

**CHAMPAIGN-URBANA ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY
MEETING MINUTES
October 14, 2010**

Guy Hampel called the meeting to order at 7:05pm with 14 in attendance.

As per the by-laws, officer nominations were taken including:

- President: Guy Hampel, Dave Leake
- Vice-president: Phil Wall, Chris Smith
- Secretary: [no nominations]
- Treasurer: Willard Brinegar
- 5th Director: Mike Conron

It was proposed that possibly one of the unsuccessful candidates for either president or vice-president could be appointed secretary. Voting will occur at the November meeting with an absentee ballot to appear in the November newsletter. All members in good standing are encouraged to vote! The new slate of officers will take office in January.

Observatory news Guy greased the bearings on the observatory so it will hopefully turn a bit easier. Also, the digital setting circles on the 16-inch Dob work great, but the altitude bearing can get loose.

Mike Lockwood talked a bit about the Okie-Tex Star Party that he attended. He put 975 miles on his car (one way) but they had 4-5 clear nights. Over 400 people attended this year. John Stone gave an excellent presentation on his recent trips to the Lick Observatory in California, Yerkes Observatory in southern Wisconsin, the Illinois Dark Sky Star Party near Springfield, and Homer Lake. He displayed some images that he took with his digital SLR camera with a 200mm lens, plus he used some freeware called Deep Sky Stacker to stack the images.