

February 2016 Board of Directors Meeting

The Tucson Amateur Astronomy Association held its regular monthly meeting on 10 February 2016 at University Medical Center. The meeting was called to order at 6:37 PM.

B. Bailey, President, presiding. Board of Director members present: M. Smith, Vice President, C. Hendricks, Secretary, E. Foley, Treasurer, W. Lofquist, and J. Kalas, Members-at-Large. Other TAAA members present: R. Gilroy, Past Board President, T. Lappin.

General Announcements: Nominating Committee is already at work and has scheduled its first meeting for Friday, February 12, 2016. They have contacted all board members and all have indicated a desire to continue in current positions.

Member Feedback: None

Minutes of 13 January 2016: S. Smith introduced a motion to accept the January 2016 minutes. Motion seconded by Gilroy. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: J. Kalas raised a question related to the write-off of \$135.00 in unreconciled discrepancies. E. Foley explained that these are minor discrepancies that have existed since our transition to QuickBooks. M. Smith introduced a motion to accept treasurer's report as submitted. Motion seconded by B. Lofquist. Motion carried.

Old Business: R. Gilroy presented the status of website modernization. Most board members have submitted biographies, but some are still outstanding.

The website needs to be moved from Host Monster by April 19, 2016. We need to ensure all files/databases are removed from that website.

The architect working on the drawings for the Reynolds project has been informed of the requirement for a maintenance free facility. J. Kalas is providing answers to the architect's questions, and keeps Mr. Reynolds informed of issues related to the project.

The SPG will meet on Friday for discussions on the Large Roll-Off Roof Observatory. A recommendation has been made to name the LOR be named the Wally Rogers Teaching Observatory.

B. Bailey is looking into the cost of a chartered bus to be used for a hosted trip to CAC for members to attend the opening of the Reynolds facility.

New Business: T. Lappin has asked to be relieved of the responsibility of preparing the monthly bulletin as soon as possible. Mae Smith has agreed to help with the transition. Terri and Mae will work together to preparation and publishing of the March issue.

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A job description has been prepared for the Monthly Bulletin Editor, however, we still need to create an editorial policy. We need to clarify, and get consensus on what we are doing for the bulletin's future beyond March and April 2016.

R. Gilroy introduced a motion to establish a standing Human Resource Committee to replace the current ad hoc nominating committee. Motion seconded by Foley. Motion carried.

Astronomy Services is scheduled to support an event at the Marriott on March 4, 2016. There was some discussion of Astronomy Services' rate schedule. The current rate schedule provides a wholesale rate which is charged to event planners who are expected to mark it up. A retail rate is used for private parties and senior centers are charged a discounted rate.

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B. Lofquist introduced a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:48 PM