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RÉUNION ANNUELLE

2012

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Réunion annuelle 2012

La Réunion annuelle des membres aura lieu le dimanche 1 juillet 2011, de 9h à 11h H.A.C.
au E3-270 (Centre d'ingénierie et de technologie de l'information), Université du Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta

Ordre du jour

1. Approbation de l'ordre du jour

2. Procès-verbal de la Réunion annuelle 2011

(publié dans la version électronique du rapport annuel 2011 qui se trouve dans la section réservé aux membres du site Web de la SRAC (www.rasc.ca/private/minutes))

3. Rapports des Officiers

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|-----------------------|-----------------------|---|--------------------|
| Président | (Mary Lou Whitehorne) | États financiers | |
| 1ère Vice-Présidente | (Glenn Hawley) | Motion pour accepter les états financiers | |
| 2e Vice-Présidente | (Colin Haig) | Directrice exécutive | (Deborah Thompson) |
| Secrétaire/rapporteur | (James Edgar) | | |
| Trésorier | (Mayer Tchelebon) | | |

4. Rapports des comités permanents

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|--------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Prix | (Dave Lane) | Histoire | (Randall Rosenfeld) |
| Constitution | (Glenn Hawley) | Membres & Promotion | (Roland Deschesne) |
| Éducation | (Ron Macnaughton) | Nomination | (Colin Haig) |
| Exécutif | (Mary Lou Whitehorne) | Observation | (Chris Beckett) |
| Finance | (Mayer Tchelebon) | Publications | (Glenn Hawley) |

5. Rapports des comités spéciaux

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

6. Résultats de l'élection aux postes d'officiers de la Société

Président
1ère Vice-Présidente
2e Vice-Présidente
Trésorier

7. Élection d'un Vérificateur

8. Autres questions

9. Clôture

ANNUAL MEETING 2012—AGENDA

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Annual Meeting 2012

The Annual Meeting of members will be held on Sunday, 2012 July 1, from 9:00 to 11:00 MDT
at the University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta

Agenda

1. Approval of Agenda

2. Minutes of the 2011 Annual Meeting

(Published in the on-line version 2011 Annual Report, and located on the Members-only section on the Web site (www.rasc.ca/private/minutes))

3. Reports of Officers

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| President | (Mary Lou Whitehorne) | Financial Statements | |
| 1st Vice-President | (Glenn Hawley) | Motion to approve the financial statements | |
| 2nd Vice-President | (Colin Haig) | Executive Director | (Deborah Thompson) |
| Secretary/Recorder | (James Edgar) | | |
| Treasurer | (Mayer Tchelebon) | | |

4. Reports of Standing Committees

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|--------------|-----------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| Awards | (Dave Lane) | History | (Randall Rosenfeld) |
| Constitution | (Glenn Hawley) | Membership & Promotion | (Roland Deschesne) |
| Education | (Ron Macnaughton) | Nominating | (Colin Haig) |
| Executive | (Mary Lou Whitehorne) | Observing | (Chris Beckett) |
| Finance | (Mayer Tchelebon) | Publications | (Glenn Hawley) |

5. Reports of Special Committees

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

6. Results of the Election of Officers of the Society

President
1st Vice-President
2nd Vice-President
Treasurer

7. Election of Auditor

8. Other Business

9. Adjournment

PRESIDENT NOMINATION

BIOGRAPHY OF THE NOMINATED 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 36 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 2011. 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, and two years as 1st Vice President. 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, RASCAL.

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. He is preparing to view the 2012 Transit of Venus from Mauna Kea and the 2012 Eclipse from Australia.

BIOGRAPHIE DU PRÉSIDENT NOMINÉ

(Candidature proposée par le Comité des nominations)

Glenn Hawley

Glenn Hawley est né le 3 octobre 1951 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 36 Ans à Lorna, et ils ont deux chats.

Glenn fait de l'astronomie amateur depuis le 26 février 1979.

Il s'est joint au Centre de Calgary en 1983 et fait partie de son Conseil d'administration de façon continue de 1987 à 2011. 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 ainsi que deux ans comme 1er Vice-président. Depuis 1990 Glenn a assisté à toutes les Assemblées générales sauf une.

Glenn a fait de l'observation au « Star Party et Star-B-Que » de l'Alberta, 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 RASCAL.

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 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. Il se prépare pour le transit de Vénus de 2012 à Mauna Kea ainsi que l'éclipse en Australie.

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT NOMINATION

BIOGRAPHY OF THE NOMINATED 1ST 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 1ER 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 obtint 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.

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT NOMINATION

BIOGRAPHY OF THE NOMINATED SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT

(Candidate proposed by the Nominating Committee)

Chris Gainor

Chris Gainor was born on 1954 December 19 in Taber, Alberta, and was raised in Edmonton and Calgary. He obtained his first telescope in 1965 and soon joined the Edmonton Centre, where he built his own Newtonian reflector with help from other Centre members, and also took part in the 1968 and 1970 General Assemblies. Chris rejoined the RASC in 1992 and became active in the Vancouver Centre, serving as Nova editor in 1996. After moving to Victoria, Chris joined the executive of the Victoria Centre, where he served as President from 2002 to 2004, and more recently as National Representative. In 2010, Chris was awarded the Victoria Centre's Newton-Ball Service Award. At the national level, Chris is a member of the RASC History Committee.

Throughout his life, Chris has maintained a strong interest in space exploration and its history. He has written four books, including *Arrows to the Moon: Avro's Engineers and the Space Race* (2001), which tells the stories of the Canadian engineers who worked in America's early space programs; *Canada in Space: The People & Stories Behind Canada's Role in the Exploration of Space* (2006); *Who Killed the Avro Arrow?* (2007); and *To A Distant Day: The Rocket Pioneers* (2008). He has also written many articles on the history of space exploration, aeronautics and astronomy in academic journals and other publications. Chris earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in history from the University of British Columbia in 1979, a Master of Science degree in space studies from the University of North Dakota in 2003, and a Ph.D. in the history of technology from the University of Alberta in 2011. He is a Fellow of the British Interplanetary Society.

Chris has spent most of his adult life in Vancouver and Victoria, and he has also lived in Montreal and Toronto. After working as a newspaper reporter at *The Vancouver Sun*, where he won a National Newspaper Award for his work, Chris worked in communications and public relations in the health care sector and for the Government of British Columbia. Chris writes and teaches in Victoria, where he lives with his wife Audrey McClellan, and he enjoys writing and reading history, stamp collecting, and observational astronomy.

BIOGRAPHIE DU 2E VICE-PRÉSIDENT NOMINÉ

(Candidature proposée par le Comité des nominations)

Chris Gainor

Né le 19 décembre 1954 à Taber, en Alberta, Chris Gainor passe sa jeunesse à Edmonton et Calgary. Il se procure son premier télescope en 1965. Peu après, Chris se joint au Centre d'Edmonton où il fabrique son télescope réflecteur de type Newton avec l'aide d'autres membres du Centre. Il participe aux Assemblées générales de 1968 et 1970.

Chris se joint de nouveau à la SRAC en 1992 et devient un membre actif du Centre de Vancouver. En 1996 il est l'éditeur de la publication *Nova*. Après un déménagement à Victoria, Chris devient membre de l'exécutif du Centre de Victoria dont il assume la présidence de 2002 à 2004. Il en est présentement le Représentant national. En 2010 Chris reçoit la distinction Newton-Ball du Centre de Victoria, pour ses états de service. Au niveau national, il est membre du Comité sur l'histoire de la SRAC.

Chris a toujours été intéressé par l'exploration spatiale et son histoire. Il est l'auteur de quatre livres : *Arrows to the Moon: Avro's Engineers and the Space Race* (2001) qui raconte l'histoire des ingénieurs canadiens qui ont participé aux débuts des programmes de l'espace américains, et de *Canada in Space: The People & Stories Behind Canada's Role in the Exploration of Space* (2006); *Who Killed the Avro Arrow?* (2007); et *To A Distant Day: The Rocket Pioneers* (2008). Il a également écrit plusieurs articles sur l'histoire de l'exploration spatiale, l'aéronautique et l'astronomie dans des publications académiques et d'autres publications. Chris est diplômé de l'Université de la Colombie-Britannique (B.A. Histoire, 1979), de l'Université du North Dakota (M.Sc. Études de l'espace, 2003) et de l'Université de l'Alberta (Ph.D. Histoire de la technologie, 2011). Il est un Fellow de la Société interplanétaire britannique.

