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RÉUNION ANNUELLE

2009

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Réunion annuelle 2009

La Réunion annuelle des membres aura lieu le dimanche 16 août 2009, de 9h à 11h H.N.C.
dans la salle Wapiti du Cypress Hills Resort Inn, Cypress Hills, Saskatchewan

Ordre du jour

1. Approbation de l'ordre du jour

2. Procès-verbal de la Réunion annuelle 2008

(publié dans la version électronique du rapport annuel 2008 qui se trouve dans la section réservé aux membres du site Web de la SRAC (www.rasc.ca/private/minutes))

3. Rapports des Officiers

Président	(Dave Lane)	1ère Vice-Présidente	(Mary Lou Whitehorne)
2e Vice-Présidente	(Glenn Hawley)	Secrétaire/rapporteur	(James Edgar)
Trésorier	(Mayer Tchelebon)		
États financiers	(publiés dans le Rapport annuel 2008)	Secrétaire exécutive	(Jo Taylor)

4. Rapports des comités permanents:

Prix	(Peter Jedicke)	Constitution	(Patrice Scattolin)
Éducation	(Kim Hay)	Exécutif	(Dave Lane)
Finance	(Mayer Tchelebon)	Histoire	(Barry Matthews)
Membres & Promotion	(Randall Rosenfeld)	Nomination	(Glenn Hawley)
Observation	(Paul Gray)	Propriété	(Mayer Tchelebon)
Publications	(Mary Lou Whitehorne)		

5. Rapports des comités spéciaux:

Technologie de l'information	(Patrice Scattolin)
Réduction de la pollution lumineuse	(Robert Dick)

6. Motions

Motion de correction relative aux Modifications au Règlement No 1 de la Réunion annuelle 2008

Modification au Règlement No 1

Modifications requises pour mettre fin au Programme des membres à vie

Dans tous les cas, voir les notes explicatives pour plus de détails.

7. Élection d'un Vérificateur

8. Varia

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ANNUAL MEETING 2009—AGENDA

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Annual Meeting 2009

The Annual Meeting of members will be held on Sunday, 2009 August 16, from 9:00 to 11:00 CST
in the Wapiti Room, Cypress Park Resort Inn, Cypress Hills, Saskatchewan

Agenda

1. Approval of Agenda

2. Minutes of the 2008 Annual Meeting

(Published in the on-line version 2008 Annual Report, and located on the RASC Members-only section on the Web site
(www.rasc.ca/private/minutes)

3. Reports of Officers

President	(Dave Lane)	1st Vice-President	(Mary Lou Whitehorne)
2nd Vice President	(Glenn Hawley)	Secretary/Recorder	(James Edgar)
Treasurer	(Mayer Tchelebon)		
Financial Statements	(Published in the 2008 Annual Report)	Executive Secretary	(Jo Taylor)

4. Reports of Standing Committees:

Awards	(Peter Jedicke)	Constitution	(Patrice Scattolin)
Education	(Kim Hay)	Executive	(Dave Lane)
Finance	(Mayer Tchelebon)	Historical	(Barry Matthews)
Membership & Promotion	(Randall Rosenfeld)	Nominating	(Glenn Hawley)
Observing	(Paul Gray)	Property	(Mayer Tchelebon)
Publications	(Mary Lou Whitehorne)		

5. Reports of Special Committees:

Information Technology	(Patrice Scattolin)
Light-Pollution Abatement	(Robert Dick)

6. Motions

Corrective Motion regarding Amendments to By-Law #1 at the 2008 Annual Meeting
Amendments to By Law #1

Changes required to Wind Down the Life Member Program

In all cases see explanatory material for details.

7. Election of Auditor

8. Other Business

9. Adjournment

PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGES — PROJET DE MODIFICATIONS AU RÈGLEMENTS GÉNÉRAL

The following proposed changes to the Society's By-Law #1 will be presented for ratification at the Society's Annual Meeting to be held on 2009 August 16.

CORRECTION TO MOTION AM0804 FROM LAST YEAR'S ANNUAL MEETING

Explanation

At the 2008 Annual Meeting, MOTION AM0804 was carried, partly worded as follows:

"Moved by Don Town, seconded by Frank Tomaras, that By-Law #1 sections 1.01 to 3.09 be replaced with the following:

ARTICLE 1 - DEFINITIONS

1.01 In this By-Law, and in all other By-Laws of the Society, unless the context requires a different meaning,

(c) "Centre affiliation incentive" means an amount by which the applicable annual Society membership fee is to be reduced as an incentive for a member to become an attached member of their Centre of choice (new, June 2008)."

In passing this motion, it meant, due to accidental exclusion, that all the other definitions were deleted from the By-laws. The only valid definition remaining would have been the one printed here. It is reasonable to assume that the membership did not intend to do this.

A motion is required that will clarify the membership's intent to not remove the pre-existing definitions in By-Law #1

Motion #1 — Clarification Motion

Moved that the definitions previously contained in ByLaw #1 section 1.01 which were accidentally omitted from Motion AM0804, and, as this was not the intent of the membership in approving Motion AM0804, they are to be retained.

Le projet suivant de modifications au Règlement général sera présenté à la Réunion annuelle de la Société le 16 août 2009.

CORRECTION À LA PROPOSITION AM0804 ADOPTÉE LORS DE LA REUNION ANNUELLE L'AN DERNIER

Note explicative

pour la Résolution No. 1

È la Réunion annuelle 2008, la Résolution AM0804 a été adoptée. Elle se lit en partie comme suit :

« Il est proposé par Don Town, appuyé par Frank Tomaras, que les sections 1.01 à 3.09 du Règlement général No. 1, soient remplacées par ce qui suit :

ARTICLE 1 - DÉFINITIONS

1.01 Dans ce Règlement, et dans tout autre Règlement de la Société, à moins que le contexte ne suggère une autre signification,

(c) « Incitatif à se joindre à un Centre » veut dire un montant qui peut être retranché des frais d'adhésion de la Société afin d'inciter un membre à se joindre à un Centre de son choix (nouveau juin 2008) »

En adoptant cette résolution, toutes les autres définitions du Règlement général ont été supprimées de façon accidentelle. La seule définition en vigueur était celle imprimée ci-haut. Il est raisonnable de prendre pour acquis que ce n'est pas ce que voulaient les membres.

