

INTERNATIONAL ASTRONOMICAL UNION

86th EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

2, 6, 12 August 2009

DRAFT MINUTES

(v-2, 10 August 2009)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Catherine J. Cesarsky	President
Robert Williams	President-Elect
Karel A. van der Hucht	General Secretary
Ian F. Corbett	Assistant General Secretary
Beatriz Barbuy	Vice-President
Cheng Fang	Vice-President
Martha P. Haynes	Vice-President
George K. Miley	Vice-President
Giancarlo Setti	Vice-President
Brian Warner	Vice-President
Ronald D. Ekers	Adviser
Oddbjørn Engvold (absent)	Adviser

FINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE

Paul G. Murdin	Chair
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IAU XXVII GENERAL ASSEMBLY NOC

Daniela Lazzaro	Co-Chair
Beatriz Barbuy	Co-Chair

DIVISION PRESIDENTS

Jan Vondrák	Division I
Lydia van Driel-G (in absence of DP)	Division II
Edward L.G. Bowell	Division III
Monique Spite	Division IV
Thomas J. Miller	Division VI
Ortwin Gerhard	Division VII
Sadanori Okamura	Division VIII
Andreas Quirrenbach (i.a.o. DP)	Division IX
Ren-Dong Nan	Division X
Leonid I. Gurvits (i.a.o. DP)	Division XI
Malcolm Smith	Division XII

ABSENT	Alvaro Giménez	Division V
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EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

Vivien A. Reuter

EC 86 – 1, Sunday 2 August 2009, 10:00 - 17:00 hr
with out-going Division Presidents, co-chairs National Organizing Committee,
and chair Finance Sub-Committee

Rio Othon Palace Hotel, Avenida Atlântica 3264, Copacabana, Rio de Janeiro – RJ, Brasil

1. **Welcome by the President of the IAU, Catherine J. Cesarsky**
 P-E Robert Williams was delayed. A roll call allowed all present to introduce themselves.
 2. **Approval of the agenda**
 The agenda was approved.
 3. **Executive Committee**
 - 3.1. **Draft minutes OM2009-2** (doc, p. 1)
 The draft minutes were approved.
 - 3.2. **Draft minutes EC85** (doc, p. 7)
 The draft minutes were approved.
 - 3.3. **Open action items OM2009-2 and EC85**
 See agenda item 26.
 - 3.4. **Special Nominating Committee. Nomination of EC 2009 – 2012** (oral)
 President Catherine Cesarsky reported that the SNC nominated the following IAU members for membership of the IAU EC for the triennium 2009 – 2012:
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|-----------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| President-Elect | Norio Kaifu | (Japan) |
| Assistant General Secretary | Thierry Montmerle | (France) |
| Vice-President | Matthew Colless | (Australia) |
| Vice-President | Jan Palouš | (Czech Republic) |
| Vice-President | Marta G. Rovira | (Argentina) |

Consequently, the SNS proposes the following slate of IAU members for Officers and members of the IAU EC for the triennium 2009 – 2012:

President	Robert Williams	(USA)
President-Elect	Norio Kaifu	(Japan)
General Secretary	Ian F. Corbett	(UK)
Assistant General Secretary	Thierry Montmerle	(France)
Vice-President	Matthew Colless	(Australia)
Vice-President	Martha P. Haynes	(USA)
Vice-President	George K. Miley	(Netherlands)
Vice-President	Jan Palouš	(Czech Republic)
Vice-President	Marta G. Rovira	(Argentina)
Vice-President	Giancarlo Setti	(Italia)
Adviser	Catherine J. Cesarsky	(France)
Adviser	Karel A. van der Hucht	(Netherlands)

The President mentioned that it has not been easy to find the candidate AGS. In that respect Paul Murdin raised the question whether the time has come for the IAU to provide a salary for future GSs, rather than counting on the institutes of those GSs to keep paying them as an in-kind contribution to the IAU. The current GS suggested appointing an EC-Committee of past General Secretaries with as task to provide an advice on the matter to the EC.

