



The Albuquerque
Astronomical Society

TAAS Board Meeting

6:30 PM 23 November 2022

Held by Video Conference

Meeting called to order: 6:30 P.M.

Attendance: Jim Fordice, Steve Snider, Carl Larson, Bob Anderson, Mark Goodman, Rick Vergas, Boris Venet.

Absent: David Downs, Bob Havlen

Visitor: Ella Joan Fenoglio, Christina LeGrand, Joey Troy

- Approve Agenda: Motion, approved.
- Approval of 26 October 2022 Meeting Minutes: Motion, approved.
- **Old Business**
 - Website Update: Joey Troy continues to make significant progress on the new website. He has completed the automatic registration and renewal reminder email function. Telescope Loan Program handling is completed. WPForms Pro was substituted for MemberPress to be able to handle the desired registration and donation functionality.
 - Annual Meeting: No update. The meeting will be held on January 7, 2023.
 - Nominating Committee: The slate of officers for 2023 is full. Nominations will be accepted up to and during the Annual Meeting.
 - Awards Committee: The slate of awards for 2022 has been completed after soliciting nominations from the general membership. Mark Goodman will proceed to purchase the awards.
 - Insurance Renewal: Jim Fordice received current replacement values for the portable planetarium, solar scope, and astrophotography package. The updated values have been communicated to our insurer. We will remain with our current insurer.

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- Astronomy eBooks: Most of the Board voiced support for loaner eBook program last month. Jim Fordice and Mark Goodman will start thinking about which books might be appropriate for this program. The selections should have broad appeal with an emphasis on books that would be helpful to those newer to the hobby. The exact mechanism we would use for this program is yet to be determined.
- **New Business**
 - Books and Gear Donation: Steve Snider went out to view the items that have been offered to the club from an estate. Steve has already brought back 15 boxes of books. In addition, there are multiple telescopes large and small, as well as other assorted gear. The challenge is finding space to store this significant collection until the items can be sold, added to the loan program, or otherwise distributed to new owners.

It was decided to rent additional storage space at our current provider which Steve will arrange.

- Calendar Update: Jim Fordice has populated the TAAS calendar going forward 18 months.
- **Committee Reports**

As a reminder, more detailed committee reports are submitted to the Board and are available to be read on the TAAS website. Only more significant items or issues not mentioned in the reports are discussed in the Board Meetings and captured in the minutes.

- Finance: Received. Discussed. The events manager at Bachechi insisted on presenting TAAS a \$100 stipend for our participation at the star party.

Update November 27, 2022: Jim Fordice presented the 2023 General Fund Budget by email to the Board for review and approval. The budget proposal was approved unanimously by email vote. The General Fund Budget can be found in the combined reports for the month of November.

- Membership: Received. Discussed.
- Education: Received. Discussed.

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- GNT0: Received. Discussed. Jim Fordice gave a detailed update on the mold issue and remediation options. On December 10th Jim will convene interested volunteers at GNT0 to look for further evidence of mold and water ingress. Jim will also solicit donations from the membership to help pay for the remediation and repair work. Since there is no airborne mold problem there is sufficient time to take a considered approach to a remediation plan and subsequent repair.
- Telescope Loan Program: Received. Discussed.
- Public Events: Received. Discussed. The next General Meeting speaker will join by Zoom and the talk will be recorded and made available to those who could not attend the meeting. Steve Snider reports that Regener Hall does not have any integrated A/V capability for the recording of in-person talks.

Steve also mentioned that a few members have told him they have difficulty navigating the steep stairs in Regener Hall. It was suggested to make sure people know that there is an elevator that is available.

- Non-Public & Special Events: None.
- Publicity: Received. Discussed
- Conclusion—Round the Table.

Adjourn: 7:40 P.M.

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GNTO Report for the Board of Directors

Submitted on 20 November 2022 by Jim Fordice

General

- We have received the mold remediation estimate from KleanForce. The cost will be about \$4,500. I plan to do some additional investigation on 10 December and will hold a meeting after that to discuss the way forward. I intend to start soliciting donations to fund the remediation.

Equipment Status

- The inverter in the PV System has shut down a couple of times. We have installed a temporary inverter to obtain reliable power for the 120 VAC devices. Due to the cost for the mild remediation I have tabled action on this effort for now.

Projects Underway

- Isengard Nexus DSC Pro: We are updating the Isengard User Guide for the new Nexus DSC Pro.
- Mold Remediation & Repairs

Upcoming Projects

- TBD

Financial Status

- All reimbursements received.

Next Events

- 26 Nov: New Moon Observing
- 17 Dec: 3rd Quarter Moon Observing
- 23 Dec (Friday): New Moon Observing

Education Outreach: November, 2022, TAAS Board Report

The following star parties have been scheduled.

