



Notes from the President

The TAAA Board met on June 12, 2019. Some of the topics addressed at that meeting include:

- Signing of TAAA Conflict of Interest Policy by each Board Member. Beginning service of TAAA 2019–2020 Board
- Approval of TAAA budget for 2019–2020.
- Update on TIMPA and consideration of 2019–2020 Member Night schedule.
- Update on GCSP and New position descriptions being evaluated.
- Update on CAC survey and other work toward beginning construction of two new buildings and new telescope area.

TAAA Trivia!

Trivia Question 1a: Which TAAA President is responsible for filing for Non-Profit Status for TAAA? What difference does that status make?

Trivia Question 2a: Who has just been appointed TAAA Member Planet Manager?; **2b:** Who has just been appointed the new TIMPA On-Site Director? **2c:** Who has just been appointed the TAAA Representative to the TIMPA Board? **2d:** Who has just been appointed as Substitute TAAA Representative to the TIMPA Board?

(Trivia answers are at the end of this document.)

NOTE: As TAAA Treasurer, Mike McDowell is our official TAAA representative that interacts with donors regarding donations. Mike is tasked with showing appreciation to donors who wish to make a donation to TAAA and collecting information about the nature of the donation; determining whether TAAA can use the donation; arranging for pick-up of an accepted donation; issuing a receipt of donation to a non-profit agency for the purpose of filing for IRS consideration of the donation. If anyone indicates to you that they would like to make a donation to TAAA, please help them contact Mike at cac-director@tucsonastronomy.org or put the person in touch with a TAAA Board member who will assist the person to contact Mike. Please be aware that once a person has mentioned to someone associated with the Club that they wish to make a donation, the person may feel that no further follow-up from them is needed; that it is the Club's responsibility to follow-up. So, please make that initial contact meaningful, giving the person the information needed as well as getting the person's name and contact information and sending that on to Mike McDowell.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Member Meetings 6:30 and 7:30 July 5th, and August 2nd will be held in the same location as the June meeting: U of A Modern Languages Building, 1423 East University Blvd. Third Floor Auditorium (Room 350). The UA Modern Languages Building is located one block West of Steward Observatory. Go to West side of the round Observatory at Steward. Face West. You will be looking across a green mall area. The building on the West side of that green area is Modern Languages. It is a long building. Cross the green mall and proceed toward the South. Our meeting will be close to the entrance facing the mall that has a number of steps and a large winding handicap access entrance. Proceed to the top of the steps or handicap entrance. This places you on third floor. You will see a building door on the north side and one on the south side. Enter the door on the North side. The auditorium is just down the hall on that same level (You can park in the same locations as previously but may have another block further to walk.) (We are sorry for this change. UA is renovating the Auditorium at Steward Observatory that we normally use.) We are pleased that the temporary change of location worked out well... only two more months before we can return to Steward.

Reminder: Announcements for any 6:30/7:30 Member Meeting should be emailed to Mae Smith one week prior to the meeting. There is not adequate time immediately

prior to or during a meeting to adequately preview and discuss new announcements and it can delay meeting activities to attempt to do so. Please respect our guest speakers and Do Not wait until a meeting is in progress to discuss the possibility of new announcements.

The Grand Canyon Star Party (GCSP) is an eight day/night event sponsored at the South Rim each year by TAAA and the National Park Service. There are nightly lectures, constellation tours, and observing conducted by over 110 astronomer volunteers. Day activities may include solar viewing and children's activities as well as a video in the visitor center. This year's GCSP will begin the 4th Saturday of June (the 22nd) and continue through the 5th Saturday of June (the 29th). A huge "thank you" to Jim O'Connor and all the volunteers who make this a phenomenal event.

Submissions for the TAAA 2020 Calendar are currently being collected. The yearly TAAA Calendar is compiled in summer each year which allows for publishing by early fall so that it is available to members for early planning and also for seasonal gift-giving. Please submit pictures or information for the 2020 TAAA Calendar to Susan O'Connor at calendar-designer@tucsonastronomy.org.