AI-EC86-1 on in-coming GS: Discuss with new EC the issue of providing a salary for the IAU General Secretary . Due: EC88.

- 3.5. Report of the Executive Committee 2006 – 2009, draft** (doc, p. 25)
The EC approved the report of the Executive Committee 2006 – 2009 prepared by the GS.

- 3.6. Strategic Plan 2010 – 2020** (separate doc)
VP George K. Miley presented the SP again. The first steps towards the plan were made at a meeting at the IAU Secretariat in Paris, January 2008, with C46 PG chairs and other interested parties. The plan evolved to a mature document of which now also a glossy version is available. Endorsement by the GA is being sought in two Resolutions, B1 and A1. The SP calls for a replacement of the highly appreciated C46 volunteer's work of the past by a Global Development Office of three FTEs. Initial funds should comprise the IAU funds available in the budget and sponsor money from large agencies. The host country should provide office facilities and provide a matching grant. The plan will be discussed in the GA Town Hall lunch meeting of Friday 7 August, in SpS4, and in the NASL lunch of Tuesday 11 August. And of course in the Second Session of the GA, Thursday afternoon 13 August.

AI-EC86-2 on GS: Publish the 2007-2009 and the 2010-2012 budget pie charts on the IAU home page. Due: asap.

4. Report on the Secretariat

- 4.1. Personnel** (oral)
The GS elaborated on the IAU Secretariat personnel situation. Presently the IAU Secretariat in Paris, hosted by the Institut d'Astrophysique de Paris (IAP), employs the following staff members: Mme Vivien A. Reuter (as of 1 March 2008, Executive Assistant, full time), Mme Jana Žilová (as of 15 July 2009, Office Assistant, full time), and Mme Ginette Rude (as of 1 September 2006, archive assistant, part-time). The GS (full time) spent 1/3 of his time physically at the IAU Secretariat. The submitted budget 2010 – 2012 asks for a third full time staff member.

5. Planning for the IAU XXVII General Assembly

- 5.1. National Organizing Committee preliminary report** (Daniela Lazzaro, oral)
NOC co-chair Daniela Lazzaro presented an extensive overview of the GA preparations. While at the time of EC85, Paris, 7 April 2009, the number of registrations was ~850, the number had gone up to 2111 by 1 August 2009. In issue of discussion was the extent of broadcasting the video-recorded scientific meetings. While it is wonderful that the recordings of the GA Inaugural Ceremony, the Sessions 1 and 2, and the Closing Ceremony will be on-line, there may be copyright issues if the scientific meetings appear on-line. The EC discussed the option to make such only available for IAU members by member login. In addition, a transfer of copyright form for the power point presentations should be completed by the authors and submitted to the IAU Secretariat. The GA finances are currently in the green thanks to a modest positive balance. The EC expressed its huge appreciation to Daniela Lazzaro and Beatrice Barbuy for their hard and successful work.
- 5.2. List of Representatives of the National Members (NR)** (late doc)
The EC took note of the document.
- 5.3. List of members of the Nominating Committee (NC)** (late doc)
The EC took note of the document.
- 5.4. Agenda of administrative sessions with the National Representatives** (doc, p. 61)
The EC took note of the document.
- 5.5. Agenda of administrative sessions with the Nominating Committee** (doc, p. 62)

The EC took note of the document.

5.6. Proposal for revision of Statutes and Bye-Laws (IB104, p. 27)

The IAU Resolutions and Bye-laws, including proposed modifications, have been published in the IAU *Information Bulletin* No. 104 (June 2009), and will be published again in the GA Newspaper *Estrela D'alva* No.1, Monday 3 August 2009. One change: Bye-laws §II.9.b should list the P-E as *observer* rather than as *advisor*. The proposed modifications will be discussed with the National Representatives on Monday 3 August. In that meeting the GS will ask the NRs for a waiver of the six-month deadline for providing proposals for modification of Statutes and Bye-laws (the proposals where mailed only 12 June 2009). AGS Ian Corbett will present the proposed modifications in the First Session of the GA, Tuesday 4 August, where the National Representatives will formally vote.

