



Society for cultural astronomy
in the American southwest, inc.
June 1st, 2021, 7:30pm MDT, SCAAS BOARD Agenda
Plan 1 ½ hour for Board Meeting



Present: Christopher Dombroski, President; Ric Alling, Treasurer; Ray Williamson, Secretary; Karen Knierman; Greg Munson. Not present: Bryan Bates, Vice-President.

Old Business:

1. Approve minutes from last meeting. Minutes as amended approved by voice vote.
2. Financial Update. Ric presented the quarterly financial report (attached). SCAAS finances are in good shape and sufficient to cover expected expenses for the year (mostly insurance, yearly fee to Wild Apricot, the SCAAS email and web host).
3. Statement on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. Chris mentioned that he has posted this statement, which was agreed to in the last meeting on the website.
4. SWOT update: Ric and Karen shared the distillation of the SWOT meeting of 21 March 2021 with the Board and invited input on the findings from other Board members. He will prepare an article summarizing the results for the Newsletter and invite comments from the membership. Bryan and Ray will use this product to develop a draft SCAAS Business Plan.
5. Grand Canyon Star Party: Greg shared that planning for the star party, led by Rader Lane is nearly complete. Greg had helped Rader secure several Native American speakers. Bryan will also speak at the Party, which will extend over several days, with telescope viewing. (<https://www.nps.gov/grca/planyourvisit/grand-canyon-star-party.htm>)
6. Journal club follow up: Chris, Karen and Ric are working on the plan, which will be announced in the Summer Solstice Newsletter. Ric offered that this initiative could be a good recruiting tool for the Society.
7. Fewkes project: Society members have helped enormously with contributions that will serve as matching funds for grants. Ray is checking on when the Smithsonian Archives will be able to accept researchers. In the meantime, Ray and Greg will rework the proposal to the Colorado-based Ballantine Foundation and submit it as soon as feasible. Member Chris Laysen is interested in assisting this project.

New Business:

8. Standing committees update.
 - Awards Committee (Chris): No report at this time.
 - Social Media / Newsletter Committee (Chris & Seven):
 - Conference / Workshop Committee (Ric / Chris): No report at this time. Ric and Chris are still considering the dates and scope of a workshop.
 - Publication Committee (Greg / Ray). Greg reported that we have earned a few dollars from sales of our 2016 conference
 - Funding Raising / Financial Committee (Ric / Bryan): Included in the financial report were funds received from Amazon, which contributes a small percentage of the cost of the Amazon order to SCAAS for members who have selected the Society as the beneficiary of the contribution. Greg has set up the same arrangement for the Kroger Grocery company and its other subsidiaries, such as the Fry Company, but so far only a few members have signed up to designate SCAAS as the recipient.
 - Membership Committee (Greg): Greg reported that SCAAS has 62 members, of which 60 are active. He suggested that we add one more year to the free membership offered to several Native American individuals. The Board agreed to extend the free membership to four Native American individuals.
 - Business plan (Bryan & Ray). Ray reported that he and Bryan were waiting for the SWOT analysis to make further progress on the business plan. They will prepare a draft plan for the next Board meeting. Ric noted that in his opinion, SCAAS needs a change of strategy to continue to be successful.

9. Newsletter needs: Chris reported that Seven needs copy for the next Newsletter as soon as possible. He would like to avoid last-minute contributions.

10. Pecos Conference: Will be held outside of Mancos, Colorado, 5-8 August (see <https://www.pecosconference.org/> for details). The Board agreed to sponsor a vendor booth (actually a table) to share SCAAS material with conference participants. Ric, Ray, and Greg plan to attend and will host the table. Greg will prepare a draft flyer for distribution.

Adjourn: 8:30 pm.

Next Meeting: 20 July 2021, 7:30 pm.