Il faut une nouvelle résolution pour rendre claire l'intention des membres de conserver toutes les autres définitions que comprenait le Règlement général.

Motion No. 1 — Résolution de clarification

Il est proposé que les définitions que comprenait l'article 1.01 du règlement général No. 1 et qui ont été accidentellement omises de la Résolution AM0804, soient retenues étant donné que ce n'était pas l'intention des membres de les omettre quand ils ont adopté la Résolution AM0804.

PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGE TO WIND DOWN THE LIFE MEMBER PROGRAM

Summary

Late in 2007 and early in 2008, the Society became aware that certain of its long-standing practices were not in compliance with requirements imposed upon registered charities by the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA). Since that time the Society has acted to correct or stop all identified errant practices. This proposed By-Law change will correct the remaining outstanding issue with respect to compliance with new charities regulations. The problematic practices directly related to the Life Member program are:

PROJET DE MODIFICATION AU RÈGLEMENT GÉNÉRAL VISANT À METTRE FIN AU PROGRAMME DES MEMBRES À VIE

Sommaire

Vers la fin de 2007 et au début de 2008 la Société a pris conscience que certaines de ses pratiques de longue date ne respectaient pas les exigences de l'Agence du revenu du Canada (ARC) relatives aux organismes de charité. Depuis, la Société a mis fin ou corrigé ces pratiques. Le projet de modifications au Règlement général corrigera les derniers éléments non conformes aux nouveaux règlements touchant les organismes de charité. Ces éléments reliés au Programme des membres à vie sont les suivants :

1. A charity providing services to members must collect sufficient fees from those members so that the Society's charitable resources are not used for this purpose.
2. The annual payments to the Centres, in proportion to their number of Life Members (these were stopped before the 2008 payments took place).

Following a year-long consultation process with our Life Members, RASC Centres, and National Council, the following proposed changes to the By-Law #1 will enable the Society to gradually wind down its Life Member program over the lifetime of current Life Members. National Council approved this proposed plan at its most recent meeting on 2009 March 28.

For more detailed information on this issue, see the discussion paper entitled Proposal to Wind Down the Life Member Program, and the National Council meeting minutes in the Members Only section of the Web site:

[www.rasc.ca/private/manual/
Proposal_to_Wind_Down_LM_Program.pdf](http://www.rasc.ca/private/manual/Proposal_to_Wind_Down_LM_Program.pdf)
www.rasc.ca/private/minutes/minutes20090328.pdf

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Preamble

A Life Member is a member who pays the then-prescribed fee subsequently becomes a member of the Society (and usually also of the Centre of their choosing) for life. In rare cases members have been granted, at no charge, a Life Membership for meritorious service. There are presently 332 Life Members, 270 of whom are "attached" to a Centre.

The important points of this proposal are:

- All existing Life Memberships will be fully supported at the National level. This means that all member benefits afforded to ordinary members including materials normally provided to members by the Society's National Office, such as the *Journal*, *Bulletin*, *Observer's Handbook*, and *SkyNews*, will continue to be sent to all Life Members.
- No new Life Memberships will be offered (but the provision for new Honorary Life Members will be retained).
- A proportional one-time payment to the Centres will be offered to encourage Centres to support their Life Members at the local level.
- Any and all future obligations to Life Members at the Centre level will be entirely up to the individual Centre to which a member chooses to attach.

The National Society currently holds the funds remaining from the original Life Member payments. While returns on the investment of those funds may no longer be used to support memberships, the capital of the fund may be used for this purpose. The remaining amount of the fund will be split between the National Society and the Centres, according to the historical split in membership fees and pro rata according to the number of Life Members attached to each Centre. All of the remaining funds paid by unattached Life Members will remain with the National Society. This is intended to fairly distribute to Centres the available financial resources to help support the costs of their attached Life Members.

- Un organisme de charité qui fournit des services à ses membres, doit percevoir suffisamment de frais d'adhésion de sorte que les ressources de nature charitable de la Société ne servent pas à cette fin.
- Les paiements annuels aux Centres, proportionnels au nombre de leurs Membres à vie (on y a mis fin avant les paiements de 2008) Faisant suite à une année de consultation avec les Membres à vie, les Centres de la SRAC et le Conseil national, le projet suivant de modifications au Règlement général permettra à la Société de mettre fin au Programme de membres à vie, sur une période de temps qui couvre la durée de vie des Membres à vie actuels.

Pour en savoir davantage sur cette question, consultez le document de discussion intitulé Proposal to Wind Down the Life Member Program, ainsi que les procès-verbaux des réunions du Conseil national dans la section réservée aux membres du site web:

[www.rasc.ca/private/manual/
Proposal_to_Wind_Down_LM_Program.pdf](http://www.rasc.ca/private/manual/Proposal_to_Wind_Down_LM_Program.pdf)
www.rasc.ca/private/minutes/minutes20090328.pdf

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Préambule

Un Membre à vie est un membre qui paye les frais d'adhésion requis et qui devient Membre à vie (et qui souvent choisit d'être rattaché à un Centre). En de rares cas, on octroie sans frais à des membres, le statut de Membre à vie pour services méritoires. On compte présentement 332 Membres à vie dont 270 sont rattachés à des Centres.

Voici les principaux points de cette proposition:

- Tous les Membres à vie actuels seront pleinement soutenus au niveau national. Cela veut dire que tous les services offerts aux membres ordinaires, y compris le matériel offert par la Société à ses membres par le Bureau national tels le *Journal*, le *Bulletin*, le *Observer's Handbook* et l'abonnement à *SkyNews*, continueront d'être fournis aux Membres à vie.
- On n'offrira plus la possibilité de devenir Membre à vie (mais l'on pourra nommer des Membres à vie à titre honorifique).
- On remettra aux Centres un montant forfaitaire proportionnel au nombre de leurs Membres à vie, pour les encourager à appuyer leurs Membres à vie au niveau local.
- Toute obligation, présente ou future, envers les Membres à vie au niveau d'un Centre, sera l'entière responsabilité du Centre auquel un Membre à vie choisit d'être rattaché.