Chris a vécu la majeure partie de sa vie adulte à Vancouver et Victoria. Il a également demeuré à Montréal et Toronto. Après avoir travaillé comme journaliste au *Vancouver Sun* où il reçoit un "National Newspaper Award", Chris travaille en communications et en relations publiques dans le domaine de la santé pour le gouvernement de la Colombie-Britannique. Chris écrit et enseigne à Victoria où il vit avec son épouse Audrey McClellan. Il aime écrire et lire sur l'histoire, collectionner les timbres et faire de l'observation astronomique.

TREASURER NOMINATION

BIOGRAPHY OF THE NOMINATED TREASURER

(Candidate proposed by the Nominating Committee)

Denis Grey

Denis Grey has been a member of the Society since 1997, when he joined the London Centre after seeing M57 through a telescope on the lawn of the Hume Cronyn observatory at the University of Western Ontario. Denis became more involved with the Society after moving to Toronto in 1999, where he joined the Centre's Council in 2000. From 2000 to 2008 Denis served in a variety of roles with the Centre including newsletter editor, Councillor, National Council Representative, 1st Vice-President, and President.

Denis is particularly pleased with the results of several initiatives that he took part in during his involvement with the Toronto Centre. As lead author, he chaired a successful provincial application which resulted in a \$70,000 grant for the Carr Astronomical Observatory. He led a talented team of members from the Toronto, Hamilton, and Mississauga Centres as chair of the very successful 2008 General Assembly held in Toronto. He also planned and helped to organize the kick-off event for the International Year of Astronomy at the Ontario Science Centre in January 2009, which attracted over 5,000 people. Finally, working with many supporters, he began the work of transforming the David Dunlap Observatory into a venue for public education and outreach in the GTA, which continues to this day through the Observatory Park Project. Denis was the recipient of the RASC Service Award in 2008, as well as the Toronto Centre's Bert Winearls Award for service to the Centre.

In addition to his work with the Centre, Denis has also been involved with several National committees and projects. As Chair of the MAP committee he helped to expedite the selection, installation, and conversion activities that moved the Society off its in-house database to a new system in 2004-06. He also oversaw the conversion of the Society's bookkeeping system from MYOB to Quickbooks as part of this conversion effort, giving him valuable experience with the Society's systems and operations.

In addition to his work with the MAP Committee, Denis has been an active member of the RASC Webteam and helped with two Web site conversions - the most recent one ending in November 2011, which brought the RASC national Web site over to a new content-management platform.

Denis holds a B.Math (Hon) degree from the University of Waterloo and an MBA from York University. He works as an independent IT consultant and has specialized in IT management, sales, and non-profit administration. He has just returned from a one-year sabbatical with his family ending in July 2011.

If elected, Denis hopes to continue to improve Society financial and management reporting, as well as to be an active participant in the transition to a new governance structure. He looks forward to returning to National Council and offering his abilities to continue to grow and improve Canada's National Astronomy Society.

BIOGRAPHIE DE LA PERSONNE PRÉSENTÉ POUR LE POSTE DE TRÉSOIER

(Candidature proposée par le Comité des nominations)

Denis Grey

Denis Grey s'est joint à la Société en 1997, au Centre de London, après avoir vu M 57 dans un télescope sur la terrasse attenante à l'Observatoire Hume Cronyn de l'Université de Western Ontario. Son engagement s'est accru après qu'il eut déménagé à Toronto en 1999, où il est devenu membre du Conseil d'administration du Centre en 2000. Au cours des huit années suivantes, Denis a occupé diverses fonctions au Centre, notamment celles d'éditeur de la publication du Centre, conseiller, représentant sur le Conseil national, 1er vice-président et président.

Denis est particulièrement fier des résultats obtenus dans le cadre de diverses initiatives auxquelles il a participé à Toronto. À titre de rédacteur principal, il a piloté une demande de financement auprès de la province qui a résulté en un octroi de 70 000 \$ pour l'Observatoire astronomique Carr. Il a également dirigé un groupe de membres talentueux des centres de Toronto, Hamilton et Mississauga, à titre de président du comité organisateur de l'Assemblée générale de 2008, tenue à Toronto, et qui a connu un vif succès. Il a également planifié et participé à l'organisation du lancement de l'Année internationale de l'Astronomie 2009, au Centre des sciences de l'Ontario en janvier 2009, auquel 5 000 personnes ont pris part. Enfin, avec l'aide de nombreux collaborateurs, il amorça le travail en vue de la transformation de l'Observatoire David Dunlap en un lieu de vulgarisation destiné au public de la grande région de Toronto, et qui se poursuit à ce jour par le biais du Projet du parc de l'Observatoire. Denis a reçu la Récompense du Service de la SRAC en 2008, ainsi que le Prix Bert Winearls du Centre de Toronto, pour services rendus au Centre.

En plus de son travail au Centre, Denis a également participé à divers comités et projets nationaux. À titre de président du Comité des publications et du marketing il a contribué, de 2004 à 2006, à la sélection et l'installation d'un nouveau système de gestion des bases données qui a permis à la Société de remplacer son ancien système maison. Dans le cadre de cette activité, il s'est également occupé du transfert de la tenue de livres de la Société du système MYOB à Quickbooks, ce qui lui a donné une expérience imparable des systèmes et opérations de la Société.

En plus de son travail auprès du Comité des publications et du marketing, Denis a été un membre actif de l'équipe WEB de la SRAC et a contribué à deux conversions du site web - la plus récente s'étant achevée en novembre 2011, ce qui a permis d'instaurer pour le site national de la SRAC, une plateforme permettant la gestion des contenus.

Denis détient un diplôme B.Math (Hon) de l'Université de Waterloo et un MBA de l'Université York. Travailleur autonome, Denis est un consultant en informatique, spécialisé dans la gestion, les ventes et les organismes à but non lucratif. Il vient de terminer, en juillet 2011, une année sabbatique avec sa famille.

S'il est élu, Denis espère poursuivre l'amélioration des rapports financiers et de gestion de la Société, et participer à la transition vers une nouvelle structure de gouvernance. Il anticipe avec plaisir son retour au Conseil national et sa participation continue à la croissance et l'amélioration de la société nationale d'astronomie du Canada.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

RASC Continues to be a Leading Astronomy Organization

To inspire curiosity in all people about the universe, to share scientific knowledge, and to foster collaboration in astronomical pursuits.

This is our vision statement, and the RASC lives up to it in countless ways. I remain completely amazed with the energy, creativity and drive of our members and Centres, and the many expanded and enriched programs carried out by them throughout Canada and beyond. It is impressive and rewarding to see the number of partnerships that have been built and continue to grow and thrive between and among the Society, our Centres, and non-RASC organizations, in an astonishingly successful effort to provide relevant and enjoyable astronomy outreach opportunities for everyone.

Working Together to Further Our Mission

The Royal Astronomical Society of Canada (RASC) encourages improved understanding of astronomy for all people, through education, outreach, research, publication, enjoyment, partnership, and community.

The collaborative connections between the RASC, the Canadian Astronomical Society (CASCA) and the Fédération des Astronomes Amateurs de Québec (FAAQ) continued to strengthen, most especially through the Beyond IYA national executive committee. This committee is now administering a second three-year joint NSERC PromoScience grant, which purpose is to further develop and deliver the bilingual interactive online educators' seminar program, Discover the Universe / À la découverte de l'Univers. The program is meant to help outdoor interpreters (parks, camps, youth groups, etc.) and teachers to provide interesting and innovative astronomy programs. The initial pilot program was very successful, and we look forward to expanded programming in two languages in the coming years.

One significant new collaboration for the RASC is the establishment, jointly with CASCA and the FAAQ, of the Qilak Award for Astronomy Education and Public Outreach / Prix Qilak pour la communication en astronomie. This new national award is intended to recognize individual Canadian residents, or teams of residents, who have made an outstanding contribution either to the public understanding and appreciation of astronomy in Canada, or to informal astronomy education in Canada. The award is also intended to encourage EPO activities among the members of the sponsoring organizations. Each of the three sponsoring organizations will offer a single award each year.

