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Symposium speakers cover diverse topics

By Dwight Connelly

The MUFON 2000 International UFO Symposium opened with something unusual: for the first time in the past 30 years there was a tribute to a retiring international director of MUFON. Deputy Director John Schuessler presented this tribute in the form of an interesting history of MUFON, which was also the history of retiring director Walt Andrus, one of MUFON's founders and director from 1970 to 2000.

Dr. Linda Corley

In the first regular presentation of the symposium Dr. Linda G. Corley of Houma, LA, described her 1981 interview with the late Lt. Col. Jesse A. Marcel, Sr., one of the key figures in the Roswell incident. In addition, Dr. Corley described her research into the symbols found on some of the debris at the crash site, as drawn by Marcel.

Following the four-hour cordial interview with Lt. Col. Marcel and his wife Viaud as part of a project for a university class, Corley was shocked several days after the interview to receive a phone call from an almost hysterical Marcel telling her that everything he had told her in the interview was a lie, and that none of the material should be used.

He kept insisting that she was going to release the interview to the press, despite her assurances that she was not. She scrapped the class project, and the tapes from the interview sat on a shelf several years, even after Marcel died in 1986.

Finally, in 1993, she released the tapes to Stanton Friedman, who "would handle them in an appropriate manner—he was someone Jesse thought highly of." However, by that time the tapes were almost inaudible, having been made on an inexpensive portable recorder and not played for years.

Eventually, Corley was able to transcribe the tapes, and she became convinced that, as part of history, the 62-page manuscript should be made public.

Some of the questions and answers from the interview follow. An expanded version is included in the *MUFON 2000 International UFO Symposium Proceedings* (available from MUFON).

What was Marcel's description of the beams he retrieved at the crash site?

"I was the first to handle the stuff....[Jesse Jr.] said they [the beams] looked like 'I beams,' but it wasn't. Jesse didn't have that right to begin with....[The writing] was on a beam. They ranged anywhere from 4 to 5 inches long to 3 or 4 feet long. [Beams] appeared to be wood. It wasn't wood. I took my cigarette lighter and tried to burn some of that. It wouldn't burn."

Was there a cloth type of debris retrieved at Roswell?

"The material was unusual. Of course the Air Force called it a balloon. It couldn't have been. It was porous. It couldn't hold air. The material was fabric. I tried to blow through it. It would go right through it, what looked like balloon material, a cloth. It was a cloth-like material, but also metallic. I even tried to burn it. It wouldn't burn."

What did Marcel think happened to the debris?

"They [the military] have all that stuff. It's in laboratories. They have analyzed those things to the nth degree. They have studied it. I think they still have it because nothing has ever been let out by the Air Force of any materials that I ever picked up. They had materials there that I had never seen before."

What did Marcel think about UFOs?

"I think the method of propulsion moves to the fourth dimension. I think when they have the ability to change from the third dimension to the fourth dimension, there is no time. They can be here one second and the next second they could be millions and millions of miles away—light years away."

Had Marcel revealed everything he knew?

"No, I can't, for the sake of my country. Listen, I was a trained intelligence officer. Once you do that, it's with you for life....There's a hell of a lot I haven't said....I understand a lot more than I can talk about....Sometimes you talk about these things and they will get a net out after you."

Corley also discussed her research into the symbols drawn by Marcel, which he said were on a beam in the debris from the crash site. Comparing ancient writings, including demotic hieroglyphs (as on the Rosetta Stone in Egyptian and Greek) and Tironian Notes (Roman), and utilizing Latin translation, Corley translated the series of symbols on the beam roughly as follows:

"To go sail, fly, move—from a point in time to take or carry away from some place—toward first the point or goal at which anything arrives—to be, exist, live, take place, happen and occur—the mouth singing."

Dr. Colm Kelleher

Leading off the afternoon session on Saturday was Dr. Colm Kelleher of the National Institute for Discovery Science (NIDS), who described the history and some of the research the organization was doing. NIDS grew out of a desire by Robert Bigelow to create "a fully funded, fully staffed research organization that was dedicated to using the scientific method in approaching the study of aerial phenomena, animal pathology, and other topics," according to Kelleher.



Symposium speakers were on hand at the end of the program to answer questions from the audience. Left to right, Dr. Bruce Maccabee, Stanton Friedman, John Carpenter, Stan Gordon, Gerald Rolwes, John Greenewald Jr., Dr. Linda Corley, Gregory Avery, Dr. Kevin Randle, Dr. Robert Wood, and John Schuessler.

One of the members of the board of directors of NIDS is John Schuessler, the new international director of MUFON.

A recent UFO case discussed by Kelleher was the Jan. 5, 2000, series of sightings by police officers in western Illinois of an aerial object. This case was also investigated by MUFON, as described in a report by Illinois MUFON State Director David Marler in the March issue of the *MUFON UFO Journal*.

NIDS is well known for its investigations into animal mutilations, employing a full-time veterinarian, as well as other veterinarians on call. Kelleher described an especially interesting mutilation case which occurred in October of 1998.

In this case a three-year-old registered polled Hereford cow was found dead by the owner, who had seen the animal in good health the previous day. The cow's left eye and periorbital tissue were removed, as was part of the left ear. A full necropsy (autopsy), followed by toxicological, histological and chemical analysis, revealed the following:

1. Both the left periorbital tissue and left ear were removed with a sharp instrument(s), as confirmed by two of the three veterinary pathologists respectively;

2. No evidence of high heat or cautery was obtained from these cuts;

3. No signs of struggle, and no tracks were found near the animal;

4. An unusual, formaldehyde-containing blue gel-like substance was found in the eye, the ear, and the anus of the animal. Using headspace gas chromatography mass spectrometry analysis, the blue gel-like substance was shown to contain 300-3000 ug/g of 2,6-bis-dimethylethyl-4-methyl phenol, a synthetic molecule with anti-oxidant and anti-viral properties, as well as contaminants of normal putrefaction breakdown products from cow tissue;

5. The animal's heart was shredded, yet its pericardium (membrane sac enclosing the heart) was intact;

6. The animal tested positive on two different pregnancy tests, yet there was no fetus present at the time of the necropsy, and no sign of spontaneous abortion;

7. It is suspected that the cow's blood contained high levels of potassium chloride;

8. The cow had extremely low liver copper levels and low Vitamin A levels;

9. Severe hemorrhaging under the hide around the neck of the animal was observed;

10. The animal was normal for routine bacteriology, virology, and toxicology scans. The totality of the data suggests the animal did not die a normal death.

John Carpenter

In an update of the case described in the May 1999 *MUFON UFO Journal*, MUFON Director of Abduction Research John Carpenter reported the capture by a surveillance video camera of the apparent abduction and return of an individual.

However, the location of the event and the names of those involved are not known, since the video had been sent anonymously to the producers of a TV program, "Paranormal Borderline." A copy of the tape was given to Carpenter in 1996, and he initially felt the depiction of a man disappearing and returning more than an hour later "was weird, but it sure did not prove anything."

It was only when Carpenter took another look at the video, frame by frame, two years later that he became aware of what the camera had captured.

The surveillance tape has withstood extensive investigation by Carpenter, as well as security analyst Dr. William Schneid, MUFON photo specialist Jeff Sainio, ground trace and photo specialist Ted Phillips, and computer and photo specialist Micah Collins.

Carpenter notes that this incident includes key similarities to commonly reported abduction elements:

Missing time (110 minutes) matching the 90 to 120 minutes often reported; victim compelled or drawn outside (man left what appeared to be regular work area, but it is not known if there was any compulsion); initial bright light at onset of abduction; suddenness; electromagnetic interference (surveillance cameras affected); power blackout; return of abductee via light; abductee in fetal, "rolled up," or crouched position when returned; and abductee reportedly showed physiological/emotional responses (victim vomited, showed fatigue, showed fear, indicated amnesia, seemed disorientated, and never returned to work).

Because many of the key elements can be seen only by viewing the video frame by frame, because there has been no attempt to gain publicity by those sending the video, and because experts feel the surveillance video is genuine, a hoax has been ruled out.

Gregory J. Avery

Attorney Gregory Avery, MUFON State Director for Louisiana, shared his photos and research regarding the contention that some contrails may actually be chemtrails. Although he has been studying these for more than a year, he is still in the preliminary stages of an investigation as he seeks additional input from experts and determines the best methods of gathering scientific evidence regarding this controversy.