Tuesday, November 29—Cleveland Middle School, Jess Popp, contact

Tuesday, January 10—Atrisco Heritage Academy, Elaine Stevens, contact

Thursday, January 26—San Antonito STEM Magnet School, Theresa Rodriguez, contact (**No portable planetarium**)

Tuesday, February 28—Mission Ave. STEM Magnet School, Dawnielle Rodriguez and Melissa Caudillo, contacts (**This is a daytime classroom visit to a Kindergarten class.**)

Friday, March 3—Holy Child School, Tijeras, Lisa Sanchez, contact
Fish fry being scheduled the same evening!

Tuesday, March 28—Salam Academy, Tariq Khraishi, contact

April 15-July 8, 2023—New Mexico Arts Imaginative Collective, Karen Cunningham, contact
NMAIC made an application to the Open Space Visitors Center to host a multi-media and multi-arts show. The proposal was accepted and will run for the noted dates. TAAS and NMAIC will discuss ways in which TAAS can be involved.

The La Vida Llena Star Party was cancelled, due to mostly cloudy conditions the evening of November 1. It will be rescheduled for Spring, 2023.

The event at Cochiti Elementary school was a great success. Trish Logan was the coordinator of the Star Party, as I was out of town. Jim Greenhouse and Geoff Skelton operated the portable planetarium. There were five planetarium shows with a total attendance of 145. Six TAAS volunteers with scopes attended: Trish Logan, Eric Edwards, Steve Snider, John Laning, Tom Grzybowski, and Ed Juddo. Trish estimated the total attendance at Cochiti at 160.

The other schools/individuals that are still in the discussion stage for dates are:

Teisha Holloway: After-school enrichment programs

Horizons Albuquerque, Dennis Shaulis, contact

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Goodman

TAAS Board of Directors Report
From
Steve Snider, VP & Public Events Coordinator
11/23/2022

Monthly General Meetings:

- Speakers booked:

12/10/22: Dr. Steven Shores – “Spectroscopy & Variable Stars”

01/07/23: Open

- Always looking for additional speakers
- All meetings are In-Person

Public Star Parties:

12/16/22: Valle de Oro

01/28/23: Placitas Star Party, Placitas Community Library

TAAS Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, November 23
Publicity Report

This report covers the month of November (so far) and events to be publicized for the future.

. Cosmic Carnival - Huge success and very happy for the contributions of the Journal (with two articles) and KOB 4 for their extensive on-site interview. We will now be following up with a Virtual Cosmic Carnival, March 11, same day as a star party at OSVC, giving exhibitors some breathing room.

. ATM/Telescope Making and Maintenance

I have attended most of their sessions lately and took some photos of the team working with "customers" (lean at times, but solid at others). We have even got a few new members who were impressed with the workshop.

. UNMO Friday Nights

I have attended some of these, and the members with scopes who came and augmented the Observatory grad students were great--helping lab students, welcoming visitors (who, amazingly sometimes came from the Midwest and California, learned about this program and stayed, in spite of the overwhelming lights and spare parking.) Also photos were taken, and I have been remiss in getting some of these in the Newsletter...which I hope to do with articles on UNMO and ATM.

. General Meeting/Astro 101

Our meetings this month on December 10th will feature Dr. Steven Shore for the General Meeting, and Vance Ley for the Astronomy 101. Articles are on the webpage and will be in the Sid Times.

. Valle de Oro Star Party

We are still getting the details and timing in from VdO, and the main publicity will go out the week prior to the star party on December 16 after their schedule and hours are confirmed.

. Extended General Meeting in January

My question is whether the public will be invited to this meeting for voting, installation of Officers and awards, or if we will treat it as the Perihelion Banquet was, for members only.

Thanks to the Board for all the work they do in the background.

Lynne Olson

Telescope Loan Program

We have received a donation that included several scopes and giant binoculars, eyepieces and other equipment that is being labeled and entered into the program. We have also received a Skywatcher FlexTube 10" Dob in excellent condition from another donor. Finally, we are considering a large estate donation that includes multiple scopes, related equipment, and many boxes of books, that will present issues concerning storage. I understand that John is testing the software for the upcoming auction. I am updating the Loan Program pages and providing lists and images to Joey Troy, who is working on the new TAAS website.