Qilak is the Inuit word for sky, or celestial sphere. The name was chosen by the BIYA representatives, and approved by the Awards Committees of all three organizations, because it is distinctly Canadian, and spans Canada's entire northern sky.

National Office Changes

Our staff at national office has been hard at work making things better for our members, Centres, partners, and customers. Unfortunately, 2011 saw the resignation of two of our staff: Irina Mosquera (membership and publications clerk), and Fiona Wilson (office administrator). We thank them both for their valuable contributions and wish them well in their new endeavours.

Subsequently we hired Emily Cornford (marketing & sales coordinator) and Renata Koziol (office administrator) into two newly created full-time positions. With the addition of these talented and enthusiastic team members, the Society enjoyed a busy and effi-

cient office that worked smoothly to advance our mission. We now look forward to a period of stability in the office and a renewed effort to continue the work of setting our business affairs in optimal order with improved practice, procedure, and customer service in all aspects of work at the National Office.

Solid Progress on Many Fronts

The following is a short list of Society business matters that transpired throughout the year:

- After the sudden death of Brian Segal, our JRASC designer, in early 2011, the Society issued a Request For Proposals to find a new designer. Of the five submissions, three were serious contenders. The successful bid came from, and a three-year contract has been awarded to, the team of Mike Gatto and Grant Tomchuk of Halifax, Nova Scotia. Michael Gatto is the designer of *Skyways/Explorons*, our membership and publications brochures, and our ads in *SkyNews* Magazine.
- The Society also contracted with Dave Lane, to include a special edition of his ECU software with the *2012 Observer's Handbook*.
- RASC also "went shopping" for the most cost-effective price to print the 2012 Observer's Handbook. The switch to a new printer resulted in an annual \$4000 saving.
- Our complicated publication price matrix (including shipping, handling, and taxes) and our ordering processes underwent a complete review and restructuring to streamline the purchase process.
- RASC is now on Twitter and Facebook. Other social media opportunities are being investigated as potential communications and recruitment vehicles for the Society.
- RASC participated at the Toronto The Word On The Street event this year. Toronto Centre volunteers stepped up to help out. It was a successful event from the standpoint of raising our profile in the community, but it was not an economic success. We lost several hundred dollars at WOTS.
- RASC has a new fundraising guide, prepared by Executive Director Deborah Thompson. This new guide is provided as part of the Centres and volunteer support program outlined in our new strategic plan. The main purpose of the guide is to help Centres understand their roles in relation to fundraising, and to give volunteers a process for developing fundraising plans.
- Additional insurance coverage was arranged to provide Centres with more insurance options to help them better meet their insurance needs. These extra options are available for an additional fee to the Centres that want or need more coverage.
- RASC developed and produced a new EPO resource, the Moon Gazers' Guide. The first print run included 50,000 English and 30,000 French Moon Gazer Guides. This was a joint project, with costs shared between RASC, CASCA, FAAQ, and the BIYA committee (through its joint NSERC PromoScience grant).
- The Society applied to register the phrases, "Dark-Sky Preserve" and "Urban Star Park," in both English and French, as trademarks of the RASC. This is a two-year process, and if successful, will give us trademark protection for 15 years, at which time we expect the Society will renew the registration.
- The 2012 publications were produced earlier than usual in 2011, giving us a leg-up on sales opportunities. Staff developed and implemented a new sales and marketing campaign for

this year. We hoped to increase sales and reverse the recent trend of declining sales. Unfortunately this did not happen, and sales continued to trend downwards.

- Thanks to a timely and generous donation from an anonymous donor, the Society was able to print 10,000 copies of our green-laser pointer information brochure for distribution to Centres across the country in time for the busy summer star-party season.
- RASC initiated a positive working relationship with Transport Canada with the aim of drafting and instituting a policy regarding GLP use that is consistent across Canada and its several TC jurisdictions.
- We continue to strengthen our positive relationship with Parks Canada through the designation of more Dark-Sky Preserves. Jasper National Park was so designated in 2011, and it is presently the world's largest DSP.

Transitioning to the New CNCA legislation

The Government of Canada brought into force its new Canada Not-for-Profit Corporations Act (CNCA) in October 2011, with a three-year window for all Canadian charities and not-for-profits to transition to and comply with this new legislation. The terms of the new Act will mean substantial changes to the Society's governance documents and structure. During 2011, the Executive Committee spent significant time studying the impact of this new legislation and began planning our transition. A major component of the process will include helping our members and Centres understand the implications of the legislation as they relate to the RASC. We have engaged legal assistance to start what promises to be a lengthy process. We hope to be able to "template" some of the paperwork to assist Centres with their part in the required changes.

Giving Credit Where Credit is Due

It is important to me to acknowledge that the RASC is the beneficiary of many generous people who donate time, energy, expertise, and money to further the objectives of the Society. On behalf of the Society, I thank all those generous donors who support the work of the Society and help make it the success story that it is. Without you and your many contributions we would be greatly diminished.

As I complete my term as president, I extend my deepest appreciation to my colleagues on the Executive Committee. Many thanks go to our wonderful staff for their hard work and high standards: Executive Director Deborah Thompson, Office Manager Renata Koziol, and Marketing and Membership Coordinator Emily Cornford. I also thank our hard-working committee chairs, the dedicated members of National Council, our Centre executive members, and all of our individual members who support and participate in the life of the Society. I ask of everyone that they continue to do everything possible to assist our incoming national President, Calgary Centre's Glenn Hawley, and his executive team as they work to meet new challenges, and to expand and strengthen the RASC into the future.

I will conclude by saying the bedrock upon which the Society foundation firmly stands is you, our member-volunteers. Without you there would be no RASC. We enjoy an unequalled international reputation for quality, expertise, and integrity that has been built by RASC volunteers over our 144-year history. This is no small achievement. Please do carry on, and...

Quo Ducit Urania!

Mary Lou Whitehorne
President

TREASURER'S MESSAGE

We have recorded a surplus of \$45,027 for 2011, compared with \$20,105 for the previous year. On the positive side, we received two separate grants totalling \$29,000 for publications, and one bequest of \$42,500. We have also achieved cost reductions totalling \$35,000 in non-payroll overhead.

On the other hand, the return on investment of our endowment decreased by \$29,000 due to poor equity markets, and that was in addition to slightly lower revenues from memberships and publication sales. Payroll increased by \$14,000, as we moved to a three full-time staff model.

Memberships recorded a surplus of \$1,035 for 2011, compared with a deficit of \$11,596 for the previous year. A decline in overhead (see above) more than made up for the slight decrease in membership revenue. We are continuing to take measures to promote the Society, and to contact expiring members and encouraging them to renew.

Publications made a profit of \$29,951, versus \$16,355 the year before. Excluding the \$29,000 in grants mentioned previously, the division underperformed the previous year, due to lower unit sales, continuing a trend that began several years ago. We have begun to look into online delivery of some of our products, and lower-cost printing options.

Charity recorded a surplus of \$14,043, slightly lower than 2010. The bequest of \$42,500 offset a decline in IYA donations and the \$29,000 drop in investment income.

As stated in last year's message, in an attempt to improve our investment returns, we have liquidated all of our GICs and savings accounts, and migrated to the ScotiaMcLeod Managed Portfolio. We now have approximately \$1 million under management, which, as of 2011 December 31, was invested roughly 60 percent in fixed income (3-5 year Canadian bonds) and 40 percent in Canadian blue chip equities. The return from this portfolio will be highly correlated to the stock market, and will be volatile from year to year. The investment return for 2011 was 0.3 percent, versus 3.4 percent for the previous year.

While, at the end, the pluses outweighed the minuses, we will continue to remain vigilant and take measures to position the RASC for a sustainable future.

Mayer Tchelebon
Treasurer

SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

Last year, I wrote that 2011 promised to be a very busy year for the Public Speaker Program, and that was a correct assessment. This is a snapshot of how the applying Centres used the program:

Sunshine Coast—Bill Phillips on “Unravelling the mystery of ‘Sagittarius A’”

Saskatoon—Dr. Aaron Price on “Citizen Science, IYA, and the AAVSO 100 years”

Regina—Alan Dyer on “Astrophotography on the Prairies”

Kingston—Patrice Scattolin on “Space Exploration From the Ground up”

Calgary—Glen Fountain on “New Horizons”

I've established a list of these speakers and their topics for each year, which can be viewed on the Web at www.rasc.ca/psp-speakers-topics-list

You can see below how our membership numbers have slipped slowly away from the high of 2003. “National” doesn't do much to recruit new members—that is a task for Centres and the members on the street at outreach events, star parties, and such. Our new Moon Gazer Charts are an excellent way to get the newbie started observing as a hobby, honing newfound skills; the Moon is an object you can view easily naked-eye—no equipment necessary. What could be better?

