



## TAAS Board of Directors Minutes November 22, 2017

Meeting called to order: 6:58

**Attended:** Dale Murray, Jim Fordice, John Miller, Bob Anderson, Bob Shipley, Gordon Pegue

**Absent:** Boris Venet, Bob Havlen, Martin Hilario, Tom Grzybowski, Doug LeGrand

**Approval of Agenda:** Approved

**Approval of Minutes:** Moved, seconded, approved

### **Old Business:**

- Formation of nominating committee: Lynne Olson, Tom Graham, Mike Molitor

### **New Business:**

- Hosting 2020 ALCON: Jim will take the lead to start working out the details.
- Awards committee: Dale and Jim are identifying recipients for each type of award.
- Banquet questions:
  - Dale Murray will ask Barry Spletzer if he will lead the Trivia Contest.
  - A Prize Budget of \$500 has been set. Bruce Meyer is coordinating the prizes.
  - Lynne Olson sent a Complimentary Guest list to Dale. Dale will send the list to the Board. Judy Stanley will be added to the list since she arranged the speaker.
  - There will be no change to the menu.
  - We need someone to organize the slideshow.
  - We need to find a photographer. Roland Penttila was suggested and Jim will invite him.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Education Outreach:** No report.

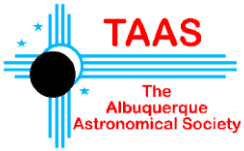
**Finance:** Report received.

**GNTO:** Report received and reviewed.

**Membership:** Report received and reviewed.

**Publicity/Events:** Report received.

**Future Activities & Calendar:** Report received.



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- Request for scopes for Nutra Blend between April 29 to May 4, 2018: Request two TAAS participants, Specific date to be determined, Martin Hilario will coordinate.
- Calendar for 2018 (and 1<sup>st</sup> half of 2019) submitted: Motion, seconded, approved.

**Adjourn:** 7:27

## TAAS Events - December 2017-January, February 1918

Dec 02	Sa	General Meeting - 7pm -John McGraw - "Surveillance of Space"
Dec 02	Sa	Astronomy 101 -6pm - John Briggs - "Star Clusters of the Winter Milky Way
Dec 05	Tu	School Star Party - To 'Hajiilee Community School
Dec 06	W	Amateur Telescope Making and Maintenance
Dec 08	F	UNM Observatory Friday Night
Dec 09	Sa	GNT0 - 3rd Qtr. Observing
Dec 15	F	Sidereal Times Deadline/UNMO Friday Night
Dec 16	Sa	GNT0-New Moon Observing
Dec 20	W	Amateur Telescope Making and Maintenance
Dec 21	Th	Winter Solstice
Jan 03	W	Earth at Perihelion
Jan 03	W	Amateur Telescope Making and Maintenance
Jan 12	F	GNT0 - 3rd Qtr. Observing
Jan 13	Sa	Perihelion Banquet
Jan 17	W	Amateur Telescope Making and Maintenance
Jan 18	Th	GNT0 Committee Meeting
Jan 19	F	TAAS Fab Fifty Winter Session
Jan 19	F	Sidereal Times Deadline/UNMO First Friday Session of Semester
Jan 20	Sa	GNT0 New Moon Observing
Jan 23	Tu	School Star Party-Garfield MS
Jan 24	W	Board of Directors Meeting - First of 2018
Jan 26	F	UNMO Friday Night
Jan 31	W	Partial Lunar Eclipse
Feb 02	F	UNMO Friday Night
Feb 03	Sa	General Meeting - TBA
Feb 03	Sa	Astronomy 101 - TBA
Feb 07	W	Amateur Telescope Making and Maintenance
Feb 09	F	UNMO Friday Night
Feb 10	Sa	GNT0 - 3rd Qtr Observing
Feb 16	F	Sidereal Times Deadline/UNMO Friday Night
Feb 17	Sa	GNT0 - New Moon Observing
Feb 21	W	Amateur Telescope Making and Maintenance
Feb 27	Tu	School Star Party - TBD
Feb 28	W	Board of Directors Meeting

GNT0 Report for the Board of Directors Meeting (22 November 2017)  
Submitted on 19 November 2017 by Jim Fordice

**General**

- New Porta Potty installed on the Ortega Building restroom.

