

November 2016 Board of Directors Meeting

The Tucson Amateur Astronomy Association held its regular monthly meeting on 9 November 2016 at University Medical Center. The meeting was called to order at 6:40 PM. M. Smith, Vice President, presiding. Board of Directors members present comprised a quorum. C. Hendricks, Secretary, J. Kalas, and P. Anderson, Members-at-Large. Other members present: T. Lappin.

General Announcements: President B. Bailey reports that he has not found a volunteer to replace A. Anzaldúa in his role of scheduling speakers for the introductory portion of our monthly general membership meeting. This action will be assigned to the Nominating and Resource Committee.

Member Feedback: None

Minutes of 12 October 2016: J. Kalas introduced a motion to accept the October 12, 2016 Minutes. Motion seconded by P. Anderson. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: J. Kalas has a question regarding a charge against member pads and will request the Treasurer to clarify this charge. He then introduced a motion to table acceptance of the treasurer's report until our December 2016 meeting. Motion seconded by P. Anderson. Motion carried.

Old Business: The subject of shirts for Astronomy Services volunteers was again brought forward from our last meeting. Discussion centered on whether there should be shirts in two different colors, or a single color. It was decided that there will be only one color shirt, and the color red was chosen.

E. Foley introduced a motion to supply approved Astronomy Shirts to volunteers once they have served at one event and committed as a recurring volunteer. Cost of the shirts is to be paid from Astronomy services revenues. The motion was seconded by W. Lofquist. Action was deferred to November 2016.

The original motion was revised to read as follows: E. Foley introduced a motion to supply approved **Astronomy Service Shirts to Astronomy Services volunteers once they have served at one Astronomy Services event and committed as a recurring Astronomy Services volunteer.** Cost of the shirts is to be paid from Astronomy services revenues. The motion was seconded by W. Lofquist. Action was deferred to November 2016. The revision was made to clarify who may receive a shirt and when.

M. Smith reported on efforts of the Fundraising Committee to set priorities and create a professionally designed and produced brochure for presentation to prospective donors.

New Business:

T. Lappin proposed changing the name of our TAAA quarterly publication from **Desert Skies** to ***Desert Skies Journal***. As a newsletter, Desert Skies provides news about the TAAA. Adding "Journal" to the name shifts its emphasis from a newsletter to a collection of articles of interest to amateur astronomers in Tucson. One goal is to ask people in the local astronomy community to write one or two page articles for the publication. Terri envisions having a HiRise person write about their new book coming out soon, or someone at IDA write about light pollution, or someone at Kitt Peak write about their docent program. This would be a single article per issue with the remainder of each issue being devoted to TAAA programs and observing. The name change would be made in 2017.

An alternate name would be **Desert Skies Quarterly**, but this implies a publication schedule which we might want to modify at some point in the future. J. Kalas introduced a motion to change the Desert Skies quarterly publication name to ***Desert Skies Journal*** effective with the first issue of 2017. Motion seconded by P. Anderson. Motion carried.

John Christianson is interested in assuming responsibility for publishing the monthly bulletin. Terri suggests purchasing a software package which she believes would make it easier to prepare the bulletin. Cost of the software for non-profit organizations is \$29.00, and sufficient funds exist in the publishing budget.

There was also discussion of apparent discrepancies in the membership status records. It appears that a change to a member's status can be made without deleting any of the information originally input. A Membership Committee meeting needs to be convened to discuss issues relating to membership records and reporting.

Adjourned: 8:00 PM