Dr. Robert M. Wood

MUFON Director of Research Dr. Robert Wood discussed the controversial MJ-12 documents, noting the difficulties in determining provenance and quality, but maintaining that most objections put forth by critics regarding the better documents can be satisfactorily answered. Wood spent considerable time answering specific objections regarding document wording, document construction, signatures, psychological warfare, and credibility of the sources for the documents.

These documents, critiques, and answers are much too involved for a short summary, and the reader is referred to Wood's 28-page presentation in the *MUFON 2000 International UFO Proceedings*, and his article in the March, 1999, *MUFON UFO Journal*.

Dr. Bruce Maccabee

Dr. Bruce Maccabee, author of the recently-released *The UFO-FBI Connections*, used specific cases to show that "prosaic explanations" of UFO reports proves "the failure of UFO skepticism." Utilizing the prosaic explanations of cases by noted skeptic Phil Klass and others, Maccabee showed how the easy explanations cannot stand the scrutiny of good investigations.

Stanton T. Friedman

Veteran ufologist and lecturer Stanton Friedman took on two controversial topics in his Saturday evening talk: the Roswell incident and the MJ-12 documents. He began his presentation by setting forth where he stands

on each topic.

On Roswell: "As the initial civilian investigator of the Roswell incident, beginning with a conversation with Lydia Sleppy in the early 1970's, then later with Maj. Jessel Marcel in 1978, Walter Haut, and a host of other Roswell witnesses, I have been completely convinced by overwhelming evidence that the U.S. Government recovered wreckage of at least two crashed alien flying saucers in New Mexico in early July, 1947."

Friedman says one crash occurred on the Foster Ranch 75 miles northwest of Roswell, and the other took place about the same time in the Plains of San Augustin west of Magdalena and Socorro.

The veteran researcher is less convinced, however, that the late Col. Philip J. Corso's book, *The Day After Roswell*, was based on fact. "Conspicuous by its absence," says Friedman, "is any substantiation of any of the claims," and although Col. Corso literally swore that he was a member of the National Security Council, "he was never an NSC member and never attended a meeting of the NSC."

Friedman is also unimpressed with the evaluation of the Roswell incident by commercial airline pilot Kent Jeffrey, who renounced Roswell in a long article in the *MUFON UFO Journal* in June of 1997. Says Friedman, "The naivete [of Jeffrey] is mind boggling. [Jeffrey] is very ignorant of how security works."

On Majestic-12 documents, Friedman says, "I am convinced that the Original MJ-12 Documents (the Eisenhower Briefing Document dated 18 November 1952; the Truman-Forrestal Memo of Sept. 24, 1947; and the Cutler-Twining memo of July 24, 1954) are indeed genuine and the most important classified documents ever leaked to the public."

He notes, however, that "the SOM 1.01 Majestic-12 Group Operations Manual is still in my gray basket," and "many of a whole host of more recently received MJ-12 related documents provided by researcher Tim Cooper are almost certainly fraudulent."

Ted R. Phillips

Veteran physical trace researcher Ted Phillips opened the Sunday morning session by discussing the history of researching physical traces at UFO sites, noting that it was Dr. J. Allen Hynek who first got him started in this specialty in the 1960's. By the time of the 1971 MUFON Conference in St. Louis, his files held 257 reports from 18 countries. His current data base contains 2,190 events, "all worthy of complete investigation."

He relates that the oldest trace event took place 510 years ago in 1490 when a silvery object passed over a village in Ireland, dislodging a church bell and burning several cows in nearby fields.

Phillips, who "retired" from UFO research for sev-



William Konkolesky, MUFON field investigator from Michigan and developer of MUFON's new web site (mufon.com), explains to state and regional directors at the 2000 Symposium in St. Louis the expanded features of the site, including a data base of cases and the means to report sightings.

eral years following the death of Dr. Hynek, is again active, investigating traces from all over the world. In 1998 he formed the Center for Physical Trace Research.

Interestingly, he reports that landing/trace events are taking place at greatly reduced rates since the early 1980's. The period between 1960-1970 was producing one landing/trace event every 13 days. In 1970-1980 this increased significantly to three per day, but the 1980-1990 period showed a big drop to about three per week, and 1990-2000 is about the same—still enough to keep Phillips very active.

John Greenwald, Jr.

John Greenwald Jr., one of the youngest of today's researchers, began programming a specialized web site four years ago at the age of 15. His site, "The Black Vault," contains numerous government documents which he has obtained through the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), targeting the Central Intelligence Agency, the National Security Agency, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Defense Intelligence Agency, and many other offices and agencies.

Although the Air Force has stated that no government agency had taken an interest in UFOs after 1969 with the closure of Project Blue Book, Greenwald has found the opposite to be true: "In reality, almost every agency I went to had documentation on UFOs,

and, on top of that, much came after 1969."

Greenwald says he currently has more than 300 open FOIA requests to various government agencies, and "I learn new ones, new offices, and new branches and new leads almost every day. I cannot even imagine how much information the government actually has. I have only started to search a few subjects, and it has quickly turned into 18,000 pages."

Stan Gordon

Another veteran researcher, Stan Gordon, who among many other activities compiled a 92-minute video documentary on the crash of an object near Kecksburg, PA, presented the first session Sunday afternoon. Gordon reviewed the Kecksburg case, which involved the sighting of a strange airborne object prior to the crash, an acorn-shaped off-gold-colored object partially buried in the ground, securing of the area by military personnel, and the transporting of the object from Kecksburg—possibly to Wright-Patterson AFB.

One of the other anomalies that Gordon has dealt with over the years as head of the Westmoreland County UFO Study Group and the Pennsylvania Center for UFO Research is the entity commonly called Bigfoot. In 1973 in particular there was a wave of UFO and Bigfoot sightings, including large footprints and ground traces, sometimes in the same areas and

time frames.

The most mysterious of these occurred on Oct. 25, 1973, when a Pennsylvania state trooper called Gordon to report he had returned from a UFO landing site "with some other strange details." Gordon and four other investigators went to the site in Fayette County where the initial report indicated that about 15 people had watched a large round red object hovering low and dropping towards a pasture at about 9 p.m.

At the police barracks a farmer's son had reported that he and two neighbor boys had gone to the pasture to investigate. Reaching the location, they saw a dome-shaped object on the ground about 250 feet away which was illuminating the entire area. It appeared to be about 100 feet in diameter, white in color, and emitting a noisy whirring sound. The three then noticed an odd sound like a baby crying, as well as a strange odor.

Two tall creatures, ape-like, but walking upright, were observed moving along a fence line. One appeared to be at least eight feet tall, while the other was shorter, possibly seven feet tall. They were covered with dark hair and had glowing greenish eyes. Their arms hung below their knees. The farmer's son had taken a powerful 30.06 rifle with him, and was urged to shoot. One of the boys ran away at this point.

Ammunition for the rifle reportedly included tracer bullets, and when a second tracer was fired over the heads of the creatures, one of them raised an arm and at the same time the luminous object on the ground vanished, as did the noise. The creatures turned to move into the woods, and additional shots were fired at them, but they showed no signs of being hit. The two witnesses went to a neighbor's house and called the state police.

An investigation by the state trooper revealed an area about 150 feet in diameter which was glowing so much that the officer's flashlight could hardly be seen, and the area seemed to be warm. Farm animals would not go near the area.

As the trooper and the farmer's son walked along the woods they heard a noise, and the trooper aimed his flashlight into the woods. The farmer's son claims that the largest of the two creatures was standing ten feet from them, so the witness fired his last shot at the creature, which allegedly rushed toward them as they ran toward the police cruiser.

When Gordon arrived at the scene the site had ceased to glow, and had no abnormal radiation present, but animals still refused to go near the circle. As Gordon's assistant, George Lutz, interviewed the farmer's son, the son suddenly emitted an animal-like growl and threw Lutz and the farmer to the ground. A dog ran toward the son as if to attack him, but then ran off whimpering as the son turned toward the animal. The

son was flinging his arms and bellowing forth growls and inhuman sounds before suddenly falling face down. A member of the investigating team reported feeling lightheaded, while another investigator was having trouble breathing as a strong unusual rotten egg or sulphur odor engulfed the group.