La Société nationale détient présentement les sommes qui restent des frais d'adhésion initiaux des Membres à vie. Bien que l'on ne puisse plus utiliser l'intérêt découlant de ces sommes pour défrayer des services aux membres, le capital initial peut l'être. Ce qui reste de ces sommes sera divisé entre la Société nationale et les Centres selon le ratio historique du partage des frais d'adhésion, et selon la proportion de Membres à vie rattachés aux divers Centres. Tous les fonds payés par les Membres à vie qui ne sont attachés à aucun Centre demeureront la propriété de la Société nationale. Le but est de distribuer aux Centres, de façon équitable, les ressources financières disponibles, pour les aider à financer les coûts reliés aux services qu'ils offrent aux Membres à vie.

Motion #2 — Motion To Wind Down the Life Membership Program

Moved that the following paragraphs, relating to Life Membership, in By-Law #1 be changed to read as follows:

- *Article 3.02 (4) A life member is a member who, prior to the year 2009, paid the then-current life membership fee, or a member upon whom the Council has conferred life membership in recognition of specified meritorious service to the Society or to a Centre. A life member shall not pay any annual membership fee referred to in Article 3.05(1), however he or she may be required to pay a fee to the Centre, referred to in Article 3.05(2), to which they are attached. (amended, July 1993, July 1999, June 2008, August 2009)*
- *Article 3.05 (1) The annual Society membership fees shall be determined from time to time by ordinary resolution of the Council and of the Society. The Centre affiliation incentive shall be determined from time to time by ordinary resolution of the Council. No fee shall be payable for honorary membership in the Society. (amended, July 1993, February 2006, June 2008, August 2009)*
- *And that Articles 3.05 (4) and (5) be deleted.*

[As information, those two articles read:

(4) A member who becomes a life member is not entitled to a refund of any fees paid previously for the current year or for the previous years. (amended, July 1999)

(5) Each Centre is entitled to receive for its own use from the Society on or before 1 March in every year an amount, in respect of every life member attached to it as of the previous 31 December, equivalent to the Centre affiliation incentive for an ordinary member. (amended, July 1999, June 2008)]

Proposition No. 2 — Proposition pour mettre fin au Programme des membres à vie

Il est proposé que les paragraphes suivants du Règlement général No. 1 qui se rapportent au Programme des membres à vie, soient modifiés de la façon suivante :

- *Article 3.02 (4) A life member is a member who, prior to the year 2009, paid the then-current life membership fee, or a member upon whom the Council has conferred life membership in recognition of specified meritorious service to the Society or to a Centre. A life member shall not pay any annual membership fee referred to in Article 3.05(1), however he or she may be required to pay a fee to the Centre, referred to in Article 3.05(2), to which they are attached. (amended, July 1993, July 1999, June 2008, August 2009)*
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Et que les Articles 3.05 (4) et (5) soient supprimés. [À titre d'information, ces deux articles se lisaient comme suit

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(5) Each Centre is entitled to receive for its own use from the Society on or before 1 March in every year an amount, in respect of every life member attached to it as of the previous 31 December, equivalent to the Centre affiliation incentive for an ordinary member. (amended, July 1999, June 2008)]

ELECTION OF AUDITOR — ÉLECTION D'UN VÉRIFICATEUR

Motion #3 — Election of Auditor

Moved that National Council be authorized to seek and appoint an Auditor; however, until such time as a new auditor is chosen, Tinkham and Associates will remain the Auditor of the RASC.

Proposition No. 3 — Choix d'un vérificateur

Il est proposé que le Conseil national soit autorisé à chercher et nommer un Vérificateur, et qu'Mentyre-temps Tinkham and Associates demeure le Vérificateur de la SRAC.

Note: The complete Annual Report may be found online on the Society's Web site: www.rasc.ca in the Members Area section, under the Governance section. Contact National Office: nationaloffice@rasc.ca for the username and password if you do not already have it.

The complete version includes the following:

- 2008 Annual Meeting Minutes
- 2008 Annual Reports from Centres
- 2009 Award Winners
- 2009 Centre addresses and Executives
- 2009 National Council

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PROXY 2009

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 2009 August 16, 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.

Regarding the motions below, see the included explanatory material for additional details.

Motion #1 – Correction to MOTION AM0804 from last year's Annual Meeting

For: _____ Against: _____

Holder's Discretion: _____

Motion #2 – Motion to Wind Down the Life Membership Program

For: _____ Against: _____

Holder's Discretion: _____

Motion #3 — Election of Auditor

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 2009

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)

Cette personne exercera mon droit de vote par procuration lors de la Réunion annuelle, le 2009 aout 16, et ultérieurement si la réunion est suspendue. J'annule, par la présente, toute procuration antérieure visant la même réunion.

Ces instructions ne servent qu'à guider mon mandataire qui, connaissant mes opinions, utilisera ce mandat comme bon lui semblera.

Voyez les notes explicatives pour plus de détails sur les propositions qui suivent.

Proposition No. 1 – Correction a la proposition AM0804 adoptee lors de la Réunion l'an dernier

pour: _____ contre: _____

à la discrétion du mandataire: _____

Proposition No. 2 – Motion pour mettre fin au Programme des membres à vie

pour: _____ contre: _____

à la discrétion du mandataire: _____

Proposition No. 3 – Choix d'un Vérificateur

pour: _____ contre: _____

à la discrétion du mandataire: _____

Je reconnais que le mandataire a le droit de ne pas utiliser ma procuration si de nouvelles informations présentées lors de la réunion, vont dans le sens de mes opinions et font que ce geste serait dans mon meilleur intérêt. Le mandataire m'informera des résultats et de l'usage qu'il aura fait de ma procuration et, si elle n'est pas utilisée, il m'expliquera pourquoi.