5.7. Submitted Resolutions (IB104, p. 42)

- B1 *IAU Strategic Plan: Astronomy for the Developing World*
- A1 *Implementing the IAU Strategic Plan*
- B2 *Current best estimates of astronomical constants*
- B3 *Second Realization of the International Celestial Reference Frame*
- B4 *Supporting Women in Astronomy*
- B5 *Defence of the night sky and the right to starlight*

VP George Miley elaborated on Resolutions B1 and A. Resolution B2 refers to an unpublished paper, which should not be acceptable. For Resolution B4 changes have been proposed by AGS Ian Corbett. For Resolution B5 changes have been proposed by DivXII DP Malcolm Smith. The Resolutions Committee has some work to do before the GA Second Session, 13 August 2009. The President recalled that translation in French will be required.

5.8. National Members in arrear. Voting rights of National Members (doc, p. 65)

National Member Armenia was five years (2003-2007) in arrear in 2008, until it paid at the last minute for 2003. Until very recently, National Member Armenia was five years (2004-2008) in arrear in 2009, till it paid at the last minute for 2004 (via foreign sponsor). If the proposed changes of Statutes and Bye-laws will be approved by the GA in the First Session, and if NM Armenia is again five years in arrear in 2010, then it will have to pay the full five-year arrears in order to prevent automatic suspension of its IAU National Membership.

AI-EC86-3 on in-coming GS: Inform National Member Armenia of its dues payment arrear status and the consequences for its IAU National Membership. Due: 15 September 2009.

National Member Bolivia is five years (2004-2008) in arrear in 2009. The EC decided to waive its dues for 2004. If the proposed changes of Statutes and Bye-laws will be approved by the GA in the First Session, and if NM Bolivia is again five years (2005-2009) in arrear in 2010, then it will have to pay the full five-year arrears in order to prevent automatic suspension of its IAU National Membership. VP George Miley suggested to try and contact high officials in Bolivia.

AI-EC86-4 on in-coming GS: Inform National Member Bolivia of the dues payment waiver for 2004 and of its dues payment arrear status and the consequences for its IAU National Membership. Due: 15 September 2009.

5.9. Distribution of GA grants by country (doc, p. 66)

The EC took note of the GA grant distribution by country.

5.10. Agenda Inaugural Ceremony, First Session, Second Session, Closing Ceremony (IB104, p. 24)

The GS informed the EC of the following changes and corrections to the agenda of the GA Inaugural Ceremony, First Session, Second Session, Closing Ceremony.

- - item 12a: Admission of new National Members to the Union (formerly First Session, item 4.)
- - item 12b: Deceased Members listen on screen, 1 min silence (formerly Second Session, item 18.)
- GA Closing Ceremony, item 0: In Memoriam Prof. Francisco X. de Araújo.
- GA Closing Ceremony, item 2: for ... Invitation to the XXIX General Assembly ...
read ... Invitation to the XXVIII General Assembly ...

5.11. Selection of Official Tellers

(oral)

VP Martha Haynes accepted to chair the Official Tellers and to find members.

AI-EC86-5 on VP Martha Haynes: Find 3-5 young astronomers willing to serve as Official Tellers during GA Session I and II. Due: asap. [Done. Tellers are: Martha P. Haynes (chair, USA), Patricia Cruz (Brazil), Christina Magoulas (Australia), Rogério Riffel (Brazil), José Vasquez Mata (Mexico) and Joyce Yun (China).]

6. IAU Membership

6.1. National Membership

6.1.1. Applications from Costa Rica, Honduras, Panamá and Vietnam (*interim*) (EC85/sep docs)

The EC approved the applications for *interim* National Membership from Costa Rica, Honduras, Panamá and Vietnam.

AI-EC86-6 on in-coming GS: Inform new National Members of their membership, rights and obligations. Due: 15 September 2009.