TEMPORARY Welcome Coordinator needed: Susan O'Connor has been serving as our Welcome Coordinator for Member Meetings and when she has been out of town, Jim O'Connor has been substituting. The O'Connors will not be able to serve in this capacity in the upcoming Fall/Winter months. We are looking for someone who could temporarily substitute for them. Having someone in this position makes a significant difference in making visitors and new members feel welcome at club meetings and in helping them find their way to becoming involved in club activities. If you are available to assist with this effort, please contact Mae Smith at President@tucsonastronomy.org.

TIMPA dates include June 28th (Fri), July 6th (Sa), and July 26th

CAC dates include July 5th (Fri) and July 6th (Sa)

AFSIG: July 11th (Th), 6:30pm

AISIG: Not meeting in July due to Monsoon Season

LNO: July 18th (Th), 6:30pm

GCSP: June 22nd (Sa) through June 29th (Sa)

NOTE: AFSIG NEW LOCATION for July 11, August 8, September 12 and October 10 meetings. These meetings will be held at 6:30pm at 3202 East 1st Street (Office of Tucson City Council Ward 6). This location is one block East of Country Club and one block South of Speedway Boulevard. Proceed East from the University on Speedway, Cross through the Speedway/Country Club intersection and proceed one block East to Anderson Street. Turn north onto Anderson Street (Walgreen's is located at the corner of Speedway and Anderson). Proceed South on Anderson for one block which brings you to 1st Street. Ward 6 is located on the southeast corner of Anderson and 1st Street. You may parallel park on the street or there is a small amount of parking on the South side of the Ward 6 building. You may also park in the south side of the Walgreen's Parking lot (permission given by Walgreens). Enter the building on the South side (back). AFSIG will be meeting in the EAST room. Information about this location change will be distributed on the website (tucsonastronomy.org), at Member Meetings, at AFSIG meetings, and via email.

Immediate need for applicants familiar with WordPress for Webmaster position . To express interest send name, contact information, which position you are interested in, and list of qualifications to NVRCchair@tucsonastronomy.org.

The TAAA Board meeting for July will occur, on July 10 at 6:30pm at Cafeteria Room C, UMC Banner Hospital. There is free parking in the lot South of the parking garage and that lot is designated as Zone 1 parking which is free after 5:00pm. Members are welcome to attend. Note that many prior South entrances to UMC/Banner are being locked and not open to the public. If you have a problem with south entrances, you may need to enter through the new North Entrances to the hospital and walk from there to the old cafeteria area (which is on the south end). At Board meetings, a member may give a five-minute presentation to the Board on any area of concern or a suggestion that they have for the Board. In planning the schedule for the next Board meetings, the Board will consider that topic and decide about placing it on the Board Agenda for further consideration. Members wishing to make a 5-minute presentation to the Board should contact Mae Smith at ssmith@email.arizona.edu a week (the Wed,.) prior to the meeting to get on the schedule. If you need directions to the meeting, also contact Mae.

Answer to Trivia Q 1a: Tim Hunter, when TAAA President in 1987 applied for and received Non-Profit Status for TAAA. 1b: TAAA has retained Non-Profit status since 1987. Non-Profit

status makes a significant financial difference to TAAA in that tax requirements for a non-profit organization are very different than for a profit-making business; donations at a certain level to a non-profit organization can receive a tax-deduction for the donor; non-profit status makes TAAA eligible for various grant money including the large Mooney Foundation grant we recently received.

Answer to Trivia Q 2a: David Rossetter has been appointed as Member Planet Manager; 2b: Ralph Means has been appointed as On-Site TIMPA Director; 2c: John Mead has been appointed as the TAAA Board Representative to the TIMPA Board; 2d: Ben Bailey has been appointed as the Substitute TAAA Board Representative to the TIMPA Board.

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