

LAAS CONSTITUTION

Article 1

Name

Section 1 The name of this organization shall be "Los Angeles Astronomical Society, Incorporated."

ARTICLE 2

Object

Section 1 The object of this society shall be to promote interest in and advance the knowledge of astronomy, optics, telescope making, and related subjects, which are within the facilities of the society.

ARTICLE 3

Membership

Section 1 There shall be eight (8) classes of membership in the society: Regular, Senior Citizen, Youth, Life, Star, Honorary, Honorary Life and Honorary Star Life.

Section 2 Regular: Those members who are over eighteen (18) years of age and under sixty-five (65) years of age. They shall have rights and privileges conferred by the Constitution and By-Laws, including the right to vote, hold office, and introduce legislation.

Section 3 Youth: Those members who are under eighteen (18) years of age. They shall have the rights and privileges conferred by the Constitution and By-Laws, except the right to vote, hold office, or introduce legislation.

Section 4 Senior Citizen: Those members who are over sixty-five (65) years of age. They shall have all rights and privileges conferred by the Constitution and By-Laws, including the right to vote, hold office, and introduce legislation.

Section 5 Life: Those senior or junior members who shall have made application and paid the Life membership fee. They shall have and retain for life, the rights and privileges conferred by the Constitution and By-Laws without the payment of annual dues.

Section 6 Star: Those Senior, Junior, Honorary Life, or Honorary members who shall have paid the Star Membership fee. They shall have the rights and privileges conferred by the Constitution and By-Laws. Those members who shall have become Star members prior to May 1, 1970 shall be considered Charter Star Members.

- Section 7 Honorary: Those persons of outstanding prominence in the field of astronomy or related fields who shall have been recommended by the Board of Directors and approved by a majority of the Board. They shall have the rights and privileges conferred by the Constitution and By-Laws, except the right to vote, hold office, or introduce legislation.
- Section 8 Honorary Life: Those Senior or Junior members who for outstanding services to the society, shall have been recommended by the Board of Directors and approved by a two thirds (2/3) of the voting membership present at a regular business meeting. They shall have and retain for life, the rights and privileges conferred by the Constitution and By-Laws without payment of annual dues.
- Section 9 Honorary Star Life: Those Star members who shall have made outstanding contributions expanding the facilities of the society for the advancement of observational astronomy and who shall have been recommended by the Star members, accepted by the Board of Directors, and approved by two thirds (2/3) of the voting membership present at a regular business meeting. They shall have and retain for life, the rights and privileges conferred by the Constitution and By-Laws without the payment of annual dues or Star membership fees.
- Section 10 Members of the Society shall have the right to attend all meetings, speak at all meetings, and receive all notices and publications of the society, and such other rights and privileges as conferred by the Constitution and By-Laws.
- Section 11 There exists a sub-category of membership called Family. This adds a specific cost to the annual membership fee but permits all declared individuals residing within the same residence as the Head of Family (HOF) to be considered full members of the LAAS, with the exception that the family unit only receives ONE copy of the LAAS monthly bulletin and ONE copy of the Griffith Observer

ARTICLE 4

Officers

- Section 1 The officers of this society shall be the President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
- Section 2 The officers shall be elected by a majority of the voting membership in accordance with the provisions of the By-Laws, and shall serve for a term of one (1) year.
- Section 3 No member shall be an officer who shall not have served on the LAAS Board of Directors (BOD) for at least one (1) year and who shall not be a member in good standing. This one-year board service requirement of may be waived upon a majority vote by the BOD.
- Section 4 No member shall hold more than one (1) office concurrently.

ARTICLE 5

Meetings

- Section 1 An annual meeting shall be held at a time and place to be prescribed by the Board of Directors. The purpose of this meeting shall be the installation of new officers and the presentation of awards.
- Section 2 Regular meetings shall be held once a month, unless otherwise provided for by the Board of Directors.
- Section 3 Star parties shall be held at such times and places as determined by the Board of Directors.
- Section 4 Upon reasonable notice, Special meetings may be called by the President or in the President's absence by the Vice-President, or by any five (5) members of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 6

Amendments

- Section 1 The Constitution may be amended at any regular meeting by a vote of three fourths (3/4) of the voting membership present, provided that written notice of the subject matter and purpose of said amendment shall be given at least thirty (30) days prior to voting.
- Section 2 All amendments to the Constitution shall be presented to the general membership after approval by the Board of Directors.