Date: _____

Signature: _____

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 reverse side of this 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 **2009 August 7**.

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 AGM, 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.

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proxy2@rasc.ca = Peter Jedicke (London)

proxy3@rasc.ca = Bruce McCurdy (Edmonton)

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 au verso.

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 **2009 août 7**.

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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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The past year has been both challenging and rewarding for those who lead our organization at the national level. I feel that we have turned a corner in terms of whom we are and why we are here. And we now have our financial house in order. This will allow us to concentrate more on astronomy and less on “fire fighting” in the coming years — an undeniably positive result. My report is divided into two big topic areas:

1. Outside the Society (IYA)
2. Inside the Society (RASC business and administration issues)

1. Outside the Society (IYA)

2008 was the preparatory year for International Year of Astronomy (IYA). A major benefit has been the development of close working relationships with the Canadian Astronomical Society and the Fédération des Astronomes Amateurs du Québec. Collectively we are leading the coordination and delivery of IYA in Canada. This effort was helped by a generous gift from the Trottier Family Foundation (through CASCA), enabling us to hire an IYA Programme Manager for two years, beginning May 2008. We also solicited donations from our membership by direct mail and were delighted to receive over \$16,000 in support of IYA. Significant cash contributions also came from the University of Calgary and Lumec Inc.

The RASC chose to focus its IYA efforts in three distinct areas:

- The development of educational materials
- Stepped up outreach at the local level, and
- The declaration of additional Dark-Sky Preserves across the country.

We have enjoyed substantial success in all three of these.

With the help of our partners, we developed and funded the printing and distribution of several bilingual educational items. These include a set of seven informational astronomy trading cards (similar in concept to sports trading cards), a Sidewalk Astronomer's Handbook that encourages novice star gazers to make and record observations, a full-colour planisphere called a Star Finder with a companion Web site, and an illustrated children's book called Mary Lou's New Telescope, that tells the story of a young girl's experiences with observing and light pollution.

These materials are freely available to our Centres and partner organizations in Canada. They are being used as free handouts at IYA events throughout the year.

Our increased outreach activity revolves around a concept we call a “Galileo Moment.” We are providing opportunities for Canadians to make a personal discovery, learn something new about, or be enlightened somehow by astronomy, often for the first time. Delivery is through local events such as public observing, lectures, exhibitions, planetarium shows, and visits to school and youth groups. As I write this message in June 2009, over 2000 events have been planned or completed and over 430,000 Galileo Moments have been recorded in our national event database. This means our goal of providing 1 million “Galileo Moments” is achievable!

Preserving the night sky for future generations is also an important goal for us. During 2008, we approved new formal requirements for RASC-designated Dark-Sky Preserves (DSP) and Urban Star Parks (USP).

The goal of the DSP program is to increase the quality of the night sky and accessibility to dark observing sites. Dark-sky sites without urban sky glow are located far from urban centres, but the magnificent view of a star-filled sky is worth the trip. A DSP

is an area accessible to the public within which the light fixtures minimize contribution to light pollution (glare, light trespass, and sky glow).

The goal of the USP program is to increase the quality of the night sky and accessibility to dark observing sites. Sites in close proximity to urban areas are contaminated by urban sky glow, but they still provide good views of the starry sky. A USP is an area accessible to the public within which all light fixtures minimize contribution to light pollution.

So far in 2009, three DSPs have been designated, and we expect several more by late 2009 or early 2010.

2. Inside the Society (RASC business and administration issues)

Early in 2008, we became aware that recent changes to Canada's charitable tax laws required us to make significant changes to some of our long-standing practices. As part of the process of reviewing our practices, we hired legal counsel who specializes in charities law. They helped us determine which practices needed to change, be clarified, or better documented. This process resulted in changes to our fee structure, increases in our annual fees, and several other aspects of how our Society conducts its routine business.

Most changes were completed in 2008. The last major item is to determine the future of the Life Member program. A proposal on this topic will come before the annual meeting in 2009. In order to avoid surprises in the future, in the spring of 2008 we made a voluntary disclosure to the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA), describing past practices and actions taken to correct these practices. We have recently received an initial response from CRA, so it is too early to report on anything that may result from the disclosure.

There were many changes at our National Office this year, too. Bonnie Bird, our Executive Secretary, officially retired after many years of stellar service. Her last few months were not easy ones. Due to issues with our upstairs tenant at 136 Dupont Street, we had to relocate the office for several months while we went through a legal eviction process. Events leading up to this relocation, and until the eviction, were very stressful for our staff and Executive Committee. Our former Membership and Publications Clerk, Jo Taylor, was promoted to interim Executive Secretary when Bonnie retired. In the fall, her position was solidified to permanent Executive Secretary. This title does not reflect the nature of this important position, which is really more like that of national office manager.

The tenant problems meant that necessary repairs and upgrades to the apartment would be costly. The building exterior and utility systems also needed significant investment after many years of deferred maintenance. After much study, we concluded that being a property owner and landlord was no longer in the best interests of the Society. Late in the year the building was sold. Net proceeds were \$471,627. In March 2009, we moved into leased office space in Etobicoke. Proceeds from the sale of the building, less moving expenses, will be invested. Income from this will be, in effect, used to pay rent and utilities at the new office.

Throughout the chaos, we have been steadily improving the efficiency of National Office functions with the implementation of iMIS. This is a software suite designed for membership-based organizations such as ours. Much of this work has been done or led by Toronto Centre member Denis Grey, first as a volunteer (for about two years) and now as a part-time employee.

In summary, I strongly believe that 2008 was a turning point for

the RASC, whereby we made several key structural changes to the way we operate. This will enable us to focus more on astronomy and less on By-Laws, property management, etc. Many thanks to my Executive Committee colleagues, and the many dozens of other

volunteers that work at the national level to make this Society the world leader that it is. Keep looking up!

Dave Lane
President

TREASURER'S REPORT

As you know, a lot has happened in 2008 at the RASC, and most of it had a financial impact. In my last report I mentioned two special events: the implementation of a new membership and product sales computer system (iMIS) and, as we are a registered charity, ensuring that our policies and procedures are in compliance with Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) requirements.