Finally, we extend our condolences to the families and friends of the following deceased Members who passed away in 2011: Bill Broderick (Belleville); Walter Jutting (Niagara); George A. Duey, Dr. G. R. Lindsey (Ottawa); Joe English, Dr. Ken O'Brien, Dr. Peter Lockwood (St. John's); Jim Low (Toronto); June Kirkcaldy (Vancouver); Guy Westcott (Winnipeg).

James Edgar
Secretary

Membership Statistics 2001-2011

| Centre | 2011 | 2010 | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 | 2004 | 2003 | 2002 | 2001 |
|--------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Belleville | 31 | 37 | 26 | 32 | 35 | 33 | 32 | 29 | 26 | N/A | N/A |
| Calgary | 282 | 271 | 300 | 317 | 313 | 278 | 302 | 323 | 321 | 315 | 315 |
| Charlottetown | 19 | 25 | 24 | 24 | 22 | 21 | 20 | 19 | 20 | 16 | 18 |
| Edmonton | 235 | 260 | 257 | 258 | 255 | 241 | 261 | 267 | 271 | 262 | 249 |
| Halifax | 154 | 159 | 155 | 157 | 162 | 152 | 171 | 197 | 214 | 196 | 186 |
| Hamilton | 61 | 66 | 70 | 76 | 80 | 82 | 91 | 91 | 113 | 114 | 122 |
| Kingston | 66 | 74 | 90 | 98 | 106 | 125 | 128 | 110 | 132 | 145 | 146 |
| Kitchener-Waterloo | 106 | 115 | 116 | 118 | 104 | 101 | 127 | 127 | 133 | 114 | 106 |
| London | 104 | 118 | 97 | 101 | 104 | 99 | 112 | 115 | 119 | 118 | 115 |
| Mississauga | 123 | 120 | 127 | 120 | 103 | 53 | | | | | |
| C.F de Montréal | 20 | 22 | 24 | 23 | 28 | 32 | 32 | 30 | 40 | 39 | 36 |
| Montréal | 91 | 87 | 103 | 107 | 99 | 105 | 109 | 108 | 121 | 116 | 106 |
| New Brunswick | 68 | 66 | 75 | 79 | 88 | 78 | 75 | 70 | 59 | 62 | 46 |
| Niagara | 69 | 71 | 82 | 97 | 104 | 101 | 114 | 123 | 117 | 109 | 97 |
| Okanagan | 92 | 116 | 103 | 88 | 86 | 85 | 83 | 85 | 92 | 87 | 70 |
| Ottawa | 328 | 370 | 389 | 410 | 416 | 396 | 447 | 469 | 500 | 480 | 457 |
| Prince George | 69 | 64 | 64 | 79 | 67 | 82 | 75 | 40 | 43 | 42 | 25 |
| Québec | 19 | 17 | 17 | 35 | 44 | 40 | 39 | 38 | 38 | 45 | 50 |
| Regina | 62 | 62 | 52 | 48 | 55 | 53 | 47 | 53 | 59 | 56 | 47 |
| St. John's | 44 | 45 | 48 | 47 | 52 | 49 | 51 | 44 | 54 | 54 | 45 |
| Sarnia | 15 | 15 | 19 | 24 | 25 | 27 | 27 | 32 | 26 | 27 | 27 |
| Saskatoon | 70 | 72 | 71 | 71 | 78 | 76 | 70 | 67 | 73 | 70 | 73 |
| Sunshine Coast | 38 | 35 | 32 | | | | | | | | |
| Thunder Bay | 46 | 46 | 44 | 37 | 41 | 40 | 39 | 41 | 43 | 39 | 38 |
| Toronto | 573 | 554 | 502 | 506 | 610 | 622 | 748 | 841 | 889 | 886 | 775 |
| Vancouver | 228 | 244 | 251 | 263 | 256 | 238 | 267 | 291 | 313 | 292 | 294 |
| Victoria | 164 | 166 | 185 | 173 | 188 | 177 | 186 | 192 | 200 | 188 | 200 |
| Windsor | 100 | 96 | 96 | 98 | 94 | 89 | 105 | 122 | 125 | 120 | 107 |
| Winnipeg | 180 | 168 | 162 | 169 | 157 | 136 | 132 | 140 | 136 | 114 | 105 |
| Unattached | 419 | 434 | 459 | 530 | 561 | 512 | 538 | 591 | 610 | 575 | 552 |
| Honorary | 14 | 11 | 15 | 15 | 14 | 15 | 15 | 14 | 14 | 13 | 13 |
| Total | 3957 | 3995 | 4040 | 4216 | 4347 | 4138 | 4443 | 4655 | 4901 | 4688 | 4420 |

Membership by Type

| Type | Number | % of Total |
|----------|--------|------------|
| Ordinary | 3487 | 88.6 |
| Life | 349 | 8.6 |
| Youth | 107 | 2.8 |
| Honorary | (14) | n/a |

Membership by Country

| Country | Number | % of Total |
|---------|--------|------------|
| Canada | 3731 | 94.2 |
| USA | 185 | 4.7 |
| Other | 41 | 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 accompanying financial statements of The Royal Astronomical Society of Canada/La Société Royale D'Astronomie Du Canada, which comprise the balance sheet as at December 31, 2011 and the statements of revenue and expenditures, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our qualified audit opinion.

Basis for Qualified Opinion

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 revenues over expenditures, assets or unrestricted net assets.

Qualified Opinion

In our opinion, except for the possible effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion paragraph, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Society as at December 31, 2011, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

TORONTO, Ontario
April 12, 2012

Tinkham & Associates LLP
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS
LICENSED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

BALANCE SHEET

| As at December 31 | 2011 | 2010 |
|---|-------------|---|
| Assets | | |
| Current | | |
| Cash | \$ 187,893 | \$ 124,435 |
| Short-term investments (note 4) | | 601,940 |
| Accounts receivable | 27,958 | 46,599 |
| Inventory | 44,785 | 34,216 |
| Prepaid expenses | 10,885 | 9,639 |
| | 271,521 | 816,829 |
| Long Term | | |
| Investments (note 4) | 975,371 | 372,187 |
| Capital assets (note 5) | 14,351 | 17,593 |
| | 898,722 | 389,780 |
| | \$1,261,243 | \$ 1,206,609 |
| Liabilities | | |
| Current liabilities | | |
| Accounts payable and accrued charges | \$ 33,225 | \$ 34,039 |
| Deferred revenue | | |
| Membership fees for ensuing years | 108,974 | 99,852 |
| <i>Journal</i> subscriptions | 21,241 | 18,063 |
| Unamortized life membership fees (note 6) | 35,706 | 37,585 |
| | 199,146 | 189,539 |
| Net Assets | | |
| Unrestricted | 648,602 | 650,943 |
| Internally restricted (note 8) | 413,495 | 366,127 |
| | 1,062,097 | 1,017,070 |
| | \$1,261,243 | \$ 1,206,609 |
| Commitment (note 7) | | <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 | 2011 | 2010 |
|---|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Year ended December 31 | | | | |
| Balance, beginning of year | \$ 366,127 | \$ 650,943 | \$ 1,017,070 | \$ 996,965 |
| Excess of expenditures over revenue for the year | | 45,027 | 45,027 | \$ 20,105 |
| Transfers (Schedule 1) | (47,368) | 41,047 | - | - |
| Balance, end of year | \$ 413,495 | \$ 648,602 | \$ 1,062,097 | \$ 1,017,070 |

