

Minutes of the FY2026/27 Annual General Meeting (by Hirotomo NODA)

Date/ Time 2026 Aug. 30 (Sun.) 01:00~06:45 UTC (10:00~15:45 JST)

Note: The time information is based on the UTC (Coordinated Universal Time).

1 Opening Address (Tsutomu Hayamizu, Fumi Yoshida) UTC 01:00-01:05

→ Greetings from Hayamizu, Yoshida (co-chairpersons), who showed their gratitude to welcome everyone and to hold this annual meeting.

2 General meeting Regular members only on Zoom UTC 01:05 – 02:40

(1) Accounting report, budget plan (Watanabe) UTC 01:06-01:18

→ Based on the slides, accounting report of 2025/Aug./1~2026/Jul./31 (i.e. FY 2025/26) and the budget plan for FY 2026/27 are explained.

(2) Business report, Business plan (Yoshida) UTC 01:18-01:35

→ 1, The business report of the last FY, includes following items:

- 1) hold the annual meeting: doing TODAY
- 2) establish own domain webpage and the file server: yet to be done
- 3) hold occultation observation workshops: three workshops
- 4) organize observation campaigns: done on Sep. 19, 2025 in Hokkaido
- 5) publication of occultation: observation manual is up.
- 6) election of board members

Plan for 2026/27

- 1) holding annual meeting (Sun. Aug. 29, 2027)
- 2) establish own domain webpage and file server: migration to the new server is planned
- 3) hold occultation observation workshop: Nov. 6, 2026 in Fukuoka, JP, after (3200) Phaethon occultation event
- 4) organize observation campaigns: Nov. 5, 2026. (3200) Phaethon: call for observation will be via IOTA/EA mailing list

(3) Audit report (Horaguchi) / UTC 01:35-01:38

→ He examined the contents of the accounting report and the activity report, and confirmed to be fairly stated. He requested the effort for the replacement of the web server, and for the upload of the observation results on the web page as soon as possible.

(4) Activities and plan of the Departments / 8x 5min

(Miyashita • Watanabe / Miyashita • Soma / Akitaya / Noda / Yoshida / Chilong Lin / Wai-Chun Yue / Ye Yuan)

① Planetary and asteroid occultations Miyashita • Watanabe UTC 01:38 – 01:48

→ He explained the mission of the department, then he explained the contents for the predictions. Reports should be sent to asteroid-report@iota-ea.org, including misses, Low S/N results, GaiaMoons and Lucky Star events. Reports are summarized first to ROREM collection system, then to the IOTA/EA webpage, and finally they are sent to the IOTA center. The upload to the IOTA/EA web page has been delayed. The numbers of successful observations in East Asia since 2021 were shown.

② Lunar occultation Miyashita • Soma UTC 01:48 – 01:53

→ He explained the results statistics of lunar occultations and grazing occultations: the numbers of observation dropped compared to last year.

③ Website management Akitaya UTC 01:53 – 02:00

→ He explained the plan to relocate the IOTA/EA web server from CIT/PERC (Chiba Inst. Tech. / Planetary Exploration Research Center) to a commercial web server. The plan has been delayed since last year. After the migration, the domain name will be changed.

④ Storage of observation data Noda UTC 02:00 – 02:02

→ He explained the usage of current archive server (commercial cloud service). No major update for the last fiscal year. And there is enough free space of the cloud service.

⑤ Public relations and Training Yoshida UTC 02:02 - 02:12

→ She introduced three scientific papers which used IOTA/EA members' observation results, the ASJ (Astronomical Society of Japan) award, a news coverage. Three workshops were held. A request for understanding of appropriate equipment and operation was shown, which had been emphasized repeatedly in the workshops last fiscal year.

⑥ Local branch – Taiwan Chilong Lin

→ no report.

⑦ Local branch – Hong Kong Wai-Chun Yue UTC 02:12 - 02:21

→ He explained the fundamental limitations of Hong Kong: geographically limited area, light pollution and weather (humidity, typhoon, ...). Rapid growth in smart telescopes could overcome these difficulties: they will investigate the timing accuracy of these telescopes.

⑧Local branch – China Ye Yuan UTC -

→ no report

(5) Election of New officers (Hayamizu) UTC 02:21 – 02:25

→ the same directors and auditor as now were nominated for the next three-year term of office.

(6) The other agenda 10min UTC 02:25 – 02:35

→ Miyashita:

1, He explained the solution for non-delivery of e-mails due to authentication: he wrote the script to add the sender to the “subject”

2. He has been requested difficult reports from the IOTA central office, which caused the delay of reporting.

(7) Report number of regular members, attendees and power of attorney vote (Hayamizu, Watanabe) UTC 02:36-

→ Among 43 regular members, there are 20 participants today, Among them, 19 are effective voters (by excluding the audit). As a result of the vote, all the proposals were approved by a majority vote.

Lunch break UTC 02:40 – 03:20

4. Invited talk UTC 3:20 - 4:41

Dr David W. Dunham, “The International Occultation Timing Association (IOTA) and the Development of Occultation Science”

→ He presented the history of occultation, started from Mars occultation by the Moon in 357 BC by Aristotle. He talked about his career in occultation astronomy and the development of this research field, concluding with lists of upcoming occultation events in East Asia. His presentation slide was sent to the ML, and the transcription in JP was prepared in advance.

Break - UTC 04:41 - 04:50

Contribution papers UTC 04:50 – 06:45

* talks 15 + 5 min each

1 Hayato Watanabe, Best results of IOTA/EA observations in FY 2025/26 UTC 04:50-05:02

2 Kenta Kono, Collaborative Asteroid Occultation Observations by High School Students in Japan and Thailand UTC 05:02 – 05:20

3 Attakrit Athaphaisal et al., Exploring the Night Sky: From Star Charts to Telescopes KUS Occultation Observation Project UTC 05:20 – 05:40

10 min break until UTC 5:50

4 Hisashi Kasebe, Occultation Observer's Learning and Networking 2026 UTC 5:50 – 06:05

5 Miyoshi Ida, Occultation TYC4082-00763-1 by asteroid (98943) 2001 CC21 (Torifune) UTC 06:05 – 06:23

6 Fumi Yoshida, Phaethon Occultation Observation Campaign in Fall 2026 UTC 06:23 – 06:45