Gordon kept contact with the farmer's son for several years, and this witness said that he had later been visited by a major in an Air Force uniform and a man dressed in a suit. The witness was shown photos of UFOs and Bigfoot-type creatures by the men to see if he could match the photos with what he had seen. He said the two men got him to agree to be hypnotized.

Gerald E. Rolwes

Jerry Rolwes, MUFON State Director for Washington and Director for Membership, discussed the July 1, 1977, sighting of a mysterious object near the Aviano Air Base in Italy. Rolwes previously described the case in the February, 1996, *MUFON UFO Journal*. This case has also been discussed by Timothy Good in *Above Top Secret: The Worldwide UFO Cover-up* (1998) and by Jenny Randles in *The UFO Conspiracy: The First Forty Years* (1993). Rolwes notes, however, that these investigators had indicated there was a cover-up of the incident at the base, but his investigation showed no evidence of this.

Dr. Kevin D. Randle

The last presenter was Dr. Kevin Randle, who has written a number of UFO books and investigated numerous topics, including Roswell and other alleged crash sites, animal mutilations, Project Blue Book, and abductions. His topic for the conference presentation was "The Las Vegas Crash," an April 18, 1962, incident that was labeled a meteor by the Air Force, but which testimony by multiple witnesses indicates was something else.

Among the findings in this well-researched—but still incomplete—case is the fact that the object was first seen in New York state, moved to the western states, changed direction, created power outages, affected photo electric cells, landed, took off, maneuvered close to the ground, and apparently crashed or exploded near (or on) Nellis AFB not far from Las Vegas.

One of the interesting aspects of the case was that the Air Force report separated the events in Utah and Nevada by one day by logging the Utah event in Zulu (military) time and the Nevada event in local time, thus suggesting two separate events on two separate days, though they were in fact within minutes of each other on the same day. The Air Force also suggested that if the sighting was not caused by a meteor, then it might have been a U-2 plane or a balloon, despite obvious evidence that neither fit, and despite the fact that there was no evidence for this.

New bylaws for MUFON to be voted on by members

By Dan Wright
Deputy Director, Investigations

MUFON Members:

At the corporate meeting held in Arlington, VA, on July 4, 1999, the MUFON Board of Directors determined that it was necessary to revise the MUFON bylaws, the rules under which our organization is governed. The bylaws were last revised in 1982 and, given the extensive growth in both membership size and activities since then, no longer reflect the entire scope of our endeavors.

A MUFON transition committee was formed to draft new bylaws as well as a strategic plan of operations to begin the 21st Century. Committee members were: Dan Wright (chair), deputy director, investigations; Tom Deuley, corporate secretary; Tom Whitmore, treasurer; Carolyn McNellis, director of fund raising; Herb Prouty, director of legal affairs, and George Filer, eastern regional director.

These proposed bylaws have been approved by the current Board of Directors, but under the existing bylaws a proposed revision must be adopted by a majority of the members voting on such a proposal. A ballot is enclosed. Please take the time to vote, as your participation is crucial to this process.

Following is a summary of the most important proposed changes in the bylaws.

Membership

MUFON membership has always been by invitation, and a provision to that effect remains in the proposed bylaws.

The organization under this proposal is composed of "general" members, who serve in investigative, research or managerial roles and have election voting rights, as well as "associate" members in other capacities. A new member classification for students is created in order to develop a cadre of associate members under age 18. Persons who subscribe to the *MUFON UFO Journal* without engaging in a specific function will no longer be shown in the membership count.

A provision is added that all persons desiring to join a local, state or provincial MUFON group must also be a general or associate member of the international organization or otherwise subscribe to the *MUFON UFO Journal*.

To preserve the integrity of the membership, a provision is added for the board of directors to remove a general member who engages in conduct deemed detrimental to MUFON. A separately prepared code of ethics will clarify the conduct expected of all members.

State and provincial directors have clear authority and responsibility under the proposal to appoint an assistant director, section directors, field investigators and other state/provincial officers as well as to reassign persons when necessary.

Meetings

State and provincial directors will be obligated to provide every general member with an opportunity to meet with fellow members at least twice per year. Investigator training must be conducted either as part of those meetings or separately.

The annual corporate meeting of the MUFON board of directors will continue to be held in conjunction with the annual international symposium. Interim board meetings are added in recognition of the broad range of business necessitating the board's attention.

Board Composition

In the proposed bylaws, the MUFON board of directors comprises positions clearly responsible for policy making. Functional directorships cover the areas of investigations, legal affairs, membership, publications, research and fund raising. Three regional directorships for the U.S. and one for Canada are maintained, while a regional director for Mexico is added.

Board Elections

All board of directors positions are subject to election under the proposal. For positions other than international director or regional director, candidates may be nominated by any state/provincial director or a member of the board. There are no restrictions on who may be nominated. Election is by majority vote of the combined state directors, provincial directors and board members.

Regional directorships under the plan continue to be open to state/provincial directors, assistant directors, section directors and members of the board or administrative staff. Election is by plurality vote of the general members in that region.

When a vacancy occurs in the international directorship, a search committee will be established to identify qualified candidates. Selection of a new international director will require a two-thirds majority vote of the board.

To allow for both continuity and fresh perspectives on the board of directors, board positions other than the international director and regional director will have three-year terms, with the elections on a staggered basis. Regional directors continue to have staggered four-year terms. The international director serves under a contract for a period to be specified in the contract.

Shared Authority

The proposed bylaws establish a shared arrangement of authority among the state and provincial MUFON chapters, the international director, the board of directors, and an executive committee of the board, respectively.

State/provincial directors and their chapters are free to elect officers, conduct business and establish an investigative network in whatever manner they choose.

The international director serves as the chief executive officer. S/he is responsible for MUFON's involvement with other UFO-related organizations, manages the corporate headquarters operations and financial affairs, and supervises the state and provincial directors, administrative staff and persons representing MUFON in other countries. The international director is a voting member of the board of directors and the executive committee.

The board of directors decides the organization's general policies, oversees major expenditures, and selects the international director. Functional board members have specified responsibilities to advance MUFON's membership, investigations, research, fund raising, publications, and legal affairs. Regional directors represent the general membership and are responsible for assisting state and provincial chapters. The board may create additional board or administrative staff positions to reflect organizational needs.

The executive committee consists of the international director, deputy director, treasurer, corporate secretary, and a functional or regional director who is chosen annually by the full board and serves as board chairperson. The executive committee ensures that MUFON policies and strategic plans are carried out. It may react in situations requiring immediate action such as authorizing emergency expenditures or removing a general member whose actions are harmful to the organization.

The administrative staff implement board policies under the international director's supervision. Included on the staff are the editor of the *MUFON UFO Journal*, coordinators of governmental affairs, international staff, special (sensitive) investigations, and systems (MUFON's website, online UFO database, hardware and software needs).

The international director, Journal editor, and systems coordinator are paid positions. Wages or reimbursement of expenses may be provided to others at a future time when MUFON's financial structure can afford those disbursements.

Research

The proposal carries forward the member categories of consultant (requiring a doctoral degree) and research specialist (requiring a master's level degree or equivalent). These persons have the responsibility to initiate research and to participate in group research or offer input on particular matters when requested. The director of research coordinates those activities with the intended purpose of publishing a series of documents on various aspects of the UFO subject.

**BYLAWS OF THE MUFON/MUTUAL UFO NETWORK, INC.
A NONPROFIT CORPORATION**

Final Draft

**ARTICLE I
NAME, OBJECTIVES AND GOVERNANCE**

- Section 1 The name of this organization shall be MUFON/Mutual UFO Network, Inc. Hereinafter in these bylaws, for brevity, the acronym MUFON is used.
- Section 2 MUFON is a nonprofit corporation under the laws of the State of Colorado with a purpose amenable to the guidelines outlined in Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- Section 3 MUFON's mission is the systematic collection and analysis of UFO data, with the ultimate goal of learning the origin and nature of the UFO phenomenon.
- Section 4 a. MUFON shall be governed by its articles of incorporation and by these bylaws.
 b. The stated location of the MUFON principal office is P.O. Box 369, Morrison, CO, U.S.A.

**ARTICLE II
PUBLICATIONS**

- Section 1 To promote public awareness of the UFO subject, MUFON may publish and copyright its monthly periodical, the MUFON UFO Journal, the annual International UFO Symposium Proceedings, and the MUFON Field Investigator's Manual in addition to other publications for sale and/or distribution to the general public.

