



SOCIETY FOR CULTURAL ASTRONOMY
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Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Thursday September 8, 2016 Teleconference
(from notes and recording)

Present: Greg Munson – President, Tony Hull – Vice President, Ric Alling – Treasurer, Bryan Bates – Secretary and Ray Williamson – Board member.

Discussion Items:

1. **2016 Conference Update** – Planning for the conference at Crow Canyon is proceeding according to schedule. The conference will be three days and feature a full day dedicated to listening to the perspectives of Native American or indigenous peoples. There will be speakers each evening. Bryan has contacted Margo Aragon, agent for NASA Astronaut John Herrington, and found that his speaker fee is \$6,500 plus travel and lodging expenses. He can speak via Skype for \$1,000. The Board agreed that these costs are too high for our conference and we will continue to look for a speaker for our public outreach lecture. Registration for the conference has been slow. Greg will follow up with members by further announcements to try and get more participants. He is also working with the Free Press and Cortez Journal, both local newspapers, to conduct interviews for articles or public announcements. Greg will be contacting scheduled presenters to confirm their attendance.

Action Items:

1. **Conference Financial Assistance** – A number of members have inquired as to the availability of additional discounts or financial assistance for presenters. The matter was discussed and it was agreed that no additional discounts or financial assistance should be offered except in cases of demonstrated financial hardship. The conference will be sponsoring a number of Native American speakers through waivers of conference registration/dinner fees and in two cases partial or full payment of lodging costs. The cost of these waivers and costs will be reflected in any deficit balance for the conference and it was agreed that the Carol Ambruster Memorial Fund would pay any such deficit. Two registrants have canceled their attendance and will receive a full refund consistent with conference cancellation policy.
2. **Awards Updates and Authorizations** – The Board discussed presenting Lifetime Achievement Awards to Von Del Chamberlain and Todd Bostwick. It was agreed that these be presented at the conference banquet with a plaque and an award of \$300.00 each to be paid from the Carol Ambruster Memorial Fund.
3. **Full Membership Application** – Lee Riddell made application for Full membership to receive the additional conference discount. It was discussed that Full members normally have higher academic qualifications and experience in cultural astronomy although this was not written in any corporation policy. As a result, the applicant was granted Full membership in the Society and the membership class has been withdrawn from public application.

Certified by:

Greg Munson – SCAAS President
September 30, 2016

Bryan Bates – SCAAS Secretary