



July, 2019

Notes from the President

The TAAA Board met on July 11, 2019. Some of the topics addressed at that meeting include:

- Basic update of Grand Canyon Star Party and future work of GCSP Committee
- New Business Practice: Contracts approved by the TAAA Board will be signed by the TAAA President with checks issued by TAAA Treasurer
- CAC development is proceeding and a contract with an architect has been approved.
- The Board approved procedures for emergency Website work, if needed.
- Discussion of Minor policy as applied to GCSP.
- User Policies for TAAA Telescopes (more information to be included in the TAAA Bulletin)

TAAA Trivia!

Trivia Question 1: Which TAAA Presidents have been most involved in the Grand Canyon Star Party?

Trivia Question 2a: How does a TAAA member receive word that their Astronomical League membership has expired? **2b:** How does a TAAA member receive word that their TAAA Membership is expiring?

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

Grand Canyon Star Party again was TAAA's largest event of the year. This year we had approximately 130 astronomers!! Number Totals for contacts are still being computed!

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Member Meetings 6:30 and 7:30 August 2nd will be held in the same location as the June and July meetings: 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 one more month 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.

6:30 Member Meeting August 2nd will contain

** Personal Observatory Report from David Klein for his New World Observatory. Visits to the observatory are welcome and need to be scheduled individually with David at astroisme@msn.com;

and ** An Update on Recent Activities at CAC presented by Ed Foley.

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 Oâ€™Connor at calendar-designer@tucsonastronomy.org

TEMPORARY Welcome Coordinator needed: Susan Oâ€™Connor has been serving as our Welcome Coordinator for Member Meetings and when she has been out of town, Jim Oâ€™Connor has been substituting. The Oâ€™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.Â If you are available to assist with this effort, please contact Mae Smith at President@tucsonastronomy.org

TIMPA dates include Â July 26th (Fr), Aug 3rd (Sa) and Aug 30th (Fr)

AFSIG: Â Aug 8th (Th), 6:30pm

LNO: Aug 15th (Th), 6:30pm

CAC dates include Aug 30 (Fri) and August 31 (Sa)

NOTE: AFSIG Â LOCATION for Â August 8, September 12 and October 10 meetings. These meetings will be held at 6:30pm at Â 3202 East 1st Street (Office of Tucson City Council Ward 6). Â 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.Â Turn south onto Anderson Street (Walgreenâ€™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 Walgreenâ€™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.

Donâ€™t forget: Special Annual Lunar and Planetary laboratory open house and celebration of the Apollo 11 Lunar Landing 50th Anniversary at UA Gerald P. Kuiper Spaces Sciences, SaturdayÂ July 20th. There will be lectures, tours of the LPL laboratories, and booths with activities. TAAA will have a booth! 10am to 4pm

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 Â to NVRCchair@tucsonastronomy.org.

The TAAA Board meeting for August will occur, on August 14 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.

NOTE: Â 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.Â 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 Clubâ€™s responsibility to follow-up. So, please make that initial contact meaningful, giving the person the information needed as well as getting the personâ€™s name and contact information and sending that on to Mike McDowell.

Answer to Trivia Q 1: The GCSP-South Rim is jointly run by the National Park Service and TAAA. There have been three TAAA Presidents who have been very involved in the Grand

Canyon Star Party. [Dean Ketelsen](#) (TAAA President from 1991 to 1995) and his wife, Vicki, started the GCSP 29 years ago, and the GCSP has continued and received support from TAAA for each of the 29 years since. [Bill Lofquist](#), TAAA President from 2006 through 2008, was a regular participant and troubleshooter of problems at GCSP for several years. [Mae Smith](#) has participated in GCSP for the last 17 years.

Answer to Trivia Q&A 2a: How does a TAAA member receive word that their Astronomical League membership has expired? TAAA's Astronomical League Representative, [Dave Smith](#), contacts TAAA members when their AstroLeague membership has expired, so they will know when to pay their dues again. (Remember that for family or couple TAAA memberships, each person must pay AL dues because while TAAA has family memberships, AL only has individual memberships.) You may contact Dave Smith at alcor@tucsonastronomy.org

2b: How does a TAAA member receive word that his/her TAAA Membership is expiring? Each TAAA membership that actively participates in TAAA email (that is, the member lists a valid email address and the person has NOT "unsubscribed" from receiving TAAA emails) receives an email warning the member when that TAAA membership will expire within 30 days. That allows the member 30 days to renew the membership prior to the computer canceling the membership. If members have questions or need assistance, they may contact [Vern Dunlap](#) at membership@tucsonastronomy.org.

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