**ARTICLE III
FINANCE**

- Section 1 The fiscal year of MUFON shall be July 1 through June 30.
- Section 2 a. The board of directors shall determine the amount of the annual dues payable to the corporation, which shall be the same for general and associate membership.
 b. Members shall be reminded in writing of the annual membership dues before the renewal date. Failure to remit the membership dues results in termination of the MUFON UFO Journal subscription and discontinued membership privileges.
- Section 3 a. The international director and the treasurer shall maintain custody of a MUFON checking account, and other financial accounts as necessary, at one or more financial institutions convenient for the principal office of MUFON and approved by the board of directors. Any such account may be established to permit on-line computer transactions.
 b. The international director and the treasurer are authorized to make deposits into MUFON accounts and to designate headquarters office staff to make such deposits on their behalf.
 c. Checks or other drafts drawn on MUFON accounts in the normal course of business shall be in the name of MUFON and signed by the international director and either the treasurer or office staff person s/he designates.
 d. The international director or treasurer shall transfer funds between accounts, excepting the

endowment account described in this Article, as deemed necessary or expedient by the executive committee.

e. The international director may obtain a financial debit card or credit card in the name of MUFON. S/he may use the card for emergencies, subject to executive committee review, and in accordance with any cash management policies established by the board of directors.

f. The international director shall promptly report to the treasurer all financial transactions in which the treasurer does not directly participate.

Section 4 a. The treasurer shall invest MUFON funds in accordance with any investment policy adopted by the board of directors.

b. The treasurer shall maintain a permanent endowment fund to guarantee the future operation and financial security of MUFON. This fund may be supplemented by monies and bequests received for that specific purpose and any other monies the board of directors allocates to the fund.

Section 5 a. The international director may expend funds as necessary in the normal course of business as described in these bylaws, including necessary expenses related to office operations, monthly and annual publications, and the organization's symposia.

b. The international director may authorize up to \$2,000.00 for the emergency investigation of a UFO case or related cases which s/he considers to be of high priority. S/he may also authorize up to \$2,000.00 for laboratory expenses in connection with such case(s). Additional investigative or laboratory expenditures require executive committee majority approval.

c. Expenditures for other projects or initiatives to advance the organization's objectives as specified in Article I of these bylaws require board approval.

Section 6 The treasurer is responsible for maintaining accurate and complete records of all receipts and disbursements of MUFON, including bills, authorization for disbursements, and receipts for payment of bills. S/he shall make all of the books and all supporting papers available, upon request, to auditors retained to audit the accounts of MUFON.

Section 7 MUFON may receive gifts, grants, donations, memorials, bequests, and any other increment to MUFON funds, whether restricted as to use by donor or not, subject to the approval of the executive committee. Such offerings shall be individually acknowledged via written receipt.

Section 8 a. At the annual corporate meeting, the board of directors shall determine the wages and any fringe benefits to be paid to persons staffing the headquarters and, based on assessment of performance, to the editor of the MUFON UFO Journal and the MUFON website manager.

b. Wages and/or reimbursement of actual expenses may be paid to additional members of the board of directors, other administrative staff, and state/provincial chapters. Those amounts, if any, and conditions shall be determined by the board in consideration of MUFON's overall financial status.

Section 9 a. At the conclusion of each fiscal year, the international director and treasurer shall prepare and sign an annual financial report covering all receipts and expenditures, following and adhering to recognized accounting and bookkeeping procedures. The international director shall distribute the report to the board of directors.

b. The international director shall submit an operational budget and projected expenditures of special funds for the next fiscal year, for approval by the board of directors at the annual corporate meeting.

c. As directed by the board of directors, the corporation's books of account shall be audited at the close of the fiscal year by auditors named by the board.

Section 10 a. In the event of the dissolution of MUFON, the trustees, as established by Article XIV of these bylaws, shall distribute the organization's net assets, after discharge of all just debts and other legal obligations, to nonprofit professional, scientific, educational or charitable entities with purposes and objectives similar to MUFON's and with Section 501 (c)(3) (Internal Revenue Code) status. The distribution shall require a two-thirds majority approval of the board of directors.

b. Upon the dissolution of MUFON, no member shall have any right, title, or interest in any of its property or funds, including any earnings or investment income, nor shall any member divert any MUFON property or funds to his/her personal use or benefit, nor shall any of such property or funds be distributed to any member.

Section 11 No member of this corporation shall be personally liable for any of its debts, liabilities, or obligations, nor shall any member be subject to any assessment. The corporation shall maintain appropriate liability insurance to cover the board of directors.

ARTICLE IV MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 a. Persons age 18 or older who have a sincere interest in investigating or researching the phenomena collectively known as UFOs may be selected for general membership to MUFON.

b. To be considered for membership, a candidate must submit a written application along with the annual dues, which shall be the same for general and associate members.

c. General membership is limited to those persons invited or endorsed by a current member of the board of directors, state or provincial director, administrative staff person, consultant or research specialist.

d. Applicants accepted as general members are appointed to particular positions, described in these bylaws, based upon their education, professional skills and/or expertise. Applicants accepted as associate members and other MUFON UFO Journal subscribers not accepted as general members have no voting or other general membership privileges.

e. Receipt of the annual dues and approval of the membership application shall be acknowledged by issuance of a membership identification card.

f. Members shall be reminded in writing of the annual membership dues before the renewal date. Failure to remit the membership dues results in termination of the MUFON UFO Journal subscription and discontinued membership privileges.

g. MUFON shall not accept for membership any candidate who fails to meet the minimum requirements for membership as specified by these bylaws.

h. Any person desiring to join a local, state or provincial MUFON organization must be a general or associate member, as described in this Article, or subscribe to the MUFON UFO Journal.

Section 2 a. The categories of general member positions are: board of directors, administrative staff, consultant, research specialist, state or provincial director, state or provincial section director, field investigator and field investigator trainee.

b. No endorsement requirement applies to associate membership categories: amateur radio operator, amateur astronomer, translator, UFO news clipping contributor and student member (ages 12 through 17).

c. If a membership application for a general or associate member position is not approved, the person shall be notified and be listed as a MUFON UFO Journal subscriber or the annual dues shall be refunded.

d. Annual membership includes a 12-month subscription to the periodical, MUFON UFO Journal.

Section 3 A member may be removed for conduct deemed detrimental to the interests of MUFON.

a. Removal action shall be initiated in writing from a member of the board of directors to the executive committee, which shall notify the member charged with the allegation/s in writing and provide him/her with a reasonable opportunity to respond.

b. A two-thirds majority vote of the board of directors is required to remove a board member. A majority vote of the executive committee is required to remove other general and associate members. The unused portion of the removed member's annual dues shall be refunded.

Section 4 Financial supporters of MUFON shall be accorded honorary membership and, where donations meet or exceed the annual membership dues, shall receive a one-year subscription to the MUFON UFO Journal.

ARTICLE V MEETINGS

Section 1 At all meetings of the executive committee or the board of directors, a quorum must be present for every matter requiring a vote. A quorum shall be half of the members eligible to vote at the meeting.

Section 2 The annual corporate meeting shall be held in conjunction with the International UFO Symposium. Attendance is required by all members of the board of directors and is restricted to board members and any invited guests. Board members telephonically present shall be considered in attendance and be permitted to vote on all matters.

a. The corporate secretary shall give postal notice to all members of the board of directors at least three months in advance. The notice shall announce the date, time and place and solicit agenda items.

b. The corporate secretary shall compile and distribute the agenda to the board of directors prior to the meeting.

c. The previously elected chairperson of the board of directors or, in his/her absence, another board member agreed to shall preside initially. By a two-thirds majority vote the board shall elect a functional director or regional director as chairperson. That person shall then preside.

d. The corporate secretary or, in his/her absence, a member of the board of directors selected by the chairperson shall record the minutes of the meeting.

e. "Roberts Rules of Order" shall be the parliamentary authority for all matters of procedure not specifically covered by these bylaws.

f. The board of directors shall consider proposed bylaws amendments in accordance with Article XV of these bylaws.

9. The board of directors shall address all agenda items and may conduct any other business necessary for the operation of MUFON.

