

SARA Board Meeting July 5, 2010

Board Members:

Present: Tom Crowley, Bill Lord, Melinda Lord, Stephen Biggs, Charles Osborne, Paul Oxley
Dick Flagg, Kerry Smith, Bruce Randall, Rob Davis, John Mannone, Jon Wallace, Jim Brown
Quorum present? Yes

Proceedings:

Meeting was called to order by President Tom Crowley at 7:30 PM.

2009/2010 Accomplishments:

- 38 attendees at the West Coast SARA Conference
- \$3K for Student Teaching Grants
- Distributed
 - 10 or 11 Jove's
 - 1 Inspire
 - 58 SID's Student Teacher Grants
- 530 list servers
- 286 members
- Hamvention – gained new members

Vice Presidents Report:

- Gained 11 new members at West Coast SARA Conference
- Gained 9 new members at the Dayton Hamvention
- Second West Coast Conference planned for April 2011 in Arizona or New Mexico
- Collaborated with Stanford, Radio Jove, and Inspire

Treasures Report:

- 286 total members with 51 outside the US
- 114 new as of June 22, 2010
- \$27K in the bank after July Conference expenses
- Lost 50 members in 2009

Secretary's Report:

- **On-line voting tool**
- **Bylaws changes**
- No nominations on the Internet
- Protocol for requesting **SETTI/SARA** name and address(s) needs to be board to board
- Work has begun on a SARA Policy and Operations document, continued work need to be done by committee. The following volunteered to work on this document.
 - Tom Crowley
 - Bill Lord
 - Charles Osborne
 - Stephen Biggs

Grant Committee's Report:

- Covered by the VP

There were no questions on the reports.

Other Business:

Student Grants for 2009-2010 was \$3K

Motion by Stephen Biggs to Increase Student Grants from \$3K to \$6K for 2010-2011

Second by Kerry Smith

Passed unanimously

Discussion on presenting to the American Association of Physics Teachers (AAPT), and the National Science Teachers. Should work through the National Science Foundation to arrange presentations. No one was assigned to work on this item.

Motion by Bill Lord that the Board of Directors will annually set the student membership to be lower than the standard adult membership. The board passed a motion to reduce Student membership to \$5.00 USD

Second by Kerry Smith

Passed unanimously

A beginner's course needs to be developed for CD and the WEB. This should be a simple course. The following members volunteered to work on a committee to develop this course:

- John Mannone
- Tom Crowley
- Cliff Bates
- Jon Wallace
- Charles Osborne

Tom Crowley announced there will be a Beginners Weekend in Chiefland, FL, Oct2-3, 2011. It will be collaboration between SARA and the Chiefland Star Party Group.

Suggested Affiliations:

- British Astronomical Society, the radio astronomy section. The following member(s) will look into this affiliation:
 - John Mannone
 - Rob Davis
- Assess if American Radio Relay League (ARRL) would be a beneficial affiliation for SARA. The following member(s) will look into this affiliation:
 - Tom Crowley
- Astronomical Society of the Pacific. The following member(s) will look into this affiliation:
 - No one assigned
- Night Sky - The following member(s) will look into this affiliation:
 - Bill Lord

Motion by Tom Crowley to amend the bylaws to state the SARA Journal will be published at least 6 times per year. Discussion that if it is less than 6 SARA will lose members.

Second by Jim Brown

Passed by a majority vote.

Abstained – one

Discussion that Alabama requires a registered agent located in the state of Alabama where official notices can be served. The person who had done this in the past lives in Alabama and wants to turn over the responsibility to someone else.

Motion by Bill Load to hire an Alabama firm to be the paid registered agent for \$100 per year.

Second by Melinda Lord

Passed by a majority vote.

Abstained – one

Motion by **Bruce Randall** and Melinda Lord that the Past President to be retained on the board as voting member for two years, beginning 2010).

Second by Paul Oxley

Passed by a majority vote.

Abstained – one

Future Conferences:

- Regional Conference in Prescott, AZ in April 2011, Embry Riddle, Ray Forbes. Will bring up to the membership.
- 2011 Conference at NRAO – Theme should be “30 year anniversary”, focus on some history and some future. Possible speakers, Jay Lockwood, “But It Was Fun” author, Bernie Burke, Joe Taylor (Nobel Prize for Bing Pulsar), Linda Moriabto, Jocelyn Bell, Peter Iblings Moe Wheatley. Recommendation: that it would be nice if speakers could spent time in the lounge with SARA members after dinner.

New Business:

Discussion on 1st page of the Journal not printing for some people. It was determined that the number of people is so small that no action will be taken at this time.

Paul Oxley will work with SueAnn Heatherly on his radio telescope tracking mount.

Charles Osborne offered to hold a 'test pre amps' clinic for 2011 SARA Conference if there was interest. Members responded positively they would like to have this clinic.

At 2011 meeting take impedance measurement on the JANSKI antenna.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. By SARA President Tom Crowley

Action Items Summary:

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5) Hire an Alabama firm to be the paid registered agent for \$100 per year. The

- Treasurer Melinda Lord assigned

6) 'Test Pre Amps' Clinic for 2011 SARA Conference

- Charles Osborne