

Astronomical League Business Meeting Notes – July 29, 2022

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The annual Business Meeting of the Astronomical League was held on July 29, 2022, during ALCon 2022, the Astronomical League Convention, held this year in Albuquerque, NM, hosted by The Albuquerque Astronomical Society. TAAS president Jim Fordice is Chairman of the Convention.

The Astronomical League had has great success with Zoom and streaming meetings during the two years of COVID Shutdown. AL is now considering streaming future ALCON sessions to make convention available to a wider audience, for a nominal fee, perhaps \$60.

Scott Roberts of Explorer Scientific has been instrumental in helping the Astronomical League acquire an online presence.

AL encourages members to submit images to post on the League 's Facebook page.

Library telescopes are offered by Orion telescopes to be used as lender telescopes to public libraries, to be checked out like books.

Election of League officers: the proffered slate of candidates has been elected.

AL Award winners will be announced during the Banquet Saturday night. The following awards will be presented.

Horkheimer Award
Sketching
Mable Stearns
Webmaster
Newsletter
National Young Astronomer

AL Bylaws have been revised. The revised version will be sent to the clubs for approval. Revisions have been made to make election procedures more equitable. Bylaws have been updated to conform with Missouri law.

Baton Rouge Club, Louisiana, will be hosting ALCon 2023. Theme is Astronomical Gumbo.
RASC is excited to work with AL to host ALCON 2024 in Toronto
ALCON 2025 will be in Bryce Canyon.

Please attend Astronomical League Live streaming events.

Astronomical League website is being revised and updated. Some content is out of date. Current platform is Drupal. New platform will be WordPress.

Astronomical League Trust Fund is growing, including new trustees. Increased resources will allow AL to pursue new outreach and support to member societies.

AL budget was recently approved at the AL Council Meeting. 22,000 members in 310 clubs. Membership has grown during COVID

AL Sales are doing great business. Thanks to Mitch Glaze and his staff.

The League would like to find a way to reach underserved kids in both urban and rural areas, similar to CLASS program run by John Wagoner in Dallas.

AL needs to improve communication between League and ALCors. Clubs are independent organizations and AL is not in a position to tell clubs what to do. Nevertheless, regular communications need to be initiated, not just posted on website.

AL should not be perceived as sending SPAM to individual members.

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