Section 3

Business of the board of directors may be conducted by postal and electronic correspondence, and by meetings held in person, telephonically or electronically. Decisions shall be restricted to those matters for which the board of directors has authority or responsibility, as described in these bylaws, and recorded by the corporate secretary. Any decision shall require a majority vote of the board members present and voting.

a. A member of the executive committee or a majority of the board of directors, as described in Article VI of these bylaws, may call a board meeting and shall give postal notice of the agenda to all board members at least 30 days in advance.

b. The agenda shall be restricted to those matters for which the board of directors has authority or responsibility as described in these bylaws.

b. Procedures described in Section 2, subsections (d) and (e) of this Article shall apply.

Section 4

Executive committee business may be conducted by postal and electronic correspondence and by meetings held in person, telephonically or electronically. Decisions shall be restricted to those matters for which the executive committee has authority or responsibility, as described in these bylaws, and shall be recorded by the corporate secretary. Any decision shall require a majority vote by at least half of the executive committee members.

a. A member of the executive committee may call a meeting and shall give notice of the agenda to all other executive committee members in advance.

b. The corporate secretary or, in his/her absence, a member of the board of directors selected by the chairperson shall record the minutes of the meeting.

Section 5

a. State and provincial directors shall conduct meetings of the general membership in their respective states/provinces at least semi-annually. Such meetings may be limited to geographic areas of the state/province, provided every general member has the opportunity to meet at least twice per year.

b. Field investigator training sessions shall be conducted as part of such meetings or separately, provided every general member has the opportunity to be trained at least twice per year.

**ARTICLE VI
COMPOSITION AND ELECTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Section 1

The MUFON executive committee is composed of the chairperson of the board of directors, international director, deputy international director, corporate secretary, and treasurer. The executive committee is part of the board of directors.

Section 2

Functional directorships on the board of directors include investigations, legal affairs, membership, publications, research, and fund raising.

Section 3

Regional directorships on the board of directors, as determined by the board, include geographic regions of North America and may include other countries.

a. State and provincial directors, state and provincial section directors, members of the board

of directors and administrative staff are eligible for candidacy. The international director shall solicit nominations in the MUFON UFO Journal from any general member. Candidates must reside in the region in which the election is held and express in writing to the international director a willingness to hold the position and to perform the duties of the position.

b. The regional director shall be elected from the nominees by plurality vote of general members in the region voting by postal or electronic correspondence.

Section 4 Candidates for board of directors positions, other than international director and regional director, shall be nominated by a member of the board or a state/provincial director and elected by majority vote of the combined board members, state directors and provincial directors voting by postal or electronic correspondence.

Section 5 a. The term of office for all board of directors positions, other than regional director and international director, shall encompass three annual corporate meetings. The terms shall be staggered, as approved by the board, so that no less than one-third of the positions is subject to reelection each year.

b. The term of office for all regional director positions shall encompass four annual corporate meetings. The terms shall be staggered, as approved by the board, so that no less than one-fourth of the positions is subject to reelection each year.

c. The terms of employment, including wages and term of office, of the international director shall be specified in a written contract. The contract shall be subject to approval by the members of the board of directors present and voting at the annual corporate meeting or an interim board meeting.

Section 6 A vacancy on the board of directors is created by a board member's resignation, assumption of a separate position, failure to maintain current membership status, failure to attend three successive annual corporate meetings, or death. A vacancy also results from a two-thirds majority vote of the board for a board member's removal due to physical or mental incapacity, conduct deemed detrimental to the organization, or failure to fulfill the responsibilities of the position.

a. When a member of the board of directors other than the international director vacates the position or is removed, the board of directors by majority vote shall select a successor to complete the unexpired term, as prescribed in Section 4 of this Article.

b. When the international director vacates the position or is removed, the deputy international director shall temporarily assume the international directorship, as described in Article VII, Section 3 of these bylaws. The board of directors shall appoint a committee to identify prospective candidates and meet to elect a new international director, which shall require a two-thirds majority vote.

Section 7 Only the chairperson of the board of directors may hold two board positions concurrently, that of executive committee member and his/her separate board position. That person shall have a single vote on any executive committee or board matter.

ARTICLE VII AUTHORITY AND DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1 a. The executive committee is responsible for ensuring MUFON policies and strategic plans are properly implemented. The executive committee shall enforce decisions of the board of directors and decide matters delegated by the board or as otherwise provided in these bylaws. Decisions of the executive committee may be reached by correspondence, in conjunction with the annual corporate meeting or at interim meetings, subject to the provisions of Article V of these

bylaws.

b. Individual executive committee members shall have voting rights on all matters of the board of directors and other authority and duties as prescribed in these bylaws.

Section 2 The chairperson of the board of directors shall perform the duties relative to board meetings as described in Article V, Section 2 of these bylaws.

Section 3 a. The international director is a MUFON trustee.

b. S/he is responsible for administering MUFON's involvement with organizations worldwide that are oriented to UFO investigations or research.

c. S/he may appoint, supervise and reassign state and provincial directors, consultants, research specialists, foreign representatives, national directors, continental coordinators, the international coordinator and administrative staff.

d. S/he shall assign duties to members under his/her supervision in accordance with policies approved by the board of directors.

e. S/he has authority over and responsibilities for MUFON financial matters as described in Article III of these bylaws.

f. At the annual corporate meeting s/he shall report on the state of the organization, including reports submitted by or due from members of the board of directors and persons identified in section 3 (c) of this Article.

g. S/he is responsible for operating and administering the corporate headquarters and has the authority and responsibility to hire, supervise, reassign and remove clerical and other office employees.

h. S/he is responsible for maintenance of MUFON's master UFO files.

i. S/he shall maintain a list of speakers by geographic area who are available for appearances at schools, colleges and universities, civic groups and other organizations concerning the UFO subject.

j. S/he shall serve as a spokesperson in communications with potential donors.

Section 4 a. The deputy international director has responsibilities in any area of MUFON, functioning as assigned by the international director or the board of directors.

b. S/he shall assume the international directorship temporarily when the international director is absent or otherwise in accordance with Article VI, Section 6 of these bylaws.

Section 5 a. The corporate secretary is a MUFON trustee.

b. S/he shall perform duties relative to MUFON meetings as described in Article V of these bylaws.

c. S/he shall have other responsibilities, as described in his/her position description, pursuant to the efficient operation of the MUFON headquarters, or shall delegate same to an office secretary.

- Section 6
- a. The treasurer is a MUFON trustee.
 - b. S/he has authority over and responsibilities for MUFON financial matters as described in Article III of these bylaws.
 - c. Whenever requested by the board of directors, s/he shall offer a bond for the faithful performance of his/her duties in such amount and with such surety as the board prescribes.

**ARTICLE VIII
AUTHORITY AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

- Section 1
- a. The board of directors is responsible for determining all matters of MUFON organization, policy, strategic planning, cash management and financial investments, except those empowered to the executive committee as described in Article VII of these bylaws. MUFON purchases or expenditures exceeding \$2,000, other than expected high expenditures for publications, are subject to board approval.
 - b. Decisions of the board of directors may be reached by correspondence, at the annual corporate meeting or at interim meetings, subject to the provisions of Article V of these bylaws.
 - c. The board of directors has authority to establish or revise MUFON policies as necessary, which may have the effect of directing, redirecting or ceasing any project, initiative or operation whether planned or ongoing.
 - d. Subject to the provisions of Article VIII, Section 3 and Article XI, Section 2 of these bylaws, to reflect organizational needs the board of directors may create or dissolve functional directorships and administrative staff positions. When a board position is dissolved, the person in that position shall be permitted to complete his/her term as a member of the board.
 - e. In addition to the authority set forth in these bylaws, the board of directors shall have all other authority which may be exercised by the governing body of a nonprofit corporation under Colorado law and the provisions of Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and its revisions.
 - f. Prior to the annual International UFO Symposium, each member of the board of directors shall submit a report to the international director of activities during the fiscal year to fulfill the responsibilities of his/her position and intended activities in the next fiscal year.
- Section 2
- a. Regional directors shall represent the interests of all MUFON members residing in specified regions as described in Article VI, Section 3 of these bylaws.
 - b. Within his/her respective region, the regional director is responsible for assisting state/provincial directors to organize their chapters, resolve administrative matters, and cooperate in investigations across state/provincial boundaries.
 - c. In preparation for the International UFO Symposium to be held in his/her region, the regional director shall offer leadership and other assistance as requested by the host MUFON chapter.
- Section 3
- The board of directors shall include functional departments described in this Section and may include others as determined by the executive committee. Individual board members shall be in charge of the functional directorships. They are responsible for providing information and recommendations pursuant to board decision making.