6.1.2. Suspension of membership

(late doc)

See 5.8

6.2. Individual Membership

6.2.1. List of Individual Members who passed away since August 2006

(doc, p. 67)

The EC took note of the list of Individual Members who passed away since August 2006.

6.2.2. Nominations for new Individual Membership received from NCAs and DPs

(separate doc)

The EC took note of the list of nominations for new Individual Membership received from NCAs and DPs, which will be discussed by the Nominating Committee in its meeting of Monday 3 August 2009.

AI-EC86-7 on in-coming GS: Inform new Individual Members of their membership, rights and obligations. Due: 15 September 2009.

7. Financial matters

7.1. Payments of dues by National Members

(late doc)

The EC took note of the list of payments of dues by National Members and expressed its concern about the arrears amounting to ~0.5 M€.

7.2. Past accounts and Credit Lyonnais

(oral)

The GS elaborated on the negotiations with the Paris based bank Le Credit Lyonnais (LCL) on compensation of the losses occurred in the period 1998 – 2007 due to their not checking the signatures on IAU cheques and letting pass those signed by someone (MO) without authority. The IAU lawyer is on top of this, but unfortunately no final result has been obtained at the time of the GA. The IAU National Members have been informed of the fraud issue by letter of 12 June 2009.

- 7.3. Audited accounts 2006 - 2008** (separate doc)
The EC took note of the audited accounts 2006 – 2008, which had been approved already in EC85, April 2009. This is now subject of discussion in the meeting with the Finance Committee, Monday 3 August 2009.
- 7.4. Draft budget 2010 – 2012** (separate doc)
The EC took note of the draft budget 2010 – 2012, which had been approved already in EC85, April 2009. This is now subject of discussion in the meeting with the Finance Committee, Monday 3 August 2009. The draft budget 2010 – 2012 asks for a third full time staff member.
- 7.5. List of members of the Finance Committee (FC)** (late doc)
The EC took note of the membership of the Finance Committee (FC).
- 7.6. Preliminary Finance Sub-Committee (FSC) report** (late doc)
FSC chair Paul Murdin presented the preliminary FSC report. This report will be discussed with the FC on Monday afternoon 3 August 2009, and will be finalized in the meeting with the FC of Wednesday afternoon 12 August 2009. Thanks to 13 National Members stepping up their Category of Adherence to the IAU in 2008, the annual IAU income budget increased by 14%.
- 7.7. Nomination of Finance Sub-Committee 2009-2012** (oral)
FSC chair Paul Murdin informed us that he will assemble a Finance Sub-Committee 2009-2012, and inform the GS at the meeting of the Finance Committee on Wednesday 12 August 2009.
- 8. International Year of Astronomy 2009**
- 8.1. Report by EC-WG IYA2009 chair CJC** (IB104, p. 20; oral)
EC-WG IYA2009 chair Catherine Cesarsky referred to the information provided in IB104 and to the IAU Press Release of 1 July 2009, presented verbatim in Report of the EC 2006-2009, and gave a number of updates. The IYA2009 presently has great momentum in 145 participating countries. The IYA secretariat at ESO: Lars Lindberg Christensen, Pedro Russo and Mariana Barrosa, and the members of the IAU-EC-WG IYA2009 are to be commended for their untiring efforts.
- 8.2. EC-WG IYA2009 finances** (late doc)
The EC took note of the EC-WG IYA2009 finances, and the correction to be made in the 2007 expenses: the cost made by the delegation to the UN in New York, late 2006, are to be charged to the IAU Secretariat, not the IYA secretariat.
- 8.3. Proposal from VP Giancarlo Setti regarding honouring Giordano Bruno** (doc, p. 71)
An asteroid has already been named after Giordano Bruno (1548 – 1600). Naming an exoplanet after him will cause an undesired precedent. Following a proposal by the President, the EC discussed the desirability to have a major new astronomical telescope or instrument be named after Giordano Bruno. In addition, maybe our Italian colleagues could organize a major event this year in Rome to recognize Giordano Bruno.
- 8.4. Preparations for IYA Closing Events in Italy, January 2010** (Bob Williams, oral)
Because of the absence of Bob Williams, this agenda item was postponed to the EC86-3 meeting on Wednesday 12 August 2009, 11:00 – 12:30 hr. EC86-3: Bob is working on that. Also certainly following Medician satellites meeting in Padova. 2-day meeting, Jan 2010 following discovery of satellites. UNESCO is involved. Not clear if open or by invitation only.
- 9. IAU Divisions, Commissions, Working Groups**
- 9.1. Structure and boards of Divisions, Commissions, WGs and PGs 2009 – 2012** (doc, p. 73)
The EC took note of the document, which is continually being updated. The GS mentioned that for some Commissions and for many Working Groups, the new chair and vice-chair will be elected in

