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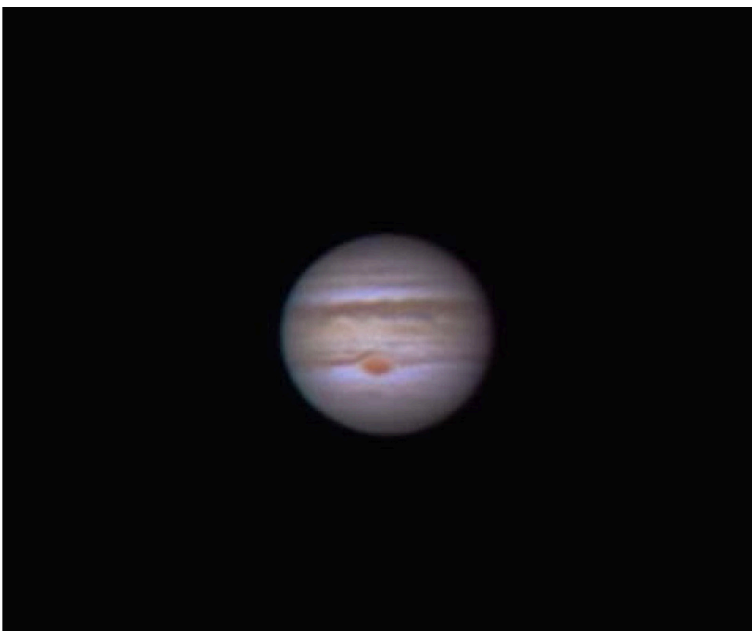
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Please Welcome The Newest SLAS Members!

Krumm, Keith
Nelson, Lorin

Poulson, Chris
Sodoma, Susan

Stowell, David
Trowbridge, Don



Jupiter images by Justin Davenport. Justin will be the guest speaker at this month's meeting.

MINUTES OF THE SALT LAKE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY BOARD MEETING

14 August 2019

Location: Denny's Restaurant, 250 W 500 S, Salt Lake City

Board Members in Attendance: John Johansen, Leslie Fowler, Denise Larsen, Luke Moses, Jim Keane

General Members in Attendance: Larry Holmes, Marlene Egger, Ken Warner, Joan Carman, Patrick Wiggins, Rodger Fry

SLAS President John Johansen called the meeting to order: 7:00 PM

Upcoming Events

August – Dr Anil Seth of the U of U on Black Holes

September – John is open to ideas for speakers, please contact him if you have any.

September 26–28 two events:

Great Basin National Park Astronomical Festival – contact John if you want to go

Capitol Reef National Park Astronomy Festival – contact Aleta Cox if you want to go

Mary Bender with a solo space outreach program would like to give a presentation at SPOC on September 13. John will be coordinating with her for further details.

Elections

If the amendments pass, all members will have until August 31, 2019 to express interest in being a candidate. If the amendments don't pass, then all candidates will be announced at the end of the August General Meeting. Absentee ballots are available online and from Aleta Cox. If you have a paper ballot, either mail it to Aleta or give it to her at the General Meeting next month.

Nova

Nova is now a monthly publication.

SPOC event

The member potluck dinner was very successful. Another potluck is in the making for September.

The Jachmann scope – should be ready by next spring for public use.

The Crosby scope will be used for demonstration and public use.

John Johansen will be donating his BBQ grill to SPOC.

Advertising

A discussion was had about the effectiveness of Facebook ads. This will be discussed further in another meeting.

New Business

Marlene Egger will head up a constitutional committee and this will be in charge of making amendments so that our constitution will be current. The committee's mission is to make the constitution current with as few adjustments as possible. Luke made a first motion, John made the second motion, the Board vote was unanimous.

An election committee was also made. Aleta Cox, Larry Holmes and Ken Warner volunteered.

Board Member Reports

John Johansen – none

Leslie Fowler – none

Denise Larsen – none

Jim Keane – none

Luke Moses – he is in the process of changing the club's insurance agent.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:15 pm

MINUTES OF THE SALT LAKE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING

21 August 2019

Location: Room 103 Calvin Rampton Technology Building at Salt Lake Community College

Attendance: 37

Board Members in Attendance: John Johansen, Leslie Fowler, Denise Larsen, Jim Keane

President John Johansen called the meeting to order: 7:30 PM

John welcomed everyone, thanked everyone for attending. He then introduced the speaker, Dr. Anil Seth, a professor at the U of U's Department of Physics & Astronomy.

Dr. Seth then gave his presentation on black holes.

Club Business

Upcoming Events

John announced the upcoming events, all of which can be found at our website: slas.us
Please note that our guest speaker for September will be SLAS member Justin Davenport. He will be talking about astrophotography.
Please also note that September 26-28, 2019, both Capitol Reef and Great Basin National Parks will be hosting an astronomy festival. Please contact John if you want to volunteer for Great Basin and Aleta if you want to volunteer for Capitol Reef.

Election Committee

John announced that he has appointed an Election Committee for this year's election consisting of Aleta Cox, Ken Warner and Larry Holmes.