Loan Program Statistics				
	# of Scopes	# on Loan	# Available	% on Loan
	39	32	7	82%
Type:	Reflectors	Refractors	Catadioptrics	
	22	6	11	
Size:	Large (>8")	Medium (5"-8")	Small (<5")	
	10	18	11	
Tracking:	Manual	Push-To	Go-To	Tracking
	24	5	7	3
				As of: 11/23/22

Rick Vergas

TAAS Membership Report for December 2022

New TAAS members from 25 October 2022 to 21 November 2022

Marc Bernard
Asit Bhatt
Ishaan Bhatt
Andre Bunker
Tim Cuffel
Emil Kadlec
Maria Kadlec
Bernard Krule
Gerardo Montoya
Marcos Montoya
Jeffrey Parrott
Denise Powers
Adrienne Toubbeh
Ernest Sedillo
Asher Woods-Sedillo
Jeremy Woods-Sedillo
Melanie Woods-Sedillo

17 New TAAS members from 25 October 2022 to 21 November 2022

544 Total TAAS Members

Regular: 294

Honorary: 4

Military: 2

Educator: 23

Student: 22

Family Members: 199

19 Renewal Notifications for February 2023

2023 TAAS General Fund Budget

Income

2022 EOY Cash	\$3,891	Projected
Membership Dues	\$4,500	Projected
Cash Donations	\$1,600	Projected
Interest & Cash Rewards	\$600	Projected
Total Income		\$6,700
Total Funds Available		\$10,591
Annual Awards	\$400	
Banquet Prizes	\$500	
PayPal Costs	\$480	
Insurance	\$1,600	
Storage Unit	\$2,616	
Post Office Box	\$182	
Science Fair	\$200	
Astronomical League Dues	\$10	
Norton 360	\$115	
Zoom Subscription	\$162	
Adobe Subscription	\$686	
NM Corporate Registration Fee	\$12	
Misc Costs (e.g. Speakers)	\$250	
Total Expenses		\$7,213
Unallocated Funds	\$3,378	

2022 EOY

11/22/22 Cash	\$3,640
Memberships (Dec)	\$415
Donations (Dec)	\$146
Projected Expenses	-\$310
\$3,891	

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Treasurer's Report
Wednesday, November 23, 2022

ACCOUNTS SUMMARY

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Previous Month</u>	<u>Change</u>	
Total Account Funds	\$28,137.89	\$28,611.31	(\$473.42)	Acct - Fund
Total Funds on Deposit	\$28,137.89	\$28,611.31	(\$473.42)	(\$0.00)

FUND SUMMARY

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Previous Month</u>	<u>Change</u>	
General Funds:	\$3,640.57	\$3,541.97	\$98.60	
GNT0 Fund	\$4,669.20	\$5,496.22	(\$827.02)	
Astronomical League	\$642.50	\$522.50	\$120.00	
Scope Loan Program	\$493.22	\$493.22	\$0.00	
Education Fund	\$2,092.40	\$2,082.40	\$10.00	
Portable Planetarium Fund	\$15,935.00	\$15,810.00	\$125.00	
Science Fair Fund	\$665.00	\$665.00	\$0.00	
Total Funds on Deposit	\$28,137.89	\$28,611.31	(\$473.42)	(\$0.00)

FUND DETAILS

	General Fund	GNT0 Fund	Astronomical League Fund	Scope Loan Program Fund	Education Fund	Portable Planetarium Fund	Science Fair Fund	TOTAL	Error
Income:									
Memberships	\$395.00	\$250.00	\$120.00			\$125.00		\$890.00	\$0.00
Donations	\$60.00	\$55.50			\$10.00			\$125.50	\$0.00
Interest - Savings	\$0.03							\$0.03	\$0.00
Interest - Checking	\$0.20							\$0.20	\$0.00
Bachechi Star Party Fee	\$100.00							\$100.00	\$0.00
Amazon Smile	\$38.69							\$38.69	\$0.00
								\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Deposits	\$593.92	\$305.50	\$120.00	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$1,154.42	\$0.00
Expenses									
Adobe Subscription	\$57.10							\$57.10	\$0.00
Rightspace Storage	\$218.00							\$218.00	\$0.00
Verizon (GNT0 Fund)		\$69.08						\$69.08	\$0.00
PayPal expense	\$33.52							\$33.52	\$0.00
ALCON Laser Pointer	\$37.70							\$37.70	\$0.00
GNT0 Propane		\$339.86						\$339.86	\$0.00
GNT0 Mold Inspection		\$489.00						\$489.00	\$0.00
Sandoval Cnty Prop Tx (...144)		\$34.96						\$34.96	\$0.00
Sandoval Cnty Prop Tx (...163)		\$199.62						\$199.62	\$0.00
Website License	\$99.00							\$99.00	\$0.00
TAAS Mtg Speakers Dinners	\$50.00							\$50.00	\$0.00
								\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Withdrawals	\$495.32	\$1,132.52	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,627.84	\$0.00
Total Fund Changes	\$98.60	(\$827.02)	\$120.00	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$125.00	\$0.00	(\$473.42)	\$0.00
Check Totals	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Actual current:									
Checking	\$ 2,401.99								
Savings	\$ 25,000.20								
PayPal	\$ 735.70								
Total:	\$28,137.89		\$28,137.89	CheckSum	\$0.00				