See accompanying notes to financial statements

STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

| Year ended December 31 | 2011 | 2010 |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Revenue | | |
| Membership fees | \$ 166,432 | \$ 172,192 |
| Publication revenue | | |
| <i>Journal</i> | 35,137 | 36,338 |
| <i>Observer's Handbook</i> | 69,102 | 80,467 |
| <i>Beginner's Observing Guide</i> | 6,549 | 7,187 |
| <i>Observer's Calendar</i> | 39,097 | 41,880 |
| Shipping and Handling | 24,212 | 24,947 |
| International Year of Astronomy | - | - |
| Educational Aids | 11,434 | 1,360 |
| Other | 2,151 | 2,091 |
| | 187,682 | 194,270 |
| Miscellaneous income | | |
| Donations | 58,197 | 35,494 |
| Promotional products | 3,513 | 8,862 |
| Other income | 5,491 | 4,132 |
| Grants | 29,000 | - |
| | 96,201 | 48,488 |
| Investment Income (net) | | |
| Interest and dividends | 33,043 | 22,013 |
| Gain (loss) on investments | (20,913) | 13,120 |
| Investment manager fees | (9,028) | (2,219) |
| | 3,102 | 32,914 |
| Total Revenue | 453,417 | 447,864 |
| Expenditures | | |
| Publication costs | | |
| <i>Journal</i> | 41,995 | 45,221 |
| Cost of publications sold | 29,369 | 24,500 |
| <i>Observer's Handbook</i> | 1,464 | 453 |
| <i>Observer's Calendar</i> | 95 | 2,536 |
| Freight and handling costs | 23,115 | 24,577 |
| | 96,038 | 97,287 |
| Operating costs | | |
| Office salaries and employee benefits | 117,809 | 103,481 |
| Membership services | 61,945 | 72,876 |
| Office expenses | 26,565 | 36,785 |
| Services | 39,282 | 42,135 |
| Committees | 9,289 | 8,757 |
| Travel expenses | 18,800 | 21,917 |
| Cost of promotional items sold | 2,252 | 3,429 |
| International Year of Astronomy | - | 7,380 |
| Amortization of capital assets | 3,242 | 3,063 |
| Advertising and marketing | 17,122 | 14,997 |
| Occupancy | 16,046 | 15,672 |
| | 312,352 | 330,472 |
| Total Expenditures | 408,390 | 427,759 |
| Excess of revenue over expenditures | \$ 45,027 | \$ 20,105 |

See accompanying notes to financial statements

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

| Year ended December 31 | 2011 | 2010 |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| Cash provided (used) by operating activities | | |
| Excess of revenue over expenditures for the year | \$ 45,027 | \$ 20,105 |
| Charges not requiring a current cash payment | | |
| Amortization of capital assets | 3,242 | 3,063 |
| Amortization of life membership fees | (1,879) | (1,978) |
| | 46,390 | 21,190 |
| Changes in non-cash working capital components | | |
| Accounts receivable | 18,641 | 27,341 |
| Inventory | (10,569) | (13,184) |
| Prepaid Expenses | (1,246) | 206 |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities | (813) | (27,880) |
| Deferred revenues | 12,300 | 4,897 |
| | 64,703 | 12,548 |
| Cash provided (used) by investing activities | | |
| Purchase of investments (net) | (1,245) | 34,906 |
| Purchase of capital assets | - | (4,777) |
| | (1,245) | 30,129 |
| Increase (decrease) in cash during the year | 63,458 | 42,677 |
| Cash, beginning of year | 124,435 | 81,758 |
| Cash, end of year | 187,893 | 124,435 |

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

2011 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.

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

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. Investment income is recognized on an accrual basis. The unrealized gain or loss on investments, being the difference between book value and fair value, is recognized in investment income for the year.

(f) Publications

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

(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, these services 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 |

The Society has elected to use the exemption provided by The Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants ("CICA") permitting not-for-profit organizations not to apply the following sections of the CICA Handbook: Section 3862, Financial Instruments - Disclosures, and Section 3863, Financial Instruments - Presentation. These sections would otherwise have applied to the financial statements of the Society

for the year ended December 31, 2011. The Society applies the requirements of Section 3861, Financial Instruments - Disclosure and Presentation.

(i) New accounting pronouncements

New accounting standards for non-profit organizations have been issued as Part III of the CICA Handbook - Accounting and are required to be implemented by the Society commencing with the fiscal year ending 2012 December 31. Early adoption is permitted. The Society is currently assessing the impact of the transition to these new standards.

3 Helm Fund

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 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, the terms of the will were thrown into question.

The Society sought and received the Court's interpretation and direction with respect to the will regarding options for using income from the fund. The Society now has an agreement with Toronto Centre regarding use of Helm Fund income for purposes at the DDO site, as well as discretion and direction for use of the Fund income into the future, separate and apart from the DDO-related interest of the Toronto Centre.

Total assets of the fund under administration by the Society at 2011 December 31 are \$136,937 (2010 - \$136,457) and are excluded from the Society's financial statements.

3 Investments

| | 2011 | 2010 |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| Managed portfolio at Scotia McLeod | | |
| Fixed income investments | \$ 589,683 | \$ 212,174 |
| Equity investments | 368,890 | 153,735 |
| Cash | 14,749 | 6,278 |
| Accrued interest and dividends receivable (net) | 2,049 | |
| Guaranteed investments certificates | | |
| ING Direct, matures 2011 March 5, interest compound at 3.00% | \$ - | \$ 264,366 |
| Bank of Nova Scotia, matures 2011 April 4, 2.15% interest | - | 126,995 |
| HSBC Bank of Canada, matures 2011 April 4, 2.30% interest | - | 127,135 |
| Scotia Mortgage Corp, matures 2011 June 9, 2.05% interest | - | 83,444 |
| | \$ 975,371 | \$ 974,127 |
| Less: Current portion | - | \$ 601,940 |
| | \$ 975,371 | 372,187 |

The actively managed portfolio with ScotiaMcLeod includes 8 fixed income investments comprised of government and corporate bonds with an average yield to maturities of 3.40%, (2010: 2.53%) stated interest rates ranging from 2.00% to 5.00% (2010: 3.00% to 5.00%), all purchased at a premium, and maturing from 2012 June 1 to 2019 April 15 (2010: 2011 April 13, to 2019 April 15). The equity investments include share and trust units of 32 Canadian entities. The single largest holding is 555 shares of Royal Bank of Canada with a market value on 2011 December 31 of \$28,849 (2010: 165 shares of Toronto Dominion Bank with a market value on 2010 December 31 of \$12,251).

The fixed income and equity investments have been recorded at market value at 2011 December 31, based on information provided by ScotiaMcLeod.

Investment risk management

Risk management relates to the understanding and active management of risks associated with all areas of the Society's activities and the associated operating environment. Investments are primarily exposed to interest rate and market risks. The Society has formal policies and procedures that establish target asset mix. The Society's policies also require diversification of investments within categories, and set limits on exposure to individual investments.

Interest rate risk

The value of fixed income securities will generally rise if interest rates fall and decrease if interest rates rise. Changes in interest rates may also affect the value of equity securities.

Market risk

The value of securities will fluctuate with changes in stock market conditions, which are affected by general economic and market conditions. The value of securities will vary with developments within the specific companies or governments which issue the securities. The Society manages this risk through controls to monitor and limit concentration levels.

5. Capital assets

| | Cost | 2011 Accumulated Amortization | Cost | 2010 Accumulated Amortization |
|-------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------|
| Computer hardware | \$ 6,571 | \$ 5,168 | \$ 6,571 | \$ 4,014 |
| Software | 19,330 | 7,595 | 19,330 | 5,661 |
| Office furniture | 1,542 | 330 | 1,542 | 176 |
| Library | 1 | - | 1 | - |
| | \$ 27,444 | \$ 13,093 | \$ 27,444 | \$ 9,851 |
| Net book value | | \$ 14,351 | | \$ 17,593 |

6. Unamortized life membership fees

| | 2011 | 2010 |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Life membership fees as of January 1 | \$ 37,585 | \$ 39,563 |
| Deduct: Amortization to income | (1,879) | (1,978) |
| Balance, December 31 | \$ 35,706 | \$ 37,585 |

The organization made a one-time payment in 2009, based on the number of life members attached to each Centre, to encourage the Centres to financially support their life members.

7. Commitment

The Society has extended its existing lease agreement for office premises for an additional 3 year term, ending 2015 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 four fiscal years is as follows:

| | |
|------|-----------|
| 2012 | \$ 8,493 |
| 2013 | \$ 8,612 |
| 2014 | \$ 8,612 |
| 2015 | \$ 1,435 |
| | \$ 27,152 |

8. 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. The National Council segregated a significant donation received from the Estate of the late Walter Feibelman into a separate fund in 2005. The Public Speaker Programme Fund was established in 2009 to encourage Centres to organize and host public talks by speakers from outside their local area about astronomical related topics.