- a. The director of investigations has final review authority regarding submitted case reports of UFO incidents. S/he shall oversee the maintenance of a computerized UFO database. S/he has decision-making authority on investigative procedures and the content of the MUFON Field Investigator's Manual. S/he shall advise the board of directors on UFO-related matters potentially requiring special investigation.
- b. The director of legal affairs must possess a Juris Doctor degree from a recognized institution and have authority to practice law in one or more states of the United States. S/he shall advise the board of directors on all issues of law actually or potentially affecting MUFON. S/he shall prepare a contract specifying the terms of office of the international director.
- c. The director of membership shall explore various means to increase the MUFON membership total. S/he shall establish and oversee the maintenance of an auxiliary student membership, as described in Article IV of these bylaws, and advise the board of directors on other potential membership categories.
- d. The director of publications shall advise the board of directors on the design, content and editorial policy of the MUFON UFO Journal, the International UFO Symposium Proceedings, pamphlets and brochures for public distribution, and any other potential MUFON publication.
- e. The director of research is responsible for advancing MUFON's collective knowledge in all areas of UFO and related research. S/he may conduct research directly and shall advise the board of directors regarding potential research projects involving MUFON consultants and/or research specialists.
- f. The director of fund raising is responsible for preparation of grant proposals to solicit funding from nonprofit foundations, other organizations and individuals for approval by the board of directors. S/he shall serve as a spokesperson in communications with potential donors. S/he shall advise the board of directors on other fund raising activities.

ARTICLE IX

COMPOSITION, SELECTION AND DUTIES OF THE ADVISORY BOARD OF CONSULTANTS

- Section 1 The advisory board of consultants is composed of persons who hold a doctoral degree in a physical or social science, engineering, psychology, medicine, the law or other academic field applicable to resolving questions concerning the UFO enigma. Individual consultants are appointed by the international director based on their career credentials.
- Section 2 Each consultant has the responsibility to initiate research and to participate in group research efforts when requested. As provided in Articles VII and VIII of these bylaws, upon request s/he shall offer input on particular UFO-related incidents, issues or research projects. The international director assigns tasks to consultants directly or as the result of decisions by the board of directors.

ARTICLE X

COMPOSITION, SELECTION AND DUTIES OF RESEARCH SPECIALISTS

- Section 1 Research Specialists hold a master's level degree, or the equivalent in education and professional experience, in a physical or social science, engineering, psychology, medicine, or a technical field applicable to resolving questions concerning the UFO enigma. Individual research specialists are appointed by the international director based on their career credentials.
- Section 2 Each research specialist has the responsibility to initiate research and to participate in group research efforts when requested. As provided in Articles VII and VIII of these bylaws, upon request s/he shall offer input on particular UFO-related incidents, issues or research projects.

The international director assigns tasks to research specialists directly or as the result of decisions by the board of directors.

**ARTICLE XI
COMPOSITION, SELECTION AND DUTIES OF ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF**

- Section 1 Administrative staff are responsible for providing technical and other support to MUFON via assignments and supervision from the international director.
- Section 2 Administrative staff shall include, but not be limited to, the positions in this Section.
- a. Editor, MUFON UFO Journal
 - b. Governmental affairs coordinator
 - c. International staff coordinator
 - d. Special investigations coordinator
 - e. Systems coordinator

**ARTICLE XII
SELECTION, AUTHORITY AND DUTIES OF STATE AND PROVINCIAL DIRECTORS**

- Section 1 The directors of MUFON state and provincial chapters in the USA, Canada, Mexico, and other countries as established by the executive committee shall have the authority and duties described in this Article.
- Section 2
- a. S/he is responsible for recruiting qualified individuals to investigate UFO reports throughout the state/province and overseeing their conduct in representing MUFON.
 - b. S/he may appoint an assistant state director who is a qualified field investigator.
 - c. S/he shall establish state/provincial geographic sections, appoint and supervise section directors and, directly or indirectly through section directors, supervise field investigators and field investigator trainees.
 - d. S/he shall establish an organizational framework of state/provincial chapter offices and procedures for the appointment of general and restricted members to fill same.
 - e. S/he shall assign investigations when notified by MUFON headquarters or local authorities of UFO reports by the public, review all submitted case reports for completeness and accuracy, and forward the original materials as directed.
 - f. S/he shall conduct meetings and investigative training as prescribed in Article V, Section 5 of these bylaws.
 - g. S/he may reassign an assistant state director, state section director, field investigator or field investigator trainee and must report such action to the international director.
 - h. S/he shall restrict membership in the state/provincial MUFON organization to persons who are listed by the headquarters as a general or associate member, as described in these bylaws, or a subscriber to the MUFON UFO Journal.

**ARTICLE XIII
MUFON GIFTS AND GRANTS**

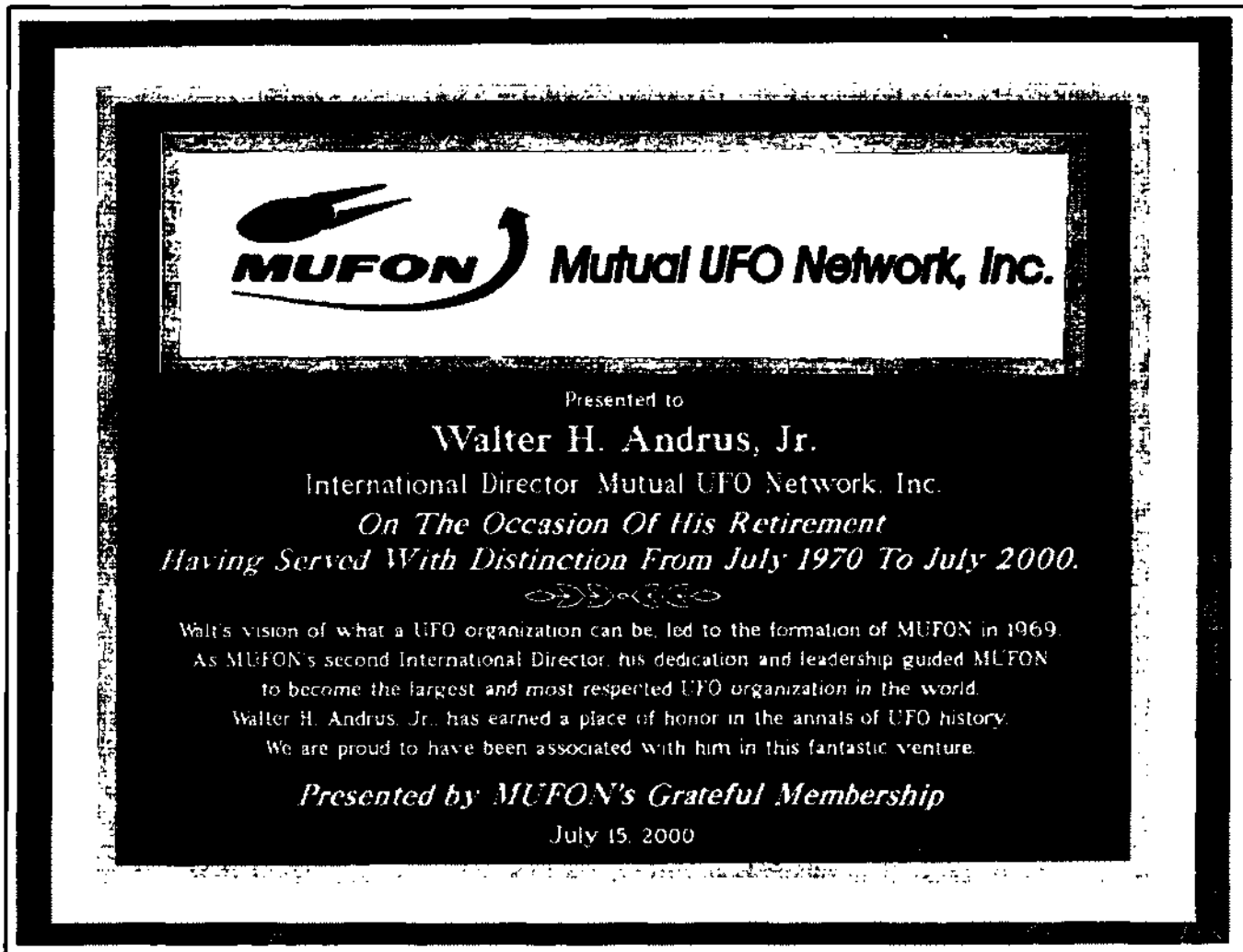
- Section 1 MUFON may designate monetary gifts and grants to individuals, organizations, schools, research teams or other groups to finance endeavors to resolve the UFO enigma. Such expenditures are subject to approval of the board of directors.