2022 TAAS General Fund Financial Summary

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	Budget
Memberships	\$465.00	\$375.00	\$335.00	\$530.00	\$350.00	\$530.00	\$300.00	\$500.00	\$280.00	\$515.00	\$395.00		\$4,575.00	\$4,000.00
Donations	\$30.00	\$80.00	\$20.00	\$185.00	\$37.50	\$465.50	\$60.00	\$252.50	\$75.00	\$342.50	\$60.00		\$1,608.00	\$1,400.00
General Mills	\$61.49													
General Electric	\$100.00													
Amazon Smile			\$36.79											
Blackbaud Giving Fund				\$61.49			\$61.49			\$61.49				
PayPal Giving Fund						\$1.00	\$1.00						\$699.33	\$400.00
Beverly Comm Fund									\$0.06					
Fidelity Charitable Fund									\$100.00					
Amazon Smile						\$35.01			\$38.43		\$38.69			
Bachechi Star Party Fee											\$100.00			
Interest	\$0.25	\$0.23	\$0.20	\$0.21	\$0.19	\$0.21	\$0.21	\$0.21	\$0.23	\$0.22	\$0.23			
ALCON Vendor Payments				\$100.00		\$350.00	\$100.00	\$25.00	-\$575.00				\$0.00	
Banquet Deposits					\$805.00	\$420.00	-\$1,225.00						\$0.00	
Total	\$656.74	\$455.23	\$391.99	\$876.70	\$1,192.69	\$1,801.72	\$522.70	\$777.71	-\$81.28	\$919.21	\$593.92	\$0.00	\$6,882.33	\$5,800.00
Adobe Subscription	\$57.16	\$57.16	\$57.16	\$57.16	\$57.16	\$57.16	\$57.10	\$57.10	\$57.10	\$57.10	\$57.10		\$628.46	
Storage Unit	\$198.00	\$198.00	\$198.00	\$198.00	\$198.00	\$198.00	\$218.00	\$218.00	\$218.00	\$218.00	\$218.00		\$2,278.00	
Insurance	\$975.00		\$601.50										\$1,576.50	
Pleated File Folder	\$25.34												\$25.34	
Door Prizes		\$400.00			\$100.00								\$500.00	
Annual Awards		\$331.45											\$331.45	
Norton Subscription		\$113.27											\$113.27	
Move funds to Science Fair Fund				\$200.00									\$200.00	
Post Office Box				\$182.00									\$182.00	
NM Corporate Registration Fee				\$10.00									\$10.00	
Zoom Subscription					\$161.70								\$161.70	
Aphelion Banquet							\$962.36						\$962.36	\$7,361.00
Aphelion Banquet - Cash Bar							\$110.74						\$110.74	
Notebooks								\$23.71					\$23.71	
Stamps								\$12.00					\$12.00	
Postage								\$4.50					\$4.50	
ALCON 2021 Door Prize									\$150.00				\$150.00	
Laptop Repair									\$138.65				\$138.65	
Laser Pointer											\$37.70		\$37.70	
Website License for WPForms											\$99.00		\$99.00	
General Meeting Speakers Dinner											\$50.00		\$50.00	
PayPal Cost	\$36.25	\$32.20	\$24.87	\$43.98	\$55.71	\$65.81	\$31.34	\$43.91	\$24.02	\$49.11	\$33.52		\$440.72	
Total	\$1,291.75	\$1,132.08	\$881.53	\$691.14	\$572.57	\$320.97	\$1,379.54	\$359.22	\$587.77	\$324.21	\$495.32	\$0.00	\$8,036.10	
Monthly Change	-\$635.01	-\$676.85	-\$489.54	\$185.56	\$620.12	\$1,480.75	-\$856.84	\$418.49	-\$669.05	\$595.00	\$98.60	\$0.00	\$71.23	
Monthly Balance	\$2,934.33	\$2,257.48	\$1,767.94	\$1,953.50	\$2,573.62	\$4,054.37	\$3,197.53	\$3,616.02	\$2,946.97	\$3,541.97	\$3,640.57	\$3,640.57		

2021 EOY Cash \$3,569.34

Anticipated Expenses

Annual Awards	\$0
Banquet Door Prizes	\$0
Banquet Subsidy	\$0
Paypal Costs	\$119
Insurance	\$0
Storage Unit	\$218
Post Office Box	\$0
Science Fair	\$0
Astronomical League Dues	\$0
Norton 360	\$0
Zoom Subscription	\$0
Quicken Subscription	\$0
Adobe Subscription	\$58
NM Corporate Registration Fee	\$0
ALCON 2021 Door Prize	\$0
Misc Costs (e.g., Speakers)	\$0
ALCON Vendor Payments	\$0
Banquet Payments	\$0

Total: \$395