	173
	Fundraising	561			2,350				44,651	1,014	2,270
Sales Revenue	Sale of Observer's Handbooks						195				
	Sale of Observer's Calendars	600	144		204	750	2,697		675	430	1,539
	Sale of Beginner's Observing Guides						600	816			
	Other Publication Sales										
	RASC promo items						1,216				
	Other Sales			1048		450	250	288			
Subscription Revenue	Astronomy / Sky & Telescope						800			293	
	Other										
Events Revenue	Star Parties			30,722							1,424
	Annual Dinner								1,750		
	IYA Event				1,102						400
	Astronomy Day							271			
	Other Events	767						89			
General Assembly Revenue	General Assembly										
Miscellaneous Revenue	Interest and Dividends	2	50	551	60	2	1,344	7,656		2	80
	Advertising			450				25			
	IObservatory Site						8,097				
	Equipment Rentals/Loans										
	Miscellaneous		2,000			306	16,408	239		787	
TOTAL REVENUE		3,145	2,650	38,789	3,970	3,526	49,411	17,163	51,101	6,879	9,490
EXPENDITURES											
Sales Expenses	Observer's Handbook						590				
	Beginner's Observing Guide										
	Observer's Calendar	439	131		228	549	2,301	637	274	417	1,222
	Other Publications	368					1,163				
	Newsletter					71	2,108	534			405
	RASC promo items		128				1,139				
	Other	461	225	742		975		323			
Event Expenses	Star Parties	80		26,443			1,169		2,350		1,495
	Annual Dinner				105				2,209	100	43
	Astronomy Day		42					1,224	257	50	9
	IYA Event				758		746	1,000	11,668	100	250
	Meetings	97			202		1,138	1,517	115	1,157	340
	Other Events			1,865			170	411	225	225	
Travel	General Assembly and Council Meetings		675			183					
Administrative Expenses	Office Administration		1,484		280		4,934	301	25	39	175
	Equipment and Supplies								112		258
	Insurance			1,084					500		969
	General Expenses and Audit					70	5,950		112	67	
	Awards	213					609	1,253			250
	Donations										
	Advertising				394		1,473	4,059			
Miscellaneous Expenses	Observatory and Site Expenses			366			22,191	287	23,254	2,361	300
	Library						112		160		75
	Depreciation			825			18,033	1,842			
	Miscellaneous	1,279		10		447		947	300	636	107
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		2,937	1,201	32,819	1,967	2,295	63,826	14,335	41,559	5,152	5,898
SURPLUS OR DEFICIT ON OPERATIONS		208	1,449	5,970	2,003	1,231	-14,415	2,828	9,542	1,727	3,592
ASSETS	Current assets	24,250	1,844	38,602	13,101	3,295		364,277	9,975	5,105	10,473
	Capital assets			17,737	1,828			15,499	67,850	80,000	80,000
LIABILITIES				0				1,213			