

European Astronomical Society

3rd Business Meeting
St. Petersburg (Russia), July 5, 2011

Minutes

Attendance: Name list available on request from EAS

The Session was opened by the President, Thierry Courvoisier. The minutes were taken by EAS Vice-President Mary Kontizas.

1. Welcome by the president

The President welcomed all participants. The Agenda was drawn up in such a way as to avoid too much overlap with those items that will be discussed at the EAS General Assembly.

2. Adoption of the Agenda and approval of the minutes of the 2nd Business Meeting

The agenda was adopted unchanged and the minutes of the 2nd Business Meeting, held in Lisbon, were approved

3. Dedicated Meeting proposed for February 2012 to discuss the evolution of the EWASS

The president explained the goal of the meeting (similar in scope to the Leiden meeting held in January 2008) that is planned for next year in Geneva, on 1-2 February 2012. The intention is to have a meeting of EAS Council with all Affiliated Societies. The president suggested to invite as well representatives of the big European astronomical organizations, since the future of the European Week of Astronomy & Space Science (EWASS) is really an issue concerning European astronomy at large.

4. Contributions from Council

The treasurer, Anne Dutrey, raised the issue of the way membership fees are paid through some of the Affiliated Societies. The procedure should be homogenized in order to be more efficient. She will make

a plan and communicate to all societies in the near future.

J. Fernandes reported on the activities of the EAS Job market and mentioned he will contact the European Physical Society for job advertising.

In reaction to a question how he sees the future development and strengthening of the EAS, the president informed the Affiliated Societies about the success to date in attracting Organizational Members.

5. Contributions by Presidents or representatives of the Affiliated Societies

N. Kylafis from the Greek Astronomical Society asked what is the percentage of National Society members compared to the EAS members from each country. Anne Dutrey replied that EAS membership is usually lower, and often much lower than membership of a National Society.

The Ukrainian representative inquired whether some support could be provided to countries with very little assets for astronomy. The answer was that possibly some support could be available for organising EAS Colloquia, a new initiative of EAS.

The Representative of the Turkish Society explained about the kind of activities of their Society (which has about 400 members) deploys which is mainly that of organizing seminars.

6. Report of the activities of the SREAC

The SREAC represented by A. Michaelian gave a short report on the activities of this group. In his report he referred to the Greek meeting of the HEL.A.S. In response, N. Kylafis asked what the relation is of the activities of the Greek Society with SREAC. There was a discussion on the status of SREAC, which was said to be an initiative of the individual members of the South East European countries and not an official Society. The Greek president said he would put this for discussion and voting of the HEL.A.S.

7. Any Other Business

The representative from Latvia raised the issue on how EAS supports its members. A non-exhaustive list was given and it was further replied that a complete list of benefits can be found in the EAS brochure (available at the meeting and for download from the EAS home page).

As no further issues were raised, the President closed the session, thanking all attendants for their participation.

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