The iMIS system implementation continued throughout 2008, and will be winding down by the fall of 2009. The implementation costs have been funded from our Endowment Fund. The benefits have already begun, as the system's self-serve options allow our office staff to devolve some functions to the end users (our members and Centre executives).

In 2008, we incurred over \$20,000 in legal fees to obtain the counsel of a charity expert to ensure that we comply with the CRA's regulations. We have changed our practices, and disclosed past non-compliant activities to the CRA. They are now reviewing our submission, and should make a determination shortly. We expect a reduced amount of such legal fees to accrue in 2009.

Our building costs were very high and rental revenues lower in 2008, due to problems with our long-term tenant, which led to his eviction in July 2008 and the temporary relocation of our office staff for four months. We later decided to sell the building, and, therefore, we did not receive rental income for five months, on top of the four months of extra rent from the temporary quarters. It was a happy ending, though, as our building was sold at full asking price just before Christmas. The financial implications of the sale will not show up until 2009.

The stock market decline in 2008 has affected our investment returns. The loss from our mutual funds was greater than our interest income, despite the former comprising less than 10 percent of our total portfolio. We did sell our two worst performing funds in 2008, and are still holding on to the other three. So far in 2009, we are close to breaking even in the funds, but interest

rates on our GIC and savings accounts have dropped substantially. We intend to review our investment strategy later in 2009.

We did have some positive factors. Our publication sales have benefited from the appreciation of the US dollar against the Canadian dollar. A large number of donations received for our IYA program enabled us to fund a larger program with a smaller draw from the Feibelman Fund. Our committee expenses have dropped due to the disbanding of the Board Pilot Committee.

Speaking of IYA, we have received a grant from CASCA to fund the placement of an IYA coordinator for a two-year period. The financial statement shows this item as a donation income, offset by IYA expenses.

As stated in my previous report, we have moved to a self-sustaining membership model, by voting for an increase in membership fees at the 2008 AGM. The financial impact from this measure will be felt in 2009, as membership revenues are deferred by six months for accounting purposes. Even without this factor, 2008 membership revenues were slightly higher than 2007.

In summary, we realized substantial deficits in 2007 and 2008, mainly due to the implementation of our new membership system, the International Year of Astronomy (IYA) program, and the other factors mentioned above. We expect 2009 to have a substantially lower deficit, as IYA will be in progress, but the other extraordinary expenses will be (or have already) wound down. We will receive the benefit of the self-sustaining membership model. Our financial assets in 2009 will receive a one-time boost of \$470,000 from the sale of our National Office building.

Our finances have greatly benefited from the generosity of our many contributors, in both time and money. We are very grateful to those individuals, and we will continue to strive for a better RASC.

Mayer Tchelebon
Treasurer

SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

Our Society continues to grow and thrive in the face of seemingly insurmountable odds. Thankfully, the meltdown at National Office has ceased and we are back on an even keel. While it was traumatic for a prolonged period (too long, from some perspectives), we have grown and matured a bit, as well. We went through some very momentous changes in 2008—increased fees to reflect actual membership costs; changed to a new membership computer system; sold our long-time National Office and moved to our leased space; saw Bonnie Bird retire.

Special thanks go to our new Executive Secretary, Jo Taylor, for her unflagging devotion and attentiveness to the details that keep our machinery well oiled and functioning smoothly. She was joined late in the year by Francis Knowles, our part-time Membership and Publications clerk. Thanks to him, too, for his organizational abilities and support.

Membership numbers have once again held relatively steady, slightly less than 2007 – see the chart below. IYA2009 activities were in full swing as the year closed, with publications ongoing, Web sites being finalized, and many people across the country gearing up for the 2009 festivities.

It is traditional and correct that we honour here our Members who passed away through the year. On behalf of the Society, I extend sympathies and condolences to the families and friends of the following deceased Members: Haro Degroot (Belleville); Don Brown (Edmonton); Reg Henderson (Halifax); Lewis Smith (Niagara); Kenneth Perins, Russell Surtees (Ottawa); Walter Essar (Saskatoon); George Ball, Dr. J. Climenhaga (Victoria); James Meredith (Windsor); Donald Hume, Firmin Michiels (Winnipeg).

James Edgar
Secretary

Membership Statistics 2000-2008

Centre	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000
Belleville	32	35	33	32	29	26	N/A	N/A	N/A
Calgary	317	313	278	302	323	321	315	315	310
Charlottetown	24	22	21	20	19	20	16	18	15
Edmonton	258	255	241	261	267	271	262	249	222
Halifax	157	162	152	171	197	214	196	186	172
Hamilton	76	80	82	91	91	113	114	122	109
Kingston	98	106	125	128	110	132	145	146	152
Kitchener-Waterloo	118	104	101	127	127	133	114	106	95
London	101	104	99	112	115	119	118	115	115
Mississauga	120	103	53						
C.F de Montréal	23	28	32	32	30	40	39	36	38
Montréal	107	99	105	109	108	121	116	106	102
New Brunswick	79	88	78	75	70	59	62	46	29
Niagra	97	104	101	114	123	117	109	97	91
Okanagan	88	86	85	83	85	92	87	70	61
Ottawa	410	416	396	447	469	500	480	457	431
Prince George	79	67	82	75	40	43	42	25	N/A
Québec	35	44	40	39	38	38	45	50	63
Regina	48	55	53	47	53	59	56	47	30
St. John's	47	52	49	51	44	54	54	45	47
Sarnia	24	25	27	27	32	26	27	27	31
Saskatoon	71	78	76	70	67	73	70	73	76
Thunder Bay	37	41	40	39	41	43	39	38	32
Toronto	506	610	622	748	841	889	886	775	792
Vancouver	263	256	238	267	291	313	292	294	275
Victoria	173	188	177	186	192	200	188	200	159
Windsor	98	94	89	105	122	125	120	107	102
Winnipeg	169	157	136	132	140	136	114	105	99
Unattached	530	561	512	538	591	610	575	552	558
Honorary	15	14	15	15	14	14	13	13	13
Total	4216	4347	4138	4443	4655	4901	4688	4420	4230

Membership by Type

Type	Number	% of Total
Ordinary	3749	89.2
Life	338	7.9
Youth	119	2.8
Honorary	(15)	n/a

Membership by Country

Country	Number	% of Total
Canada	3910	93
USA	262	6.2
Other	29	0.8

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 balance sheet of The Royal Astronomical Society of Canada as at December 31, 2008 and the statements of revenue and expenditures, and changes in net assets for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Society's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

Except as explained in the following paragraph, we conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

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 revenue over expenditures, assets or unrestricted net assets.

