

## **TAAA Board of Directors Open Meeting Minutes: Sept 22, 2025**

This special meeting was called to address items that needed BOD input given the regularly scheduled BOD meeting of September 10 did not reach quorum. This Sept 22 teleconference Zoom Board open meeting was called to order at 7:01PM, D. Rossetter, Vice President presiding together with Bob Reynolds, Secretary. No other Board members were present but Members-at-Large, S. Ferris and J. Kalas and immediate Past President, Mae Smith were in attendance. Members attending included: Jim Knoll and Bernie Stinger.

### **Items discussed:**

- CAC Open House. Jim Knoll updated the BOD on the plans for the Nov 22 CAC Open House. The primary issue is the dependence on the progress of the reassembly of the 32” telescope which will commence on Sept 28th. It is hoped that the ribbon cutting ceremony can occur at the Open House. In the event the telescope is not expected to be operational by Nov 22, the Open House will be delayed until spring of 2026. However, to support current planning, Jim asked the BOD to support arranging a bus from Tucson to CAC to support attendance. As a result, a motion was made by Bob Reynolds to both authorize the event and allocate \$2,000 to support the event including the use of a bus assuming that some of the cost will be recovered by charging for bus transport. The motion was seconded by Mae Smith and the motion passed by a vote of 5-0.
- Bernie Stinger presented the BOD with a proposal to name the new 32” observatory. The proposal name was: The B.G. Stinger Observatory. This was to honor both his father, Bob, and his grandfather, Glen, who were both instrumental in stimulating his interest in astronomy, electronics and the sciences. As a result, a motion was made by Bob Reynolds to name the 32” facility “The B.G. Stinger Observatory” with exterior signage consistent with existing signage. Motion was seconded by Stephen Ferris and passed by a vote of 5-0. It was noted that interior signage will include tributes to Bernie, his father and his grandfather.
- John Kalas announced the receipt of a \$5,000 donation from Phil Yale for the Dean Ketelsen Observatory.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24pm.