

**Fairfield County  
Astronomical  
Society**



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**MEETING NOTICE**

The public is invited to attend.

**Date: Tuesday April 14, 2009**

**Time: 8:00 pm**

**Place: Stamford Observatory**

**8:00 pm** Brief business meeting.

**8:15 pm** From PBS just last Friday: “400 Years of the Telescope” A documentary following the history of the telescope from its invention in the early 1600s to the present, and even the future.

Refreshments will be available.

If the weather is clear we may get in some observing after the meeting. Saturn has returned to the evening sky. with

the rings nearly edge-on – a rare sight.

NOTE: This year's Convention of the Astronomical League will be held at Hofstra University, in Hempstead, Long Island, NY. Dates are August 7 & 8. Check out the details at: [www.alcon2009.org](http://www.alcon2009.org).

## Minutes of the Tuesday March 10th, 2009 Meeting of the FCAS

### **Business Meeting:**

The meeting was called to order by Charles Scovil at ~ 8PM on Tuesday, The treasury shows a balance of \$2,115.17. A deposit will soon be made for one new member, and the sale of the RASC Handbooks. He mentioned that it was time for annual elections to be held next month. All current officers and Board members are up for re-election except Treasurer Nick Gallo who is resigning due to family pressures. Mark Marcus volunteered to take the job.

That leaves the following slate to be elected at the next meeting:

President	Charles Scovil
Vice Pres.	John Griese
Treasurer	Julius "Mark" Marcus

Secretary

Bill Bambrick

Board members

Martin Hamar  
Bob Meadows  
Howard Nusbaum  
Gil Weingarten

Members were requested to assist in manning the special open house times for April 2, 3 & 4 in celebration of The International Year of Astronomy and their 100 hours of observation around the world. A couple of members volunteered. [ED note: all 3 days were clouded out.]

Prospective new member Gordon Myers asked if anyone was interested in a special meeting of a few members to explore more cooperation between us and the schools and colleges nearby. There was some discussion, with no conclusions reached.

### **Main Program:**

Part 2 of a National Geographic astronomy program on DVD called “Journey to the Edge of the Universe” was presented. It started at the edge of the Solar System, and went outward from there, examining nearby stars, nebulae, star clusters, galaxies, clusters of galaxies, black holes, and eventually the Big Bang that started it all. Comments following the showing indicated that while there was interesting content, it was Hollywoodized to appeal to the general public.

The meeting was adjourned at ~ 9:30 PM. Refreshments were served.

The weather was poor so no observing was possible.