

**Minutes of the 2005 Business Meeting
American Crystallographic Association
Held at the Walt Disney Swan Hotel, FL
Wednesday, June 1, 2005**

Note: Formal motions and action items are highlighted in bold.

The following members were present:

Louis Delbaere	(President)
Robert Bau	(Vice President)
Frances Jurnak	(Past President)
Doug Ohlendorf	(Treasurer)
Lisa Keefe	(Secretary)
Lee Groat	(Canadian Representative)
S. N. Rao	(Financial Officer)
Bill Duax	(Executive Officer)
Marcia Colquhoun	(Administrative Manager)
Iris Torriani	(IUCr Representative)

Call to Order

Delbaere called the meeting to order at 5:40 pm and welcomed ACA members to the business meeting.

1. Review of Agenda:

Delbaere invited requests for changes to the agenda. There were no requests for changes to the agenda.

2. Approval of Minutes from July 2004 Business Meeting:

Delbaere asked the attendees to review the minutes from the July 2004 Business meeting and invited comments or changes to the minutes. There were no requests for changes to the minutes.

MOTION: To accept the agenda and the minutes. (E. Collins / A. Howard, unanimous)

3. President's Report (Delbaere):

Plans for next year's meeting were announced.

Awards for 2006 were announced: The Warren award will be presented to Charles F. Majkrzak (National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)) and the Burger award will be presented to Helen Berman (Rutgers University).

Request was made for the Warren Award Fund and the Pauling Award Fund.

2007 awards are Fankuchen and Trueblood awards. Call for nominations will be announced this fall.

Brazil and Argentina have been accepted as Latin American country members of ACA.

4. Treasurer's Report (Ohlendorf):

Ohlendorf reviewed the accounts, summarizing the funds in the various accounts, the expenses for the meetings since 1997, and membership. There is a projected net loss for this meeting in Orlando (2005). Thus, the financial situation of the ACA will not improve as a result of this meeting. Membership is OK. Dues will be kept constant. An attendee asked why there are so many unpaid members. It was explained that since this is an early meeting, there are members who have not yet paid their dues but a number of members paid their dues at this meeting and it is expected that additional members will pay dues after this meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding meeting costs, negotiating sites, projecting meeting attendance, planning workshops. Also discussed was the meeting attendance drop every third year (in the IUCr years). Duax explained that council is considering repeat sites for these spring meetings. It was reported that members do not prefer the Memorial Day weekend for the spring meetings. Another suggestion was to not have an annual meeting every three years. Duax responded that this would cause a disruption in continuity.

5. Vice President's Report (Bau):

Bau reported that Knoxville is being considered for the 2008 meeting site at which time the SNS will be further established for showcasing.

6. Support of Science Policy Issues:

A. *Bridging the Sciences (Judy Flippen-Anderson)*

The Bridging the Sciences Coalition was defined. Flippen-Anderson reported the background on the coalition, the proposal to ACA to support the coalition, and the ACA joining the coalition.

B. *Intelligent Design (Charlie Carter)*

Carter reported on the AIP and the request for ACA support of the amicus brief. The AIP is participating in the gathering of signatories, motivated by the concern of the low level scientific literacy and the state of teaching science. Misuse of the terms evolution and origin of life were noted. Brief will be posted on the ACA web site (with permission from the AIP). Carter reports that the brief is very well written and has sound merits. Carter reported that ACA council voted to support the brief by offering ACA signatory.

7. Old Business:

8. New Business:

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm (Carter / Bau, unanimous)