In our opinion, except for the effect of adjustments, if any, which we might have determined to be necessary had we been able to satisfy ourselves concerning the completeness of the donation revenues referred to in the preceding paragraph, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Society as at December 31, 2008 and the results of its operations for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

TORONTO, Ontario
April 1, 2009


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CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS
LICENSED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

BALANCE SHEET

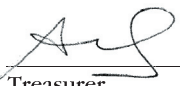
As at December 31	2008	2007
Assets		
Current		
Cash	\$ 344,425	\$ 358,959
Short-term investments (note 3)	283,474	292,091
Accrued interest receivable	2,767	4,727
Accounts receivable	74,684	56,366
Inventory	21,941	29,887
Prepaid expenses	12,728	13,374
	740,019	755,404
Capital assets		
Office building, furniture, equipment, library (nominal value)	1	1
	\$ 740,020	\$ 755,405
Liabilities		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued charges	\$ 93,937	\$ 55,888
Deferred revenue		
Membership fees for ensuing years	102,820	90,124
Jounal subscriptions	10,063	14,707
Unamortized life membership fees (note 4)	66,405	69,900
	273,225	230,619
Net Assets		
Invested in capital assets	1	1
Unrestricted	73,623	86,917
Internally restricted (note 6)	393,171	437,868
	466,795	524,786
	\$ 740,020	\$ 755,405

On Behalf of the Board

See accompanying notes to financial statements



President



Treasurer

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

	Invested in Capital Assets	Internally Restricted (schedule 1)	Unrestricted	2008	2007
Year ended December 31					
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 1	\$ 437,868	\$ 86,917	\$ 524,786	\$ 533,361
Excess of expenditures over revenue for the year	-	-	(57,991)	(57,991)	\$ (8,575)
Transfers (Schedule 1)	-	(44,697)	44,697	-	-
Balance, end of year	\$ 1	\$ 393,171	\$ 73,623	\$ 466,795	\$ 524,786

See accompanying notes to financial statements

STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES

Year ended December 31	2008	2007
Revenue		
Membership fees	\$ 144,375	\$ 140,646
Publication revenue		
Journal	34,476	28,469
Observer's Handbook	97,828	96,565
Beginner's Observing Guide	10,194	13,500
Observer's Calendar	54,141	48,335
Skyways	941	1,769
Explorons l'astronomie	158	2,366
Shipping and Handling	27,179	25,657
International Year of Astronomy	15,051	-
Other	101	619
	240,069	217,280
Miscellaneous income		
Donations	63,941	51,689
Grants	-	5,374
Interest on investment	(1,462)	12,500
Rent	8,112	16,239
Promotional products	4,434	7,126
Other income	297	4,201
	75,322	97,129
	459,766	455,055
Expenditures		
Publication costs		
Journal	50,276	46,794
Annual report	1,805	2,914
Cost of publications sold	32,573	37,358
Observer's Handbook	16,812	16,233
Beginner's Observing Guide	1,532	5,586
Observer's Calendar	15,004	16,866
Skyways	-	1,296
Explorons l'astronomie	-	144
Other	-	209
	118,002	127,400
Operating costs		
Office salaries and employee benefits	74,468	61,938
Membership services	73,496	107,807
Office expenses	56,418	58,664
Services	57,053	43,472
Committees	17,406	32,319
Travel expenses	14,232	14,505
Cost of promotional items sold	3,612	4,963
International Year of Astronomy	82,475	-
Building	15,595	12,462
	399,755	336,230
	517,757	463,630
Excess of revenue over expenditures	\$ (57,991)	\$ (8,575)

See accompanying notes to financial statements

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2008

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) Investments

Short-term investments are carried at the lower of cost (including accrued interest) and market on an individual basis. Long-term investments are carried at cost.

(c) 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

The office building, furniture, equipment and library of the Society are carried in the accounts at a nominal value. The cost of additions to and replacements of capital assets are expensed as they are incurred. The total cost of capital assets expensed in the current year is \$14,057.

(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. New life memberships received are credited to Unamortized life membership fees liability account, as per Note 4. Five percent of the life membership fund is transferred at the beginning of each year to membership fees revenue and five percent of the internally restricted net assets (Life Membership Fund) is transferred to Unrestricted net assets.

(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.

(f) Publications

R.A.S.C. 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

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(i) New accounting pronouncements

Effective for fiscal years beginning on or after October 2, 2008, CICA handbook Section 1000 has been amended to focus on the capitalization of cost that truly meets the definition of an asset and de-emphasize the matching principle.

Effective for fiscal years beginning on or after January 1, 2009:

CICA handbook Section 4400 has been amended for the treatment of net assets invested in capital assets and for the presentation of revenues and expenses;

CICA handbook Section 4460 establishes disclosure standards for not-for-profit organizations that choose to classify their expenses by function and allocate expenses from one function to another.