An amount equal to the investment income for the year is transferred to all funds annually on a proportionate basis. 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 | | | | | 2011 | 2010 |
|--|--------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------|------------|
| | Public Speaker Program Fund | W. Feibelman Fund | Ruth Northcott Fund | P.M. Millman Endowment Fund | Total | Total |
| Fund balance, January 1 | \$ 10,000 | \$ 17,918 | \$ 97,503 | \$ 240,706 | \$ 366,127 | \$ 352,124 |
| Transferred from Unrestricted net assets: | | | | | | |
| Interest | 30 | 55 | 297 | 734 | 1,116 | 11,611 |
| Donations | 3,555 | 42,515 | 1,082 | 1,515 | 48,667 | 4,536 |
| Expenses | (2,415) | - | - | - | (2,415) | (2,144) |
| | 1,170 | 42,515 | 1,379 | 2,249 | 47,368 | 14,003 |
| Balance, December 31 | \$ 11,170 | \$ 60,488 | \$ 98,882 | \$ 242,955 | \$ 413,495 | \$ 366,127 |

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES—2011

THE ROYAL ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF CANADA LA SOCIÉTÉ ROYALE D'ASTRONOMIE DU CANADA

Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on Sunday, 2010 July 03 at 9:00 CDT in Room E3-270 EITC at the University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 CDT by the Chair, RASC President Mary Lou Whitehorne, who welcomed members, delegates, and guests to the 2011 Annual Meeting and thanked the Winnipeg Centre for hosting the 2011 General Assembly. This was greeted by a round of applause.

After introducing the Executive Committee, President Whitehorne called the roll of Centres – 20 Centres were represented; plus several Unattached Members and guests were present, with approximately 65 Members in attendance.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION AM1101 Moved by Paul Delaney, seconded by Raymond Auclair, that the Agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION AM1101 was CARRIED

2. MINUTES OF THE 2010 ANNUAL MEETING

MOTION AM1102 Moved by Mike Noble, seconded by Paul Schumacher, that the Minutes of AM 2010 be adopted as presented in the Annual Report.

MOTION AM1102 was CARRIED

3. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

President (Mary Lou Whitehorne)

Mary Lou expressed her thanks for the Executive Committee in their support, which was greeted by a warm round of applause. In response to a question by Robert McCall, she explained that the Helm Fund situation had been clarified and we entered into an agreement with the Toronto Centre to allow them to use the fund proceeds for operation of the David Dunlap Observatory.

1st Vice-President (Glenn Hawley)

Glenn, as chair of the Publications Committee, gave a glowing report about our publications—we are in good position for the coming year. Then, as chair of the Constitution Committee, he outlined the upcoming changes as a result of the new Canadian Not-for-profit Corporations Act (CNCA). Mary Lou expanded on the CNCA implications, advising that a short document had been prepared for distribution to Centres.

2nd Vice-President (Colin Haig)

Colin spoke about his Twitter activities during the GA. He reported that the RASC has a YouTube channel, a Facebook account, and a Twitter account. He went on to thank the Information Technology Committee for improvements to the Web site, which are ongoing. This was greeted by a warm round of applause. Colin announced that the Nominating Committee have acclaimed James Edgar as the National Secretary for another three year term. He also reported that Mayer Tchelebon has indicated he will be stepping down as Treasurer, and that Denis Grey has indicated that he would like to take on the role. Colin announced two new Honorary Members had been appointed at the National Council meeting on Friday. He invited members to help set some guidelines in connection with the way we chose Honorary Members.

Secretary/Recorder (James Edgar)

Mr. Edgar had no report but asked those present to pause for a minute of silence to honour those Society members who had died in the previous year, naming: Yni Ebbers, William Polomark, Edwin Newcombe (Edmonton); Ralph Fraser, Wayne Edwards-Taylor, David Toth (London); Al Andrews (Regina); Bruce Brandell (Saskatoon); Olga Kuderko, Michel Lerman (Toronto); Maurice Young (Victoria); Russ McLeod (Winnipeg); John K. Prentice, Dr. Audouin Dollfus, Stephen Mitchell, Dr. Jean Petric, Larry Sumner, John Prentice (Unattached).

Treasurer (Mayer Tchelebon)

Financial Statements, Motion to approve the audited financial statements.

MOTION AM1103 Moved by Mayer Tchelebon, seconded by Jim Low, that the audited financial statements be approved as submitted.

MOTION AM1103 was CARRIED.

Executive Director (Deborah Thompson) Deborah added her remarks to those already made. She thanked the staff at National Office for their assistance in making her job appear easy. She also invited any members who may be in the Toronto area to drop into the National Office. In response to questions about membership numbers and demographics, she explained that part of our objectives was to change the numbers, whereby approximately 75 percent of our members are older, greying males.

The meeting recessed for coffee from 9:50 until 10:10

4. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Awards (Dave Lane)

In Dave's absence, Mary Lou invited members to suggest members of notes for future awards. Ron Macnaughton also advised that the new award from the BIYA organization will be announced in the fall.

Constitution (Glenn Hawley)

There was nothing further to add.

Education (Ron Macnaughton)

Ron thanked National Council for funding a second print run of Star Finders; he expressed thanks also for our continuing support of the Canada-Wide Science Fair.

Executive (Mary Lou Whitehorne)

There was nothing further to add.

Finance (Mayer Tchelebon)

There was nothing further to add.

History (Randall Rosenfeld)

Randall expressed thanks to his predecessor, Barry Matthews, for all the work he had done while chair. He said that we have a rich history, and it is important that we continue to promote interest in our past life.

Membership & Promotion (vacant)

Roland Dechesne, as acting chair, reported that the MAP Committee is moving rapidly into the social media aspects of the "wired" world. The demographics there are quite different than our Society, so we may be able to attract a different membership base by expanding into that area. He offered assistance to Centres to help them with their individual efforts.

Nominating (Colin Haig)

Colin expressed thanks to Peter Jedicke and Frank Tomaras for their help on the committee. Mary Lou invited members to consider and suggest potential candidates for the position of 2nd Vice-President, which becomes vacant next year at this time.

Observing (Chris Beckett)

Chris reported that the distribution of certificates was going to be done out of National Office; he also spoke about our outreach efforts with the Cuban amateur astronomers, through the efforts of Dave Chapman.

Publications (Glenn Hawley)

There was nothing further to report.

5. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES**Green-Laser Pointer (Randall Rosenfeld)**

Randall reported that Bob Grant of Transport Canada will be here to speak to the meeting.

Information Technology (Ryan May)

Ryan reported that he was looking for new committee members to help with the re-make of the Society's Web site, which will be unveiled in the fall.

Light-Pollution Abatement (Robert Dick)

Rob asked for people to help identify parks and places as candidates for Dark-Sky Preserves or Urban Star Parks. He also invited members to apply for Sky Quality Meters for their location, as we have several available for loan. Ron Macnaughton mentioned that the BIYA Committee have a program to train park interpreters in the use of a telescope and explaining the night sky to park visitors.

6. ELECTION OF AUDITOR

MOTION AM1104

Moved by Mayer Tchelebon, seconded by Ryan May, that Tinkham and Associates be appointed as Auditor for 2012.

MOTION AM1104 was CARRIED

7. OTHER BUSINESS

Mary Lou Whitehorne expressed thanks and appreciation to all members for maintaining our reputation for excellence and integrity on all of our dealings in Canada and around the world.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION AM1105

Moved by Ron Macnaughton, seconded by Brian Hunter, that the meeting adjourn.

