

CASCA report from JCSA Telecon 15 Sept 2006

The JCSA needs to replace two of its members Paul Charbonneau (who resigned from the JCSA) and David Naylor (the outgoing chair). Historically the committee has tried to find a balance between representation of projects under development, disciplines, geography, youth and experience and, more recently, astronomers who don't have a strong space connection. Clearly with 6 members this is an impossible task. The JCSA members were asked to suggest names of qualified individuals who they felt would make significant contributions to the committee. Several names of capable individuals were put forward. After careful consideration the JCSA recommends to CASCA that:

1) Dr Mark Halpern and Dr Rene Doyon be appointed to the JCSA for three year terms effective immediately. Their first meeting will be 25 November 2006 following the CSAW. The rationale for selecting these individuals being that they are both actively involved in planned space astronomy missions in which Canada is making significant contributions, they bring a balance in terms of maturity. Dr Halpern and Doyon have indicated their willingness to serve in this capacity.

2) The next JCSA meeting will be held on Saturday 25 November at McGill (Matt Dobbs will arrange the logistics) immediately following the CSAW. The meeting will conclude by 6pm.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the JCSA
David Naylor, Chair