Proposed Amendments

John announced that the Board has amended three areas of the constitution. Article V, "Election and Voting Procedures", Section B, "The Election Process", Lines 1, 2 & 8 are the proposed amendments. See below for the amendments.

It will be noted here that Marlene Egger motioned for an amendment to the third amendment that the words "by secret ballot" be put in at the beginning of the third amendment. John Johansen seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative among the members present.

John read through each amendment and discussion was made. Patrick Wiggins then made the first motion that a vote be made. John Johansen seconded the motion. There were 24 votes in the affirmative to pass the amendments and 2 against the amendments. Aleta confirmed with John that she received no paper ballots. By the constitution, we need 2/3 majority vote and it was obtained.

The three amendments passed and Patrick Wiggins will be updating the constitution. Since passing these amendments means all members now have until 11:59 PM on August 31, 2019, to file their candidacy with the Secretary/Treasurer, Denise Larsen, Denise will be sending out a SLAS Blast informing members of this newly-extended timeframe.

Constitutional Committee

John announced that Marlene Egger has volunteered to head a newly-established constitutional committee. The mission of this committee is to come up with suggestions for bringing the club's constitution up-to-date with as few changes as possible.

The meeting was adjourned to Village Inn for "Advanced Training" at 9:05 pm.

SLAS Member Information

The SLAS Member Information file is available at <http://slas.us/slasbooks/NEWMEM.PDF>.

Loaner Telescopes For SLAS Members

SLAS has several scopes available for loan to current SLAS members. Check the SLAS website under "[Membership Benefits](#)" for details.

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Events Calendar

September 2019

- 06 Star Party at 7th Street Harmons 7755 S 700 E, dusk to 10:00 pm
- 07 Star Party at SPOC, dusk to 10:00 pm
- 11 Board Meeting at Denny's restaurant, 250 W 500 S, 7:00 pm
- 14 Sun party, 6400 S 1100 W, 9:00 am to noon
- 18 General Meeting at SLCC's Rampton Technology Building, Taylorsville Campus, 7:30 pm
- 20 Star party at Wheeler Farm, 6351 S 900 E, dusk to 10:00 pm
- 21 Star Party at SPOC, dusk to 10:00 pm

October 2019

- 04 Star party at Draper Harmons, 672 E 11400 S, dusk to 9:00 pm
- 05 Star party at SPOC, dusk to 9:00 pm
- 09 Board Meeting at Denny's restaurant, 250 W 500 S, 7:00 pm
- 12 Sun party, 6400 S 1100 W, 9:00 am to noon
- 16 General Meeting at SLCC's Rampton Technology Building, Taylorsville Campus, 7:30 pm
- 18 Star party at SPOC, dusk to 9:00 pm
- 19 Star party at SPOC, dusk to 9:00 pm

November 2019

- 13 Board Meeting at Denny's Restaurant, 250 W 500 S, 7:00 pm
- 20 General Meeting at SLCC's Rampton Technology Building, Taylorsville Campus, 7:30 pm

December 2019

- 07 Solstice Party at Golden Corral, 665 E 7200 S
- 11 Transitional board meeting at Denny's restaurant, 250 W 500 S, 7:00 pm

View a list of all SLAS events online on the [Events Calendar](#)

Outdoor events are held weather permitting.

NOVA is a publication of the Salt Lake Astronomical Society, a non-profit organization. Nova contains minutes of meetings, Board member names & contact info, activities, reports and special club events. The editor of NOVA is appointed by the SLAS Vice-President. Members are encouraged to contribute content.

Tom Sevcik Candidate's Statement

After many years (early 80's) with SLAS and a former board member-at-large in addition to a tenure as NOVA editor (Jan 2000 – Jan 2006), I'd like to once again serve on the board to reinforce the society's commitment in promoting astronomy.

From volunteering to form the first Astronomy Day (thanks to Siegfried Jachmann's encouragement) to covering the club's 2002 ALCON convention to many public and school star parties over the years I hope to get a second wind after a period of illness.

It's my hope to promote some new ideas in getting more members to attend general meetings and star parties as well as revive some past events that were well attended. I will suggest recruiting a professional public speaker to help new members feel comfortable in engaging the public in a seminar setting. Appointing several members to make calls to new recruits reminding them of upcoming events is another idea.

Therefore, I ask for your vote in the upcoming election.

John Drabik Candidate's Statement

John Drabik has been interested in astronomy since an early age, but has been somewhat inactive in SLAS until his recent retirement as an Engineer at a major international IT/Computer company. John is known for extensive and accurate note-taking during meetings and events, for maintaining accurate records of transactions and exchanges, and for his technical skills.

Recently, John worked on the Society's Crosby split-ring telescope which was provided for public use at a recent star party. His work included small repairs on the telescope, collimation, creation of several 3D-printed parts for operation and for collimation, and replacement of the drive motor controller with one having greater range than the old controller.

Besides participating in meetings and events as Secretary / Treasurer, John looks forward to bringing the large new 11" refractor to life in the near future.