MOTION AM1105 was CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 CDT

James Edgar

Recorder

CENTRE TREASURERS' REPORTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011

| | | Belleville | Calgary | Charlottetown | Edmonton | Halifax | Hamilton | Kingston | Kitchener-Waterloo | London |
|---|---------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|
| REVENUE | | | | | | | | | | |
| Membership | Membership Fees: Centre Fee | | 7,983 | 407 | 7,762 | 2,612 | 2,713 | 1,683 | 2,471 | 2,301 |
| | Membership Fees: Associate | | 265 | | | 79 | | 97 | | |
| | Membership Fees: Affiliate | | | | | | | | | |
| | Membership Fees: other | 1,007 | | | | | | | | |
| | Life Membership Payout Received | | | | | | | | | |
| | Centre Newsletter | | | | | 135 | | | | |
| Donations / Fundraising | Donations | | 2,460 | | | 551 | | 381 | 1,044 | |
| | Fundraising | | | 1,068 | 74,268 | | 334 | 65 | 367 | |
| Sales Revenue | Sale of Observer's Handbooks | | | | | | 69 | 50 | | 186 |
| | Sale of Observer's Calendars | | 1,210 | 320 | 336 | | 50 | 340 | 386 | 385 |
| | Sale of Beginner's Observing Guides | | 135 | | | | | | | |
| | Other Publication Sales | | | | | | | | | |
| | RASC Promo Items | | | | | | | | | |
| | Other Sales | | 345 | | | 616 | | 20 | | |
| Subscription Revenue | Astronomy / Sky & Telescope | | | | | | | | | |
| | Other | | 10 | | | | | | | |
| Events Revenue | Star Parties | 101 | 3,541 | | 739 | 651 | | 1,555 | | |
| | Annual Dinner | | 1,951 | | | | | 75 | 27 | 357 |
| | IYA Event | | | | | | | | | |
| | Astronomy Day | | | | | | | | | |
| | Other Events | | | | | 870 | 559 | | | |
| General Assembly Revenue | General Assembly | | | | | | | | | |
| Miscellaneous Revenue | Interest and Dividends | 3 | | | | 77 | | 65 | | |
| | Advertising | | | | | | | | | |
| | Observatory Site | | 1,423 | | | | | | | |
| | Equipment Rentals/Loans | | | | | | | | 125 | |
| | Miscellaneous | | 386 | | | 11 | 63 | 15 | 1,865 | |
| TOTAL REVENUE | | 1,111 | 19,709 | 1,805 | 83,105 | 5,602 | 3,788 | 4,331 | 6,285 | 3,229 |
| EXPENDITURES | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sales Expenses | Observer's Handbook | | | | | | 215 | 35 | | 186 |
| | Beginner's Observing Guide | | | | | | | | | |
| | Observer's Calendar | | 955 | 270 | 1,010 | | | 224 | 526 | 385 |
| | Other Publications | | | | 144 | | | | | |
| | Newsletter | | | | 933 | 207 | | 45 | | 161 |
| | RASC promo items | | | | | | | | 162 | |
| | Other | | 2,406 | | 2,084 | | | | | |
| Event Expenses | Star Parties | | 1,950 | | 4,542 | | | 998 | | |
| | Annual Dinner | 190 | 2,558 | | 419 | | | 1,000 | 763 | 357 |
| | Astronomy Day | | | 100 | | | | | 184 | |
| | IYA Event | | | | | | | | | |
| | Meetings | | 1,663 | | 124 | 241 | 300 | 143 | 310 | |
| | Other Events | 569 | 320 | | 2,536 | 1,384 | 520 | | | |
| Travel | General Assembly and Council Meetings | | | 604 | | 195 | | | | |
| Administrative Expenses | Office Administration | | 3,644 | | 144 | 679 | 56 | 553 | | |
| | Equipment and Supplies | | | 154 | 34,930 | 7 | | | 337 | |
| | Insurance | | | | | 1,138 | 1,506 | | | |
| | General Expenses and Audit | | | | | 28 | | 198 | | |
| | Awards | | | 200 | 1,311 | | | 75 | | |
| | Donations | | 2,118 | | 21,000 | 595 | | | | 600 |
| | Advertising | | | | | | 23 | | | |
| Miscellaneous Expenses | Observatory and Site Expenses | | 3,321 | | 489 | 181 | 3,389 | 70 | 1,762 | |
| | Library | | | | | 92 | | | | |
| | Depreciation | | | | | 1,021 | | | | |
| | Miscellaneous | 11 | 144 | | 1,074 | 130 | | 620 | 428 | |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | | 770 | 19,079 | 1,328 | 70,740 | 5,898 | 6,009 | 3,961 | 4,472 | 1,689 |
| SURPLUS OR DEFICIT ON OPERATIONS | | 341 | 630 | 477 | 12,365 | -296 | -2,221 | 370 | 1,813 | 1,540 |
| ASSETS | Current assets | 5,027 | 31,956 | 2,195 | 155,676 | 16,477 | 13,662 | 26,173 | 13,766 | 28,317 |
| | Capital assets | 720 | 24,863 | | 34,928 | 14,658 | 94,737 | 21,250 | 5,000 | 36,674 |
| LIABILITIES | | | 2,223 | | | 102 | | | | |

CENTRE TREASURERS' REPORTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011

| | | Mississauga | C. F. de Montréal | Montréal | New Brunswick | Niagara | Okanagan | Ottawa | Prince George | Québec | Regina |
|---|---------------------------------------|--------------|----------------------|--------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|------------------|--------------|--------------|
| REVENUE | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Membership | Membership Fees: Centre Fee | 2,706 | 2,742 | 2,667 | 973 | 1,645 | 2,066 | 6,400 | 1,750 | 601 | 2,561 |
| | Membership Fees: Associate | 85 | | | | 51 | 50 | | 150 | | |
| | Membership Fees: Affiliate | 23 | | | | | | | | | |
| | Membership Fees: other | 41 | | | | | 385 | | 340 | | |
| | Life Membership Payout Received | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Centre Newsletter | | | | | | | | | | |
| Donations / Fundraising | Donations | 530 | 796 | 355 | | 836 | 10,328 | 529 | 3,836 | | 100 |
| | Fundraising | | | | | 256 | 2,578 | | 10,000 | | 120 |
| Sales Revenue | Sale of Observer's Handbooks | | | | | | 15 | | | | |
| | Sale of Observer's Calendars | 192 | | | 1,110 | 192 | 738 | 2,070 | 567 | 184 | |
| | Sale of Beginner's Observing Guides | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Other Publication Sales | | | 387 | | 15 | | | | | |
| | RASC promo items | | | | 98 | | 129 | | | | |
| | Other Sales | 55 | | | | 48 | | | 316 | | 3,420 |
| Subscriptions | Astronomy / Sky & Telescope | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Other | | | | | | | | | | |
| Events Revenue | Star Parties | | | | | | | | | | 448 |
| | Annual Dinner | | | | | 90 | | 3,200 | | | |
| | IYA Event | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Astronomy Day | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Other Events | | 149 | | | | | | | | 937 |
| General Assembly Revenue | General Assembly | | | | | | | | | | |
| Miscellaneous Revenue | Interest and Dividends | | 5 | 582 | | 6 | 10 | 231 | | | |
| | Advertising | | 557 | | | | | | | | |
| | Observatory Site | | | | | | | 700 | 669 | | |
| | Equipment Rentals/Loans | | | | | | | 380 | 215 | | |
| | Miscellaneous | 758 | 36 | | | 13 | 2,320 | 35 | | | 561 |
| TOTAL REVENUE | | 4,390 | 4,285 | 3,991 | 2,181 | 3,152 | 18,999 | 13,380 | 17,628 | 785 | 8,147 |
| EXPENDITURES | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sales Expenses | Observer's Handbook | | | | | | 36 | 194 | | | |
| | Beginner's Observing Guide | | | | | 44 | | | | | |
| | Observer's Calendar | 202 | | | 545 | 528 | 585 | 1,626 | 603 | 184 | |
| | Other Publications | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Newsletter | | 417 | | | 72 | 69 | 648 | | | |
| | RASC promo items | 59 | | | 31 | | 358 | | | | |
| | Other | | | | | | | | 95 | | 2,429 |
| Event Expenses | Star Parties | | | | 206 | 141 | | 1,068 | | | 195 |
| | Annual Dinner | | | | | | | 4,237 | | | |
| | Astronomy Day | | | | | | | | | | |
| | IYA Event | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Meetings | | | 170 | 227 | 447 | | 230 | | 172 | |
| | Other Events | 800 | | | | | | | | | 1,609 |
| Travel | General Assembly and Council Meetings | | | 224 | 670 | | | | | | |
| Administrative Expenses | Office Administration | 698 | 1,700 | 600 | | 288 | 910 | 135 | 553 | 223 | 1,583 |
| | Equipment and Supplies | | 41 | | | | 1,259 | 211 | 3,431 | | 16 |
| | Insurance | | 574 | | | | 1,520 | 1,379 | 459 | | 461 |
| | General Expenses and Audit | | | 171 | 53 | 10 | | | 90 | 32 | 649 |
| | Awards | | | | | | | 705 | | | |
| | Donations | | | | 500 | 157 | | 150 | | | |
| | Advertising | | | | 13 | 46 | | | 144 | | |
| Miscellaneous Expenses | Observatory and Site Expenses | | 141 | | | 1,062 | 12,325 | 2,758 | 2,950 | | 459 |
| | Library | | | 10 | 51 | | | | | 159 | |
| | Depreciation | 168 | 252 | 579 | | 1,464 | | 9,073 | | | |
| | Miscellaneous | 43 | 440 | 72 | 1,535 | 532 | 82 | 1,508 | 2,079 | 499 | 102 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | | 1,970 | 3,565 | 1,826 | 3,831 | 4,791 | 17,144 | 23,922 | 10,404 | 1,269 | 7,503 |
| SURPLUS OR DEFICIT ON OPERATIONS | | 2,420 | 720 | 2,165 | 1,650 | -1,639 | -1,855 | -10,542 | 7,224 | -484 | 644 |
| ASSETS | Liquid assets | 13,796 | 6,356 | 93,853 | 5,777 | 8,473 | 11,587 | 40,242 | 10,993 | 334 | 10,897 |
| | Capital assets | 168 | 10,860 | | | 19,861 | 165,906 | 15,920 | 90,408 | 499 | 71,161 |
| LIABILITIES | | | 263 | | | | | 1,923 | | | 160 |

