

CASCA - Annual report for Awards Committee, 2009-2010.

Committee Members:

Kim Venn (Chair)	(2007-2010) Univ. of Victoria
Gretchen Harris	(2007-2010) Univ. of Waterloo
Pierre Bergeron	(2009-2012) Univ. of Montreal
Ken Ragan	(2009-2012) McGill

1. Two committee members (Venn & Harris) need to be replaced, though Kim Venn is willing to continue for one more year on the committee and act as chair (I have been chair for one year only).

2. Beals prize.

The committee received 4 nominations. The prize was awarded to Dr. Bill Harris, at McMaster University, who accepted.

Before the committee began its discussion of the nominations, Gretchen Harris withdrew from the evaluation of the Beals nominees due to an obvious conflict of interest. Other conflicts of interest were identified. Two members of the CASCA board helped our discussions: Greg Wade (Royal Military College of Canada) and Gilles Joncas (Laval).

3. Plaskett prize.

The committee received 3 nominations. The prize was awarded to Dr. Helen Kirk, who did her thesis at the University of Victoria, and is now an NSERC PDF at the Center for Astrophysics at Harvard University; the prize was accepted.

The committee had a very difficult time this year due to many conflicts of interest. It was decided to consult with Doug Welch, as 2nd VP for CASCA, and Hugo Martell, as the former CASCA Awards chair, since neither had a conflict of interest with the nominations.

4. There is no Petrie Prize Lecture this year.
There is no Peter G. Martin Award this year.

5. There are no other matters.

Dr. Kim Venn (Chair)
University of Victoria
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