

March 2017 Board of Directors Meeting

The Tucson Amateur Astronomy Association held its regular monthly meeting on 8 March 2017 at Banner University Medical Center. The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM. B. Bailey, President presiding. Board of Directors members present: M. Smith, Vice President, E. Foley, Treasurer, C. Hendricks, Secretary, W. Lofquist, and J. Kalas Members-at-Large. Other TAAA members present: T. Lappin.

Member Feedback: None

Minutes of 8 February 2017: M. Smith moved to accept minutes of the 8 February 2017 meeting. Motion seconded by W. Lofquist. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Report not available due to injury of accountant.

Old Business:

E. Foley reported that activity is in high gear with the Gateway to the Galaxy fund raising project. Five requests have gone out. One request has been turned down.

We decided that the month of May will be planned as a Celebration of CAC. The May monthly meeting to be held at the Kuiper Building will review the developments at CAC, the immediate plans at CAC, and discuss the vision we have for the future development of buildings and Member Observatories.

Additionally, we will follow later that month with a special event at CAC on May 20th, to celebrate and demonstrate the completion of our new 40" telescope and warm room.

Further, we will take this opportunity to invite donors to CAC to tour the existing facilities and to discuss our future needs for our visions for community outreach we hope they will support.

In order to accomplish these objectives, we will take a part of the upcoming special board retreat on March 19th to begin the planning.

New Business:

SPG recommends creating the position of Lead Operator be established for the RMO, and that Carter Smith be appointed to that position. The board members agreed, and B. Bailey will send email to members notifying them of Carter's appointment.

It was agreed that May 20 is established as the date for the RMO Grand Opening. B. Bailey and J. Kalas will form a working group to plan for and oversee this activity.

It was agreed that an award be established to recognize service and contribution to the TAAA by nonmembers. The award is to be named the Marker Marshall award in honor of Grand Canyon National Park Ranger Marker Marshall. E. Foley recommended presentation of a special award to Marker Marshall in recognition of her service to TAAA and the Grand Canyon Star Party.

Accessibility to TAAA facilities for those with disabilities will be reviewed.

CAC insurance coverage is to be increased to include the RMO.

Adjourned at 9:15

Chuck Hendricks, Secretary