

European Astronomical Society

11th Business Meeting

Budapest, August 28, 2003
Draft Minutes

Attendance: Name list available on request from EAS.

The president H. Butcher opened the meeting and welcomed the participants.

1) **Adoption of the agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

2) **Adoption of the Minutes from the 10th Business Meeting, Porto 2002**

No objections against the minutes of the last General Assembly were raised.

3) **Report by the President**

The president Harvey Butcher described EAS's new activities. In particular he emphasized the importance of the Job Market carried which takes place for the first time at this JENAM. He also mentioned the document on the National Priorities priorities prepared by himself and presented to Council. The plans are that the document should be ready within the next 12 months. He asked for further feedback on this document.

4) **National Priorities**

The president referred to the plenary session "National Priorities" which will take place after the Business Meeting.

5) **Report by the Treasurer**

The treasurer B. Nordstroem presented the *Consolidated Balance Sheet* and the *Profit and Loss Account* as per 31 December 2002 and the *EAS Budget 2004* (see appendix). She addressed the problems of the membership payment.

The report by the auditors Th. Courvoisier and R. Spurzem was presented by T. Courvoisier. The auditors found the accounts to be maintained in very good order and could find the corresponding justifications. They recommended to accept the accounts as presented by the treasurer with thanks to the treasurer and the office secretary of EAS, E. Thomas.

6) **Amendments of Constitution and Bye-Laws**

Council suggest a minor update of the Bye-laws. The secretary J. Krautter described the results of the Council discussion. Only the Bye-laws should be changed. The change should take place according to the procedures outlined in the Bye-laws during the next year,

7) **Terms of Council Members**

The secretary J. Krautter explained the situation to the EAS members. According to Bye-Laws IV.1, the terms of Council members are well defined. ('Members of Council will serve for a period of four years with half of the Council rotating everytwo years. The president, one Vice-President, the Treasuser and two Councillors will rotate off together; the other Vice-president, the Secretary and the three other Coumncillors will rotate-off two years later.'). The present situation is that the terms of the Council members are considerably out of tune. In order to get into tune again according to Bye-Laws IV.1 Council suggests the following solution: The terms of the Council members elected in 2001 (H. Butcher, President; C. Chiosi, Vize-President; M. Dennefeld and O. Engvold, Councillors) should be extended by one year and that one of the treasurer B. Nordstroem by two years.

The members agreed to that suggestion.

8) **EAS Newsletter and Homepage**

The webpage manager, M. Dennefeld, gave a description of the structure and content of the webpage. He asked for more input including criticism from the members, to keep the pages lively and up to date.

The newsletter editor, M. Kontizas, thanked all writers for their contributions. She emphasized that she needs input from the EAS members. In particular she urged young colleagues to contribute.

The editor of the EAS Publication Series, J.P. Zahn, asked the members to use the publications of this series.

9) **Report on JAD Activities**

J.-P. Swings gave a report on the state of the the Joint Divisions. He showed the composition of the JAD Board. One meeting of JAD took place on Sept. 29, 2002, in Pisa. The search for a new chairman was succesful; the new chairman will be Prof. M. Cruise, a well known space astrophysicist from UK. The Solar Physics and Gravitational Physics sections are quite active, the latter having organized a mini-symposium in Budapest. The JAD agreed to the idea of JENAMs becoming EPS sponsored activities. JAD started its involvement in the preparation of EPS GA in Bern in July 2005. On that occasion the first Auger prize (5000 Euros) will be awarded. J.P. Swings informed EAS members that his function as JAD secretary will end by the end of 2003.

10) **South-Eastern Branch**

M. Stavinschi gave a report on the activities of the South-Eastern Branch of EAS.

11) **Next JENAM**

In the name of the president of the Spanish Astronomical Society (SEA), E. Salvador-Soleé, the president H. Butcher invited EAS to hold JENAM2004 in September 2004 in Granada.

12) **Any Other Business**

No discussion

The president H. Butcher closed the meeting at 10:15.