**ARTICLE XIV
COMPOSITION AND DUTIES OF TRUSTEES**

Section 1

- a. The MUFON corporate officers shall be known as the trustees and shall comprise the international director, corporate secretary, and treasurer.

- b. In the event of the dissolution of MUFON, the trustees shall pay all outstanding debts and distribute the remaining assets as prescribed in Article III, Section 10, of these bylaws and the Articles of Incorporation.



The above plaque was presented to outgoing MUFON Director Walter H. Andrus during opening ceremonies of the MUFON 2000 International UFO Symposium in St. Louis July 15 in recognition of his 30 years of service as MUFON's leader.

Filer's Files

By George A. Filer
Director, MUFON Eastern Region

Auto chased by UFO in California desert

BAKER — On July 1, 2000, two men were traveling just north of Baker when they spotted a huge cigar-shaped craft two stories high that was silver or aluminum in color. It had tall rectangular lights across the front of it. It was bigger than any airplane and its maneuverability was unbelievable. It was totally silent.



George Filer

One of the witnesses reports: "The craft chased us three times. The last time it chased us nine miles and was only one to two feet above our car as it chased us at speeds of up to ninety miles per hour.

"There was quite a bit of air pressure of some kind exerted on our vehicle from the craft. It was so strong we could not close the windows all the way. They were being pushed in. We were driving in the open desert where visibility was great and the sky was clear.

"This cigar-shaped craft flew down and actually blocked the road. We were forced to stop. Then it approached us closer. We shut our lights off and it advanced toward us quickly. We then turned around and fled. The first time it chased us it did so for approximately a half mile at 100 to 200 feet behind us. The second time it got even closer. The third time it came after us and actually stayed right above us. Part of the craft was actually almost touching our vehicle.

"When we arrived at our destination, we heard that there was a report of a UFO near the town where we observed this UFO."

(NUFORC Note: Peter Davenport stated, "We spoke with the witness who submitted this report, and we found him to be quite sincere in his description of what allegedly occurred.")

The second witness provides his version of the story: "We were traveling north on Highway 127 outside of Baker at 3:30 a.m. Brian and I noticed a light in the sky that seemed to disappear within a few minutes.

"Very soon we noticed dim lights on the road ahead, so we pulled over to investigate and turned the car lights off to see better. Suddenly there were bright lights from the object coming toward us. We turned the car around and started back south on the highway. It followed us

for a mile or so and disappeared.

"We weren't happy with that, so we turned around and headed north again. We got maybe a mile when the object appeared over a sand dune mountain and started coming toward us with its lights on. We made a 'U' turn and drove south again.

"We stopped the car so I could take over the driving. When I looked out the driver's window, the object was flying next to us. It chased us for about a mile and disappeared.

"We again turned around and headed north again. To our surprise it was waiting again, so we immediately turned back towards Baker, driving at speeds of over 90 mph. Brian then asked, 'Where is it?' When I turned to look, it was right on top of us.

"I could see what appeared to be airline engines in the back window. When I looked out my passenger window, I could clearly tell this was no plane, for the bottom of this aircraft was directly above us. It made no noise. I yelled to get us out of here and proceeded to raise the car windows. The windows would not shut for they were bowed in.

"It was very bright inside the car, and at first I thought the panel lights were on, so I reached down to turn them off. This is when we both noticed the lime green glow inside the car. I looked straight ahead and noticed a car coming toward us and yelled for Brian to watch out, when suddenly our ears popped and the object was gone." The witness claims to have observed similar craft with a comparable modus of operation. Thanks to Peter Davenport, NUFORC.

Strange light seen in California

HOPLAND — On July 7, 2000, John Mini, an acupuncturist, was driving with his girl friend at dusk near the Indian Reservation. The sky was clear blue, and it was a beautiful day. They saw an extremely bright light shining a light on a home below. They had never seen a light so bright.

At first they thought it might be a helicopter shining a million plus power light. They realized there was no sound, and the light was much too large. Suddenly the light seemed to swirl and it became pinkish and then completely vanished.

It left an ionized trail that moved through the air. The ionization trail lasted for thirty minutes. The driver ahead of them also stopped to see the show.

Note: Richard Hall's column, "Perspective," is not running this month because Dick is working on the manuscript for *The UFO Evidence, Volume II*, due out in December. Dick will be back next issue to give his perspective on the July Journal.

The NIGHT SKY

Walter N. Webb

September 2000

Bright Planets (Evening Sky):

Venus (magnitude -3.9) still is a low object in the western twilight sky, setting only about one hour after sunset in mid-month. (It is higher and easier to see from the southern states.) The lunar crescent lies near the bright planet on September 29 and 30.

Jupiter (-2.5) and Saturn (0.0), now about 10 degrees apart in Taurus, rise in the ENE shortly after 10 and before 10 PM, respectively. Saturn is above the Moon on the 18th; Jupiter above it on the 19th. While the former begins to retrograde westward on September 12, the latter does so 17 days later. For those with telescopes, Saturn's rings reach their maximum tilt this year and thus present an open appearance.

Bright Planets (Morning Sky):


Mars (1.8), in Leo, rises in the ENE about 4:30 AM in mid-September. The ruddy planet closes to within 1 degree of the star Regulus on the 16th and 17th. The crescent Moon makes a nice triangle with the planet and star on September 25.

Jupiter and Saturn can be found high in the S at dawn.

Moon Phases:

First quarter--September 5 

Full moon--September 13 . . . Harvest Moon

Last quarter--September 20 

New moon--September 27 

The Stars:

The autumnal equinox on September 22 heralds the arrival of the rather dim fall constellations in the E. Nevertheless, it shouldn't be too difficult to find the Great Square of Pegasus in the SE (10 PM). It is as much a symbol of autumn as the Summer Triangle is of summer. The square is large, measuring very roughly 15 degrees on each side. Both seasonal symbols are visible right now at the same time.

Pegasus was the famous Winged Horse of mythol-

ogy. Several lines of stars that branch from the western side of the square form the head, neck, and front legs of the horse, which is flying upside-down.

What looks like the hind legs of the animal is really the adjoining constellation of Andromeda the Princess. The NE corner of the square, the star Alpheratz, actually is the head of Andromeda, while the two strings of stars extending outward form her gown.

Recent Water on Mars?

Images from Mars Global Surveyor have revealed evidence of recently flowing water on the red planet. Heretofore it was thought Mars had lost most of its liquid surface water several billion years ago.

Newly discovered gullies and debris flows on the slopes of some crater walls appear to indicate the presence of underground water recently discharged on the surface—perhaps in periodic bursts through cracks from repeated build-up and release of groundwater pressure.

NASA's Ed Weiler remarked: "The water could have flowed perhaps a million years ago, perhaps 10,000 [years ago], perhaps yesterday. . . . If these results prove true, [they have] profound implications for the possibility of life."

CALENDAR

September 23-24 – 37th Annual National UFO Conference, Corpus Christi, Texas. Hosted by Corpus Christi MUFON. Contact Doris Upchurch at (361) 937-2381. Room reservations: 800-688-0334, ext. 1630.

October 7-8 – The 12th UFO/ET Congress at the Days Inn in Bordentown, New Jersey. For further information call 609-631-8955.

October 20-22 – Journey Beyond Conference, Ft. Walton Beach, Florida. For free program guide, write conference 7262 Highpointe, Pl. E., Spanish Fort, AL 36527 or call (334) 621-5750.

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BALLOT TO VOTE ON BYLAWS

Ballot to vote for approval or disapproval of the new/revised MUFON Bylaws. Please read the bylaws so that you may make an educated and prompt decision in your voting for this important matter. We want everyone to vote, so foreign members should submit their ballots preferably by airmail, even though they may not arrive until after the **deadline of September 15, 2000**. All ballots will be counted in order to meet the present bylaws stipulations. Family members will sign their name and vote on the single ballot enclosed provided each has a current I.D. membership card.

