

October 2020 Board of Directors Meeting

The Tucson Amateur Astronomy Association held its regular monthly meeting via ZOOM teleconference on 14 October 2020 due to restrictions imposed by local and state government officials attempts to reduce the spread of COVID-19 by limiting person-to-person contact. The meeting was called to order at 6:54 PM. M. Smith, President, Presiding. Board members present: J. Mead, Vice President, M. McDowell, Treasurer, E. Foley, R. Means and D. Smith, Members-at-Large. Other TAAA members present: D. Rossetter and Jan Campbell (new member).

Member Issues: J. Knoll was appointed to represent us at the county meeting regarding lighting. There is an upcoming city meeting scheduled for Oct 28. It was agreed that J. Knoll would represent us at that meeting

Treasurer's Report: M. McDowell presented the Treasurer's report. D. Smith moved to accept the report. Motion seconded by E. Foley. Motion carried.

Old Business:

CAC Update: We got a second slab poured on our second building M. Smit asked if there is anything we need to do with the county because there have been some changes. None of what we are doing is a significant change. It is true that the buildings have shifted about 20 feet in a westerly direction from where they had been laid out, but the county has inspected the building locations and all the infrastructure around them has passed those inspections with the county.

COVID-19: J. Mead discussed COVID-19 rules of use that we adopted for CAC have really worked very well. CAC users have followed them and have been very positive about them. He has made two suggested sets of changes to these rules. The first just standardizes the language for positions such as CAC Director vs Site Director, and since we are formalizing the CAC position descriptions, he thought it would be appropriate to get them updated. The second one he felt that he had left out of these was some room to accommodate people who had a particular special need or reasonable request. The one specified in his draft is the example of needing refrigeration for perishable items, whether it be food or perhaps medication. E. Foley moved to approve the change in COVID-19 rules for CAC. Motion seconded by D. Smith. Motion carried.

TAAA Holiday affected by COVID-19. Discussion of ideas for holiday recognition tabled until November meeting.

NVRC election recommendations: Discussion of last month's recommendation and implications. M. Smith suggested that we focus on the questions and decide how we would like to go without thinking about the bylaw changes yet, and deal with that tonight and maybe next month we say last month we decided we want to do these things and now look at where bylaw changes are required:

- Do we want to use an online voting service? Exclusively or in combination with in-person voting?
- Can we give the organization the ability to do a virtual vote and should we not add the ability to do that and have the board with the power to decide whether we use our traditional method or the electronic method at time like this (COVID)?
- What is the cost of using one of these electronic systems?
- How do you prevent someone from coming to the meeting and voting on paper?

E. Foley moved to add the option of electronic voting to our methods of holding a vote and propose a change to the bylaws to allow that. Motion seconded by R. means. Motion carried.

D. Smith will submit a motion to remove absentee ballots from the constitution and bylaws next month.

D. Smith will include nominations from the floor in his motion next month.

Position Descriptions: These are the operating group positions. They are the staff for CAC and most of these will be very familiar to anybody who has worked with CAC and SPG in the past. There is a new position, and that is Site Engineer. M. McDowell moved to accept as presented. Motion seconded by E. Foley. D. Smith asked for a description of the Site Engineer position. Having received a description of duties of the Site Engineer, the question was answered. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 7:52PM

Chuck Hendricks, Secretary