

January 2018 Board of Directors Meeting

The Tucson Amateur Astronomy Association held its regular monthly meeting on 10 January 2018 at Banner University Medical Center. The meeting was called to order at 6:33 PM. B. Bailey, President, Presiding. Board members present: M. Smith, Vice President, E. Foley, Treasurer, C. Hendricks, Secretary, J. Mead, B. Wheeler and B. Lofquist Members-at-Large. Other TAAA members present: C. Smith and D. Smith.

Member Feedback: None.

General Announcement(s)/Discussion: None.

Minutes of 13 December 2017: M. Smith motioned to accept minutes with revisions. Revised to change E. Foley's resignation is from the Fund-Raising Committee and not the Treasurer's officer. Seconded by W. Lofquist. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: M. Smith introduced motion to accept treasurer's report. Seconded by J. Mead. Motion carried.

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Old Business: Update of replacement efforts key positions. B. Bailey has been in conversations with Dennis McMacken who wants to be relieved of AFSIG responsibilities by March this year. Dennis has indicated that he is willing to continue reserving the room for us and intends to continue attending the meetings, however, he no longer desires to be responsible for setting the agenda and otherwise organizing the meeting.

New Business: M. Smith provided an update on the development of a TAAA policy that addresses working with minors. Research has shown that TAAA is without such a policy and this could make TAAA vulnerable to liability issues. The policy being developed will address training of volunteers at various levels.

There was also discussion on requirements for background checks. This can be important when we host events at CAC that result in minors staying overnight. Questions arose regarding the extent of the background check and the cost. It is felt that background checks will be helpful in letting a potential customer (astronomy services) know that our representative has been vetted. A background check requirement will become a part of the policy document.

J. Mead reported M. McDowell has volunteered to be the project manager for the large roll-off roof project.

J. Mead introduced a motion to adopt a resolution so that the Board President can execute a document granting Mike McDowell signature authority as the CAC Director. Motion seconded by B. Wheeler. Motion carried/

Adjourned at: 8:05 PM

Chuck Hendricks, Secretary