their Business Meetings during the GA. In order to involve new blood and talent, the GS remarked that it would be desirable to stipulate in the IAU Bye-laws c.q. Working Rules that no person should serve the IAU in the same position for more than two consecutive triennia.

- 9.2. Reports by the Division Presidents** *(oral)*
The EC took note of the reports by the Division Presidents.
- 10. Partnership with the Peter and Patricia Gruber Foundation**
The EC took note of the report.
- 10.1. Gruber Cosmology Prize 2009** (IB104, p. 63)
The EC took note of the report.
- 10.2. PPGF Fellowship 2009** (IB104, p. 65)
Deferred to EC87.
- 11. Partnership with the Norwegian Academy of Sciences and Letters**
- 11.1. IAU involvement in the Kavli Prize in Astrophysics 2010** *(oral)*
Deferred to EC87.
- 11.2. NASL involvement in IAU XXVII GA and C46/PG-ISYA** *(oral)*
Deferred to EC87.
- 12. IAU Scientific Meetings**
- 12.1. IAU Symposia in 2009** (IB104, p. 50)
The EC took note of the report.
- 12.2. IAU Symposia in 2010** (IB104, p. 50)
Deferred to EC87.
- 12.3. Regional IAU Meetings in 2010 and 2011** (IB104, p. 57)
Deferred to EC87.
- 13. IAU Publications**
- 13.1. Highlights of Astronomy** (EC Report 2006-2009, p. 07)
The EC took note of the report.
- 13.2. Transactions A and B of the IAU** (EC Report 2006-2009, p. 07)
The EC took note of the report.
- 13.3. Proceedings of Symposia** (EC Report 2006-2009, p. 08)
The EC took note of the report. AGS Ian Corbett reported improvement of the time of publication of proceedings. CUP is doing a very good job. The current contract runs to 2013, when a call for tender will be issued for a re-bid.
- 13.4. IAU Editorial Board** (EC Report 2006-2009, p. 12)
The EC took note of the report.
- 13.5. Proceedings of Regional IAU Meetings** (EC Report 2006-2009, p. 11)
The EC took note of the report.
- 14. IAU Educational Programs of Division XII / Commission 46**

- 14.1. **The Development Oversight Committee (DOC)** (Bob Williams, *oral*)
Deferred to EC87.
- 14.2. **ISYA 2009 on Trinidad & Tobago** (IB104, p. 89)
The EC took note of the report.
- 14.3. **Co-sponsoring of COSPAR Capacity Building Workshops** (IB104, p. 89)
The EC took note of the report.
15. **International organizations with representatives of the IAU**
- 15.1. **IAU representatives for triennium 2009-2012** (doc, p. 93)
The EC took note of the list of report of the IAU representatives for triennium 2009-2012.
- 15.2. **ICSU document on *Freedom, Responsibility and Universality of Science*** (separate doc)
The EC took note of the report and expressed its interest and support.
16. **EC87, 14 August 2009, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil**
- 16.1. **Agenda EC87, Friday 14 August, 09:00-17:00 hr. With in-coming DPs** (doc, p. 95)
The EC took note of the agenda.
17. **EC88, 10-12 May 2010, Baltimore, MD, USA. Host: Bob Williams**
The EC is grateful to Bob Williams for extending hospitality to host EC88.
18. **EC89, May 2011. Suggestions for venue**
VP George Miley and the GS reported that no progress had been made yet to be able to invite the EC to the Netherlands.
19. **Any other business**
No other business was reported.
20. **Adjourn**
The meeting was adjourned.