3 Short-term investments

		2008	2007
Mutual fund investments with Scotia McLeod	Cost	Market	Market
Ivy Canadian Fund	\$ 27,652	\$ 20,365	\$ 24,181
MacKenzie Cundill Value	12,500	8,774	11,769
Scotia Canadian Dividend	25,842	17,754	24,255
Trimark Canadian Endeavour	25,000	-	20,368
Brandes Global Balanced	12,500	-	11,218
Scotia McLeod guaranteed investment certificates			
Matures June 6, 2008, bearing interest at 4.28%	-	-	\$ 100,000
Matures June 22, 2008, bearing interest at 4.35%	-	-	\$ 100,000
Matures June 6, 2009, bearing interest at 3.1%	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000	
TD Mortgage Corp. guaranteed investment certificates			
Matures June 24, 2009, bearing interest at 3.25%	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000	
Manulife Investment Savings Account	\$ 76,576	\$ 76,581	
	\$ 340,070	\$ 283,474	\$ 292,091

4. Unamortized life membership fees

	2008	2007
Life membership fees as of January 1	\$ 69,900	\$ 73,573
Deduct: Amortization to income	(3,495)	(3,679)
Balance, December 31	\$ 66,405	\$ 69,900

5. Statement of cash flows

A statement of cash flows is not provided as the required cash flow information is readily apparent from the other financial statements.

6. Internally restricted net assets

The Board of Directors 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. An amount calculated using the rate of inflation for the previous year is transferred to this fund annually.

The Life Membership Fund was established as a result of a change in accounting policy to conform with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles in 2005. The Centre Projects Fund, established in 2005, is used to encourage and facilitate the development of its member Centres. In addition, the National Council has segregated a significant donation received from the Estate of the late Walter Feibelman into a separate fund in 2005.

All disbursements from these funds must be approved by the Board of Directors. See schedule 1 attached for details of the continuity of these funds.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Schedule 1: Internally Restricted Net Assets

						2008	2007
	W. Feibelman Fund	Centre Projects Fund	Life Membership Fund	Ruth Northcott Fund	P.M.Millman Endowment Fund	Total	Total
Fund balance, January 1	\$ 41,145	\$ 4,413	\$ 41,611	\$ 96,368	\$ 254,331	\$ 437,868	\$ 448,118
Transferred from Unrestricted net assets:							
Interest	(115)	(12)	-	(268)	(708)	(1,103)	6,604
Donations	-	2,703	-	389	317	8,420	8,420
Expenses	(18,168)	-	-	(4,899)	(23,936)	(47,003)	(29,383)
Inflation adjustment	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,109
	(18,283)	2,691	-	(4,778)	(24,327)	(44,697)	10,250
Balance, December 31	\$ 22,862	\$ 7,104	\$ 41,611	\$ 91,590	\$ 230,004	\$ 393,171	\$ 437,868

CENTRE TREASURERS' REPORTS FOR FISCAL YEAR — 2008

		Belleville	Calgary	Charlottetown	Edmonton	Halifax	Hamilton	Kingston	Kitchener- Waterloo	London
REVENUE										
Membership	Membership Fees (Regular)		5,976	458	5,836	2,788	2,758	1,676	2,642	2,161
	Membership Fees (Youth)		663					27		
	Membership Fees (Basic surcharge)	938	3,558					367	1,170	
	Membership Fees (Special surcharge / Associates /Affiliates)		30	20				15		
	Life Membership Grants		30					22	110	
Donations / Fundraising	Donations				203	83	959	426	600	100
	Fundraising / Sponsorships / Grants		3,880	524	74,856		30	236	502	
Educational Activities / Materials										
Interest and Dividends		2	12	2	224	126		292	52	
Publication Sales	Sale of Observer's Handbooks		13	95		320		56		50
	Sale of Observer's Calendars		1,784		1,230	730	35	525	795	306
	Sale of Beginner's Observing Guides		105			79				
	Other Publication Sales									
Subscriptions	Astronomy / Sky & Telescope		16					43		
	Other									
Product Sales	RASC promo items		1,385			549		80	611	
	Other items		1,558					30		
Advertising			269					120		
General Assembly										
Events	Star Parties	1,206	882			7,680			140	
	Annual Dinner		1,925		1,020			-544		800
	Observatory site or equipment rentals / loans		995		180					
Miscellaneous			19	13				190		
TOTAL REVENUE		2,146	23,100	1,112	83,549	12,355	3,761	3,561	6,512	3,417
EXPENDITURES										
Library			456		430	11				
Publications	Newsletter		3,348		3,218	1,827		913		307
	Observer's Handbook					253				220
	Observer's Calendar		1,940		2,215	521			771	
	Beginner's Observing Guide					68		85		
	Other Publications				74			-8		
Events	Meetings		120		588	336	299			
	Star Parties	954	1,252			4,306				
	Annual Dinner	180	1,302	102	1,068				596	694
	Astronomy Day				107		991		393	
	Other Events	175	198	156	536					
Product Expenses	RASC promo items	42	3,274	221		702	389		106	
	Other items		108	67					206	
Advertising					1,799					
Travel	General Assembly and Council Meetings		714		1,070					150
	Speaker Travel Assistance		1,355						154	
Equipment and Supplies				158	330	26		64	1,306	34
Office Administration		80			234	137	136	192	186	126
General Expenses and Audit		11	208			27		590		
Educational Activities			155		786	884		492	1,213	
Insurance			1,987			1,064	1,538			
Awards and Donations				200	25,073	50		215	363	100
Observatory and Site Expenses			2,989		13,543	1,702	1,991	208		1,118
Depreciation										
Miscellaneous		70	1,112	50	1477	462	30	64		30
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		1,512	20,518	954	52,548	12,376	5,374	2,815	5,294	2,629
SURPLUS OR DEFICIT ON OPERATIONS		634	2,582	158	31,001	-21	-1,614	746	1,218	788
ASSETS	Liquid assets	3,311	34356	1,859	141,162	13,853	7,133	22,093	11,074	
	Capital assets	210	22,731			48,744	107,576	20,950	30,000	
LIABILITIES					3,907					