CENTRE TREASURERS' REPORTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011

| | | St. John's | Sarnia | Saskatoon | Sunshine Coast | Thunder Bay | Toronto | Vancouver | Victoria | Windsor | Winnipeg |
|---|---------------------------------------|--------------|--------|---------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| REVENUE | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Membership | Membership Fees: Centre Fee | 1,101 | | 2,371 | 975 | 1,172 | 10,385 | 4591 | 3,436 | 2,119 | 5,589 |
| | Membership Fees: Associate | | | | | | 620 | | 50 | 20 | |
| | Membership Fees: Affiliate | | | | | | 51 | | | | |
| | Membership Fees: other | | | | | | 194 | 453 | | 420 | |
| | Life Membership Payout Received | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Centre Newsletter | | | | | | | | | | |
| Donations / Fundraising | Donations | 50 | | 457 | 261 | 290 | 19,462 | 595 | | 947 | 170 |
| | Fundraising | | | 415 | 206 | 182 | | | | 718 | |
| Sales Revenue | Sale of Observer's Handbooks | 156 | | | | | | 2,699 | | | |
| | Sale of Observer's Calendars | 540 | | | 118 | 895 | | | | 336 | 765 |
| | Sale of Beginner's Observing Guides | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Other Publication Sales | | | 1,138 | | | | | | | |
| | RASC promo items | | | | | | 300 | | | | |
| | Other Sales | | | | | | 3,338 | 1,162 | 610 | | |
| Subscription Revenue | Astronomy / Sky & Telescope | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Other | | | | | | | | | | |
| Events Revenue | Star Parties | | | 12,005 | | | | | 850 | | 1,825 |
| | Annual Dinner | | | | | | | | 1,795 | | |
| | IYA Event | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Astronomy Day | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Other Events | 225 | | | | | | | | | |
| General Assembly Revenue | General Assembly | | | | | | | | | | 1,267 |
| Miscellaneous Revenue | Interest and Dividends | 146 | | 525 | | 4 | 292 | 6,493 | | 1 | 12 |
| | Advertising | | | 323 | | | | | | | |
| | IObservatory Site | | | | | | 21,911 | | | | |
| | Equipment Rentals/Loans | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Miscellaneous | | | | | 678 | 12,622 | 239 | | | |
| TOTAL REVENUE | | 2,218 | | 17,234 | 1,560 | 2,543 | 69,175 | 16,232 | 6,741 | 4,561 | 9,628 |
| EXPENDITURES | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sales Expenses | Observer's Handbook | 156 | | | | | 2000 | 2,813 | | | |
| | Beginner's Observing Guide | | | | | | 115 | | | | |
| | Observer's Calendar | 445 | | | 134 | 675 | 1,400 | | | 394 | 878 |
| | Other Publications | 36 | | | | | 450 | | | | |
| | Newsletter | | | | | 145 | 2,527 | 295 | 201 | | 1,465 |
| | RASC promo items | | | | 87 | | 1,150 | 523 | | | |
| | Other | | | | | | | 85 | 588 | | |
| Event Expenses | Star Parties | 101 | | 11,273 | | | | | 1,143 | | 1,973 |
| | Annual Dinner | | | | | | | | 1,968 | | |
| | Astronomy Day | | | | | | | | 38 | | |
| | IYA Event | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Meetings | 124 | | | 880 | | 650 | 1,297 | 27 | 1,363 | 222 |
| | Other Events | | | 1,218 | 366 | 156 | | 2,757 | 223 | 50 | 175 |
| Travel | General Assembly and Council Meetings | | | | | 300 | 600 | 353 | 543 | | |
| Administrative Expenses | Office Administration | | | 829 | | 115 | 7,370 | 311 | 69 | | |
| | Equipment and Supplies | | | | | 96 | 1,859 | 505 | | 277 | 1,682 |
| | Insurance | 548 | | 1,116 | | | 5,000 | 20 | 500 | 1,655 | 1,017 |
| | General Expenses and Audit | 10 | | | 170 | | 25,868 | 135 | | | 174 |
| | Awards | 75 | | | | | 723 | 55 | 395 | | 300 |
| | Donations | 25 | | | | | | 2,420 | | | |
| | Advertising | | | | | | | 218 | 105 | | |
| Miscellaneous Expenses | Observatory and Site Expenses | 450 | | 1,842 | | | 11,028 | 408 | 705 | 1,778 | |
| | Library | | | | | | 100 | | 285 | | 77 |
| | Depreciation | | | 807 | | | | 1,508 | | | |
| | Miscellaneous | 56 | | 2242 | 50 | 100 | | 306 | 250 | 47 | 137 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | | 2,026 | | 19,327 | 1,687 | 1,587 | 60,840 | 14,009 | 7,040 | 5,564 | 8,100 |
| SURPLUS OR DEFICIT ON OPERATIONS | | 192 | | -2,093 | 127 | 1,032 | 8,335 | 2,223 | -299 | -1,003 | 1,528 |
| ASSETS | Current assets | 26,058 | | 39,020 | 14,565 | | 40,989 | 366,844 | 5,186 | 6,350 | 15,712 |
| | Capital assets | | | 16,546 | 2,115 | | 407,007 | 12,091 | 131,477 | 80,000 | 1 |
| LIABILITIES | | | | 1,853 | | | 148,027 | 5,222 | | | |

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.

PROXY INSTRUCTIONS

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 **2012 June 25**.

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.

proxy1@rasc.ca = Dave Chapman (Halifax)

proxy2@rasc.ca = Chris Beckett (Regina)

proxy3@rasc.ca = Dave Clark (London)

proxy4@rasc.ca = Luca Vanzella (Edmonton)

INSTRUCTIONS DE PROCURATION

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 **2012 juin 25**.

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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proxy3@rasc.ca = Dave Clark (London)

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PROXY 2012

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 2012 July 1, 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.

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 2012

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)

pour exercer mon vote par procuration lors de la Réunion annuelle, le 1 juillet 2012, et de tous reports de celle-ci. J'annule, par la présente, toute procuration antérieure visant la même réunion.

Je reconnais que ces instructions ne servent qu'à guider mon mandataire et qu'ayant discuté de ces questions avec moi, mon mandataire utilisera son bon jugement en exerçant le mandat.

Motion — nomination des vérificateurs:

Tinkham & Associates

pour: _____ contre: _____

à la discrétion du mandataire: _____

Je reconnais que le mandataire a le droit de voter différemment de ma procuration si de nouvelles informations présentées lors de la réunion répondent à mes préoccupations et que ce geste serait dans mon meilleur intérêt. Le mandataire m'informerait des résultats et de l'usage qu'il aura fait de ma procuration et, si elle n'est pas suivie, il m'expliquera pourquoi.

Date: _____

Signature: _____

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 2012 National Council