EC 86 – 2, Thursday 6 August 2009, 09:00 – 10:30 hr

Centro de Convenções SulAmérica, Room 1.1

Avenida Paulo de Frontin 1 (com Av. Pres. Vargas), Cidade Nova, Rio de Janeiro – RJ, Brasil

21. **IAU XXIX General Assembly. Proposals to host. Presentations** (docs distributed at EC85, Paris)
- 21.1. **Honolulu, Hawaii, USA** (doc)
The bid was presented by Kevin B. Marvel (Washington DC).
- 21.2. **Calgary, Canada** (doc)
The bid was presented by Russell A. Taylor (Calgary).
- 21.3. **Paris, France** (doc)
The bid was presented by Daniel Rouan (Paris-Meudon).
22. **Adjourn**
The meeting was adjourned.

EC 86 – 3, Wednesday 12 August 2009, 11:00 – 12:30 hr

Centro de Convenções SulAmérica, Room 1.1

Avenida Paulo de Frontin 1 (com Av. Pres. Vargas), Cidade Nova, Rio de Janeiro – RJ, Brasil

23. IAU XXIX General Assembly. Vote on selection of venue

The EC voted with a clear majority for Honolulu, Hawaii, USA as the venue of the 2015 IAU XXIX General Assembly. The GS will inform the three contenders informally; formal letters to the three contenders will be sent by the in-coming GS. The EC agreed to inform Paris that, in the interest of rotating continents as venue for GAs, the continents South America, North America and Asia will probably not be considered for the 2018 GA.

AI-EC86-8 on GS: Inform the three contenders for the 2015 XXIX GA informally of the result of the selection by the EC. Due: 12 August 2009. [Done]

AI-EC86-9 on incoming GS: Inform the three contenders for the 2015 XXIX GA formally of the result of the selection by the EC. Due: asap.

24. Further preparations for the IAU XXVII GA Second Session and Closing Ceremony

24.1. Corrections agenda

- GA Session II, item 12:

- - item 12a: Admission of new National Members to the Union (formerly First Session, item 4.)

- - item 12b: Deceases Individual Members listed on screen, 1 min silence (formerly Second Session, item 18.)

- - item 12c: Appointment of the Nominating Sub-Committee

- GA Closing Ceremony, item 0: In Memoriam Prof. Francisco X. de Araújo (by Daniela Lazzaro)

- GA Closing Ceremony, item 2: for ... Invitation to the XXIX General Assembly ...
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24.1. Appointment SNC 2009 – 2012

Four SNC members have been elected by the Nominating Committee on Monday 3 August:

- Jocelyn S. Bell Burnell (UK)

ok

- Reinhard Genzel (Germany)

pending

- Patricia A. Whitelock, (South Africa)

ok

- Kenneth C. Freeman (Australia)

ok

Runners-up are:

- Jian Sheng Chen (China Nanjing) EC

- Luis F. Rodriguez (Mexico) runner up

The EC decided to appoint Jian Sheng Chen as member of the SNC.

If Genzel declines, Rodriguez will be asked as fourth NC-selected SNC member.

24.3. ad Closing Ceremony, item 4, IFC

After address of Ian Corbett: Ian stays one more minute at the stand while Karel hands him the keys of the IAU secretariat.

24.4. ad Closing Ceremony, item 7, Closure

Catherine hands flowers to IAU XXVII NOC chairs Daniela Lazzaro and Beatriz Barbuy, thanks the NOC and says that all will receive a copy of the book and DVD *Eyes on the Skies*.

