

Astronomical League Council Meeting Notes – July 27, 2022

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The annual Council Meeting of the Astronomical League was held on July 27, 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 currently has 22,000 members in 310 clubs.

Aaron Cleavenson reported on AK Observing Programs. Observing programs are more popular than ever, with the Sky Puppy and Messier programs leading the pack. Observing Books are being revised and will be available through AL Sales.

Mitch Glaze reported that AL Sales is doing a lot of business. The biggest problem facing AL Sales is dealing with international shipments, which usually include high local taxes and customs duties.

Chuck Allen presented Revised AL Bylaws for Council for approval. The changes were approved and will be submitted to membership for final approval.

Ron Cramer on Eclipse Glasses. Various models are being tested. A final choice will be made and glasses will be acquired at a cost 20 cents and sold for \$1.00 each. On international orders, customers will be responsible for any local taxes or customs duties. AL plans to sell 100,000 or more glasses during 2024 eclipse.

Jackie Beucher, Trust Fund update. The Astronomical League has received several large bequests. The AL now has resources to pursue opportunities it has never had before, including Educational outreach.

Jack Horkheimer Estate has been experiencing financial problems, and will need to reduce its support of the Horkheimer Award for the AL. AL Will need to consider additional sources of funding if we wish to continue support of this award.

IDA Membership has been renewed.

Proposed New Observing Programs

1. Solar Neighborhood - Stars within 10 parsecsq of the Solar System
 2. Bennett Southern Sky - Messier Program for the Southern Hemisphere (107 objects)
- Approved by Council.

New Honorary Members of the Astronomical League

1. John Cotton
2. David Levy
3. Jackie Beucher

ALCON 2023 - Baton Rouge

ALCON 2024 - Toronto

ALCON 2025 - Bryce Canyon