



SOCIETY FOR CULTURAL ASTRONOMY
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**Board Resolution on the use of the Carol Ambruster Memorial Fund (CAMF)
February 27, 2019**

The SCAAS Board of Directors has the responsibility to manage and regularly report the balance and distribution of special purpose funds with appropriate stewardship, honoring the intent of the donor(s). The Carol Ambruster Memorial Fund (CAMF) is such a fund.

Be it resolved that that CAMF will be used for the following activities:

1. Support to students interested in making a contribution to cultural astronomy; such uses would include supporting membership fees, conference fees and travel, among other student needs;
2. Support to Native Americans for travel and lodging when attending a Society conference and for including their conference presentations in a Society conference publication.
3. Fees required to administer the fund, the amount to be set by the Board.

In addition, the fund might be used for the following:

1. Seed money to attract grants for a specific use with an agreement that the expended funds would be replaced as soon as possible from General Donation funds;
2. To cover shorts when a conference or workshop inadvertently exceeded its budget. Here again, the expended funds should be replaced as soon as possible from incoming General Donation funds.
3. Expenditures that assist SAAS in attracting additional CAMF funds, such as creating and printing a pamphlet to promote the fund, or other supportive expenses.

Conference-related expenditures will be agreed upon by the Conference Committee and presented as a resolution to the Board for discussion, agreement and disbursement. Other expenditures could be proposed by individuals or other SCAAS committees and submitted to the Board for approval.

Further, to avoid depleting the fund too quickly, disbursements should be measured and only reduce the fund at any one time by not more than 25%.

To avoid endless discussions of fund disbursements, it should be considered a fairly routine decision for the Board to approve items well within the scope of the defined fund uses and not be subject to dispute.

Finally, the Board envisions that even following prudent management of its available funds, at some point in the future, it could find the Society at risk of financial failure. If so, in order to insure continued viability of the Society, and only after depleting the General Donations fund, CAMF funds could be used to return the Society to solid financial footing. Be it agreed that a super majority of Board members would be required to take this serious step. Here again, the CAMF funds would have to be replaced as soon as possible from General Donations.

SCAAS Board of Director's Votes

	Vote	Vote Received
Bryan C. Bates, President	YES	February 27, 2019
Christopher Dombrowski, Vice-President	YES	February 27, 2019
Ray A. Williamson, Secretary	YES	February 27, 2019
Ric Alling, Treasurer	YES	February 27, 2019
Gregory E. Munson, Membership Chair	YES	February 27, 2019

The votes being recorded on February 27, 2019 the resolution **PASSED** with five votes **YES** and zero votes **NO**.

Certified by:

Bryan C. Bates
President, Society for Cultural Astronomy in the American Southwest, Inc.

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