CENTRE TREASURERS' REPORTS FOR FISCAL YEAR — 2008

		Mississauga	C. F. de Montréal	Montréal	New Brunswick	Niagara	Okanagan	Ottawa	Prince George	Québec	Regina
REVENUE											
Membership	Membership Fees (Regular)	2141	2180	1799	1426	1879	1705	7853	1246	1173	926
	Membership Fees (Youth)	69		14		110	55			32	19
	Membership Fees (Basic surcharge)			740		333	373		100		168
	Membership Fees (Special surcharge / Associates / Affiliates)	81				150				704	66
	Life Membership Grants										
Donations / Fundraising	Donations	50	615	-110		106	29,657	1,693	925	407	317
	Fundraising / Sponsorships / Grants			17,000		250	32,908		8,000		4,357
Educational Activities / Materials		2,000							1,741		
Interest and Dividends			36	1,369		188		544			1
Publication Sales	Sale of Observer's Handbooks					12					60
	Sale of Observer's Calendars	678		235		242	810	1,622	701	300	395
	Sale of Beginner's Observing Guides					30					
	Other Publication Sales					10					
Subscriptions	Astronomy / Sky & Telescope					458					
	Other										
Product Sales	RASC promo items				1,295	175	293			217	
	Other items	530	582	406		192			143		130
Advertising			240								
General Assembly											
Events	Star Parties				224				385		2,382
	Annual Dinner					1,520		2,828			
	Observatory site or equipment rentals / loans						120	451			
Miscellaneous		324	214			74		20	182		194
TOTAL REVENUE		5,873	3,867	21,453	2,945	5,728	65,921	15,011	13,423	2,833	9,015
EXPENDITURES											
Library			37		264	50	53			12	
Publications	Newsletter		414	965	245	204	74	3,456	229		
	Observer's Handbook										
	Observer's Calendar	400			746	180	494	2,014		263	224
	Beginner's Observing Guide										
	Other Publications								282		
Events	Meetings					420	82	431		85	52
	Star Parties				132	25				142	1,212
	Annual Dinner				194	1,782		2,830			
	Astronomy Day										
	Other Events	388			649			792			
Product Expenses	RASC promo items					50	333			128	3,638
	Other items			824							367
Advertising					72			420	756		
Travel	General Assembly and Council Meetings			598	400		358	688	642		688
	Speaker Travel Assistance	1,000								165	
Equipment and Supplies		464				465	4,724	687	2,477		5,457
Office Administration			1,857	333		2	651	1,191	844	804	1,496
General Expenses and Audit		1,054		314		48			111		
Educational Activities					765				215	244	
Insurance			492				1,000	3,333	1,510		446
Awards and Donations			107					150			
Observatory and Site Expenses			173			2,114	35,028	497	7,486	952	403
Depreciation		168						9,534			
Miscellaneous			127	338		1,225		181	532	75	50
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		3,474	3,207	3,372	3,467	6,565	42,797	26,204	15,085	2,870	14,033
SURPLUS OR DEFICIT ON OPERATIONS		2,399	660	18,081	-522	-837	23,124	-11,193	-1,662	-37	-5,018
ASSETS	Liquid assets	6,170	4,637	93,494	4,031		38,332	35,176	11,040		4,282
	Capital assets	672	11,214	26,052			8,023	43,552	78,581		77,523
LIABILITIES		400	62					2,418			

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		St. John's	Sarnia	Saskatoon	Sunshine Coast	Thunder Bay	Toronto	Vancouver	Victoria	Windsor	Winnipeg
REVENUE											
Membership	Membership Fees (Regular)	904	440	2,015	3,872	907	13,041	5,387	3,488	3,130	3,181
	Membership Fees (Youth)							123			
	Membership Fees (Basic surcharge)	164						348			
	Membership Fees (Special surcharge / Associates / Affiliates)	10									
	Life Membership Grants						1,760	374			
Donations / Fundraising	Donations	45			12,506	757	17,811	139,521	2,750	1,253	365
	Fundraising / Sponsorships / Grants			781		255	16,667	281		349	3,781
Educational Activities / Materials							167				94
Interest and Dividends		3	0	483	95	131	3,015	9,115		2	
Publication Sales	Sale of Observer's Handbooks						145	664			
	Sale of Observer's Calendars	600	120		150	660	2,311	1,226		405	1,600
	Sale of Beginner's Observing Guides							551			
	Other Publication Sales							95	720	24	
Subscriptions	Astronomy / Sky & Telescope						-191				
	Other	25									
Product Sales	RASC promo items						937				
	Other items									304	
Advertising				115							
General Assembly							-292				
Events	Star Parties			15,204							1,200
	Annual Dinner										
Observatory site or equipment rentals / loans							4,710	146		500	
Miscellaneous							1,425			468	446
TOTAL REVENUE		1,751	560	20,359	16,800	3,460	61,339	157,998	8,497	4,956	10,790
EXPENDITURES											
Library											
Publications	Newsletter						2,947	836			176
	Observer's Handbook						702	610			
	Observer's Calendar	475			139		2,227	1,031		123	1,028
	Beginner's Observing Guide							509			
	Other Publications							95			
Events	Meetings	106			195		896	36		1,127	384
	Star Parties	171		9,017				861			
	Annual Dinner				44					100	
	Astronomy Day		42							50	245
	Other Events				350	628	86			102	
Product Expenses	RASC promo items						-164				
	Other items							751			1456
Advertising					144						
Travel	General Assembly and Council Meetings	125	581			300			201		
	Speaker Travel Assistance				150		904	2,773			
Equipment and Supplies								97	6859		143
Office Administration				827	217	334	4,736	630	335	95	125
General Expenses and Audit			5		256	30	2,775	121	407		
Educational Activities				268			2,343	454			
Insurance				1,100							955
Awards and Donations		150	30				196	438	722		1,025
Observatory and Site Expenses				32			17,910	18,228		3,076	900
Depreciation							17,862	2,305			
Miscellaneous		125		1,603		570	2378	2	103	527	182
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		1,152	658	13,839	1,495	2,015	55,798	29,777	13,486	5,200	6,619
SURPLUS OR DEFICIT ON OPERATIONS		599	-98	6,520	15,305	1,446	5,541	128,221	-4,989	-244	4,171
ASSETS	Liquid assets	23,658	3,268	32,265			11,259	362,253	-240	3,377	11,448
	Capital assets			18,372			396,631	13,915	20,852	80,000	1
LIABILITIES				267			208,868				