**Equipment Status**

- No significant equipment problems.

**Projects Underway**

- Pelegrino Telescope Tube Display: Dan Rossbach has completed the installation. He donated the materials he used.
- Documentation: An Imaging Guide draft has been completed and is being reviewed.
- Access to Upper Bunks: The handles have been installed for making climbing the ladders to the upper bunks safer.
- Site Location/Land Ownership: I have contacted the local lawyer (Ross Perkal). He is knowledgeable of our situation and appears willing to assist us.
- 12v DC Regulation: The first regulation design was not successful. Evaluating the next step.
- Equipment Tower: Evaluating whether to purchase a used tower.
- Weather Station: The anemometer wind cup assembly was damaged in the heavy storm in October. We are obtaining a replacement.

**Upcoming Projects**

- TBD

**Financial Status**

- All reimbursements received.

**Next Events**

- 9 Dec: 3rd Quarter Moon Observing
- 16 Dec: New Moon Observing
- 12 Jan (Friday): 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Moon Observing
- 20 Jan: New Moon Observing

# **TAAS Membership Report for November 2017**

Robert Anderson

## **New TAAS members for November 2017**

Jeff Bender  
Matthew Best  
Bridget Luter  
Rachel Luter  
Robert Luter  
Sarah Luter  
Christopher Montean

Charles Parker  
Cedric Senter  
Connie Senter  
Aaron Tigert  
Catherine Tigert  
Michael Tigert  
Susan Tigert

## **New TAAS members for October 2017**

Robert Bittner  
Chris Bittner  
Vicky Doan-Nguyen  
Clara Iriarte  
Alexandra Jacoby  
Brendan Jacoby  
Christina Jacoby  
Elisabeth Jacoby  
Cameron Kimber  
Dan Klingsmith

Emma Nixon  
Isaiah Nixon  
Tom O’Harra  
Leiph Preston  
Sonya Preston  
Paul Pulaski  
Edward (Ted) Trigg  
Patrick Vander Wyden  
Thomas Wofford

14 New TAAS members for November 2017

19 New TAAS members for October 2017

459 Total TAAS Members

Regular: 259

Honorary: 5

Military: 2

Educator: 16

Student: 24

Family Members: 153

22 Renewal Notifications for January 2018

# TAAS Activity Report

November 22, 2017

Lynne Olson

October/November:

- . The General Meeting with Boris Venet's talk, which I had enjoyed publicizing.
- . The first Fabulous Fifty with Phil Fleming at the helm for the fall session.
- . A few of our TAAS group went to the Dark-Sky New Mexico Star Party in Animas NM, hosted by Astronomy Magazine, assisted by TAAS
- . The Placitas Star Party, which I did attend, by TAAS and hosted by the Placitas Library Association with Larry O'Hanlon and Jim Roucis as owners (Kelsey Roucis filling in for her father for part of the very successful event)--clear skies and lots of telescopes and visitors.
- . Many attended the Enchanted Skies Star Party in Magdalena in mid October with John Briggs at the helm and sent back glowing reports of the facilities.
- . Cosmic Carnival at the Open Space Visitor Center, an always welcoming and beautiful venue, whose volunteers then stayed for the evening Star Party with talk by Barry Spletzer.
- . Bosque del Apache NWR Star party attended by some of TAAS scopes and members and many avian friends, with Becky Ramotowski organizing.
- . The ATM on the first and third Wednesdays of each month continues to assist and enlighten members and the public alike on the use of their scopes and possibilities of making--or buying--one.
- . UNM Observatory and TAAS continue to show the skies to students and the public with the lead of Fernando Torres...and in his absence, Boris Venet.

December/January:

Upcoming events include the following:

- . 12/2 - General Meeting with Dr. John McGraw discussing the "SoS: Surveillance of Space"
- . 12/2 - Astronomy 101 - John Briggs presents "Star Clusters of the Winter Milky Way"
- . 1/13 - Perihelion Banquet at the MCM Elegante Hotel - 6:00-10:30pm
- . 1/19 - Fab Fifty Winter Session
- . ATM & UNM Observatory, Wednesday and Friday nights respectively as marked on calendar

Much more to come in 2018!