25. Any other business

The EC approved the appointment of a new committee, the Nominating Sub-Committee, a standing committee to serve the NC, with as members for the 2009-2012 triennium:

Chile	Mario Hamuy
China Nanjing	Li Xiang-Dong
Denmark	Johannes Andersen
Germany	Christian Henkel
Spain	Rafael Bachiller
Russian Federation	Nikolai N. Samus
UK	Paul G. Murdin
USA	Sara R. Heap

AI-EC86-10 on incoming GS: Adapt the IAU Working rules to fit in the new Nominating Sub Committee. Due: asap.

26. List of actions items

26.1. Old action items

AI-EC84-5 on GS and EA: Check on European legislation with respect to privacy issues related to web sites. Due: asap.

AI-EC84-32 on VP GM and all EC: Carry out roadmap of Miley's Strategic Plan. Due: progressive.

AI-OM2009-1*9 on GS: Contact the IAU National Members and solicit members for a 10-member Nominating Sub-Committee. Due: asap [Will be done as soon as (by 1 July 2009) the names of the Nomination Committee members are known to the IAU Secretariat.]

AI-OM2009-1*14 on GS: In next IAU IB and e-Newsletter, solicit young talent to participate in the C46 PGs. Due: progressive.

AI-EC85-1 on P: Prepare a document on the procedures of the SNC. Due: 1 July 2009.

AI-OM2009-2*2 = AI-EC85-4 on P-E: Contact the Division III presidency and ask for their consent to promote WG-PSN and CSBN to EC Working Groups, reporting to the EC, while keeping the Division III President informed. Due: asap.

[Done differently, 24 April 2009. The P-E agreed with the VP of Division III, Karin Meech, that WG-PSN and CSBN should stay DIII Working Groups, while together they should form a new dedicated EC-WG on Naming Dwarf Planets. Division III should solve this issue at the GA.]

[Latest development: Division III in Rio agreed. Members new EC-WG on Naming Dwarf Planets: all members of CSBN and WG-PSN.]

AI-EC85-9 on GS and EA: Prepare briefing document on fraud issues. Also on for the press, just in case. Due: asap.

AI-EC85-11 on GS: put pie chart of IAU budget in IAU web. Due: asap.

26.2. New Action items

AI-EC86-1 on in-coming GS: Discuss with new EC the issue of providing a salary for the IAU General Secretary. Due: EC88.

AI-EC86-2 on GS = AI-EC85-11: Publish the 2007-2009 and the 2010-2012 budget pie charts on the IAU home page. **Due: asap.**

AI-EC86-3 on in-coming GS: Inform National Member Armenia of its dues payment arrear status and the consequences for its IAU National Membership. **Due: 15 September 2009.**

AI-EC86-4 on in-coming GS: Inform National Member Bolivia of the dues payment waiver for 2004 and of its dues payment arrear status and the consequences for its IAU National Membership. **Due: 15 September 2009.**

AI-EC86-5 on VP Martha Haynes: Find 3-5 young astronomers willing to serve as Official Tellers during GA Session I and II. **Due: asap.** [Done. Tellers are: Martha P. Haynes (chair, USA), Patricia Cruz (Brazil), Christina Magoulas (Australia), Rogério Riffel (Brazil), José Vasquez Mata (Mexico) and Joyce Yun (China).]

AI-EC86-6 on in-coming GS: Inform new National Members of their membership, rights and obligations. **Due: 15 September 2009.**

AI-EC86-7 on in-coming GS: Inform new Individual Members of their membership, rights and obligations. **Due: 15 September 2009.**

AI-EC86-8 on GS: Inform the three contenders for the 2015 XXIX GA informally of the result of the selection by the EC. **Due: 12 August 2009.** [Done]

AI-EC86-9 on incoming GS: Inform the three contenders for the 2015 XXIX GA formally of the result of the selection by the EC. **Due: asap.**

AI-EC86-10 on incoming GS: Adapt the IAU Working rules to fit in the new Nominating Sub Committee. **Due: asap.**

27. Closure of EC86