Family members

<input type="checkbox"/> Approved	_____	_____	_____
	(Signature)	(Print or type name)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Disapproved	_____	_____	_____
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Director's Message...

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St. Louis, MO, for \$25 plus \$1.75 for postage and handling. The theme "UFOs In the New Millennium" includes thirteen of the most respected UFO researchers in the world today. The cover was designed by **Robert E. Nelson and Roberta Puhalski**. The 8 1/2 x 11 soft bound book has 274 pages of exciting reading and illustrations.

In the USA please send a check, postal money order, or cash to MUFON, 103 Oldtowne Road, Seguin, TX 78155-4099, or foreign send an international postal money order, travelers check, or cash in U.S. dollars.

Part II: By John F. Schuessler

St. Louis UFO Symposium

The MUFON 2000 International UFO Symposium was held July 14-16, 2000, at the Sheraton West Port Hotel in St. Louis, MO. This was a successful and most enjoyable event. **Bruce Widaman** and his outstanding team are to be congratulated for the fine job they did planning and hosting the event.

I want to personally thank the speakers: **Linda G. Corley, Colm A. Kelleher, John S. Carpenter, Gregory J. Avery, Robert M. Wood, Bruce S. Maccabee, Stanton T. Friedman, Ted R. Phillips, John Greenwald, Jr., Stan Gordon, Gerald E. Rolwes, and Kevin Randle**, for their fine presentations and strong support for MUFON.

Thank You to Walter H. Andrus, Jr.

For the past thirty years of the thirty-one-year history of MUFON, Walt Andrus has been at the helm in the role of International Director. Walt was the impetus behind the very first MUFON UFO symposium, held in Peoria, IL, in 1970, and through his efforts we have had an annual symposium every year since then. This is an enviable record and I want to thank Walt for making it all possible.

Walt had another goal as well. He believed it was necessary to communicate monthly with MUFON members, and to make that happen, he has been a staunch supporter of the *MUFON UFO Journal* and its predecessor *SKYLOOK*. The July 2000 issue of the *Journal* was number 387, and nearly every issue of the *Journal* contained a message from Walt.

Some of the other things Walt has done for MUFON may be found in the *MUFON 2000 Symposium Proceedings* in my tribute to Walt Andrus. Through the good times and the bad times, Walt has always been in there plugging away to keep MUFON active, respected, and sought after. I venture to say that no one could have done it better.

When I think of MUFON, I think of Walt Andrus and his wonderful wife Jeanne. I know they will still be actively supporting MUFON well into the future, but I will miss them as the "first family" of MUFON.

MUFON Transition

The next major step is to transition the MUFON Headquarters office and museum to the Denver, CO, area. We are in the process of locating an appropriate headquarters office location and doing the planning for the move. If all goes well it will happen very quickly.

The new MUFON bylaws are intended to keep MUFON abreast of the times. We haven't revised the bylaws in several years, and as soon as they are approved by the membership, we will change our operating style to match the new bylaws. Our goal is to maintain normal operations as all this happens. I see this as an evolution, not a revolution.

Some of the changes you will see includes the MUFON Board of Directors taking a much stronger role in the running of MUFON, State Directors having more latitude in how they run their state business, and the International Director being a day-to-day facilitator of MUFON operations. We may try some things that don't work and have to adjust as we go, so I hope you will be patient and supportive during this transition.

Director's Message

I have already had some requests for changes in how I present the Director's Message. I know that no one thing will please everyone all of the time, so I am requesting all members to let me know what they would like to see covered in my message. Within the limits of time and space, I will try to honor the spirit of those requests.

A Thank You to All MUFON Members

For the past year I have been monitoring the MUFON e-mail traffic and answering telephone and written requests for information. What I have found is that we have a strong membership with a high level of interest in the investigation of UFO sightings and support for more research. I have clearly heard that very few members care for the bickering and backbiting seen on the Internet and want MUFON to be above that sort of conduct and operated professionally.

It is my pleasure to thank all of you for your support. Some members have been with us from the beginning of MUFON, while others are just now joining. All of you are valuable and your support is appreciated. I hope you will each bring one new member into MUFON this year, making us the strongest and most active organization of our kind.

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Walter Andrus

Part I: By Walter H. Andrus, Jr.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE NETWORK

John F. Schuessler was inducted as International Director on July 16, 2000, replacing the retiring Walter H. Andrus, Jr. Until the MUFON office is moved and established in the Denver, CO, area, all MUFON paperwork should continue to be mailed to Seguin, TX. Explicit instructions for changes will be placed in the *MUFON UFO Journal* when they become effective in order to conduct a smooth transition.

Bylaws Ballot in This Issue

This issue of the *Journal* contains a complete copy of the new/revised MUFON Bylaws for every member to read and vote on. Since the existing bylaws were composed in 1982, ufology and the Mutual UFO Network, Inc. have progressed significantly, making the bylaws somewhat obsolete. Please refer to the Director's Message in the July 2000 issue of the *MUFON UFO Journal* for detailed instructions on the bylaws voting procedure.

This issue of the *Journal* also has a half-page ballot enclosed to facilitate ease of voting. It is imperative that each and every member remove and return the ballot indicating your approval or disapproval of the new bylaws so they may become effective. Since MUFON is a democratic "grass roots" organization here is your opportunity to accept your responsibility by voting promptly.

New Officers

Carlos A. Guzman, B.A. (Mexico City), presently the State Director for Distrito Federal (D.F.) has been promoted to the position of Representative for Mexico, effectively the National Director.

Two new Consultants joined MUFON this past month: **Kenneth A. Dreyer**, Ph.D. (Livermore, CA) in Nuclear Engineering, and **John S. Richardson**, Ph.D. (Corpus Christi, TX) in Biochemistry.

Scott R. Voight, Kentucky State Director, appointed **Earle T. Benezet** to be the State Section Director for the counties surrounding Lexington, KY. **S. Bland Pugh**, Florida State Director, added additional counties to the area served by **Fred R. Saluga**, B. S. (Tallahassee, FL).

Ohio State Director **William E. Jones**, J. D., has recently reorganized the State Section Directors in Ohio to obtain increased statewide coverage and sometimes

reduced areas of responsibility. The following people were either promoted or have been reassigned: **Wendy R. Ban**, M. A. (Whitehall); **Richard P. Dell 'Aquila**, J.D. (Seven Hills); **Donald A. Weatherby** (Springfield); **Don T. Roberts**, B.A. (Plain City); **Bruce M. Forrester**, B.A. (Bellbrook); **Terry A. Hamilton** (Ashland); **Phyllis A. Budinger**, M.S. (Chagrin Falls); **Delbert E. Anderson** (Laurelville); **Franklin B. Reams**, B.S. (Westerville); and **Robert "Pete" Hartinger** (Circleville).

Seven Pass Field Exam

Seven members passed the Field Investigator's exam this month and are to be congratulated for this achievement. They are **Olivia S. Newton** (Lilburn, GA), **Anthony F. Allotta** (San Antonio, TX); **Sandra L. Sells**, B.S. (Phoenix, AZ); **Cynthia R. Stock** (Galveston, TX), **Raymond Hebert** (Shirley, MA); **Thomas E. Crice**, J.D. (Lawrence, KS); and **Alan S. Caviness**, (Jamestown, NC).

National UFO Information Week

The week of Saturday, Aug. 12, to Sunday, Aug. 20, 2000 has been designated as National UFO Information Week. Please contact your shopping mall or public library to reserve space for your UFO exhibit and UFO information distribution.

Awards Made at MUFON 2000 Symposium

The following four people as a team, have designed a new MUFON web site to supplant mufon.com: **Bill Konkolesky** (Royal Oak, MI); **Don Weatherby** (Springfield, OH), **Wendy Ban** (Whitehall, OH); and **Dan Wright** (Lansing MI). Each received a MUFON wall clock and a lapel pin.

Robert D. Long (Reading Center, NY) was awarded a MUFON clock and lapel pin for setting up an e-mail address directory for MUFON members. **Dan Wright** presented **Craig Lang** (Brooklyn Center, MN) with a plaque for the best documented UFO report for the fiscal year. **Bruce A. Widaman** (St. Charles, MO) was recognized with a clock and lapel pin for hosting the successful MUFON 2000 UFO Symposium in St. Louis.

MUFON 2000 Symposium Proceedings

The MUFON 2000 International UFO Symposium Proceedings are now available from the symposium in
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