



RASC Halifax Centre Board of Directors Meeting
 Tuesday, November 30, 2021: 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Via Zoom - Meeting ID 973 6789 2867

Agenda Items				
Time	Item	Purpose	Responsibility	Support Documents / Notes
7:00 PM	1. Welcome & Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval of Agenda Review Action List Approval of Previous Minutes of Meeting 	Information Approval	Judy Black	Pre-circulated: Agenda: Nov 30, 2021 Minutes: Nov 2, 2021
ONGOING ITEMS				
	2. Upcoming Meeting Dates & Guest Speakers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. 2021 Meeting date confirmation & approval b. Confirm Member's Meeting agenda c. Zoom/SMU Bookings d. Guest Speakers & Ideas for Future Presentations 	Ongoing Discussion Approval	Judy Black	Refer to Agenda Notes #1 & #2
	3. Report from National Council Representative	Information Discussion	Judy Black	Next Meeting December 5, 2021
	4. Education & Public Outreach (EPO) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outreach Requests (if applicable) 	Discussion Decision	Paul Heath	<i>n/a</i>
	5. RASC Halifax Centre Website & YouTube	Discussion Decision	Judy Black	Refer to Agenda Note #3
	6. Financial Update	Discussion Decision	Gregg Dill	<i>n/a</i>
UPDATES / REPORTS				
	7. SCO <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upgrade Status Astrophoto Fundraising External Funding 	Discussion Decision	John Liddard Gregg Dill Judy Black	<i>n/a</i>
	8. Member Survey <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Results 	Discussion Decision	Judy Black Pat Kelly	<i>n/a</i>
	9. Astroimaging Contest	Information Discussion	Judy Black	<i>n/a</i>
	10. Snapping Turtle Nest Protection	Information Discussion	John Liddard	<i>n/a</i>
GOVERNANCE				
	11. AGM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reports (missing & posting) Agenda 	Information Discussion	Judy Black	Refer to Agenda Notes #4
	12. 2022 Nominations	Information Discussion	Peter Hurley	Refer to Agenda Note #5
	13. RASC Bylaw Change	Information Discussion	Judy Black	Refer to Agenda Note #6
NEW BUSINESS				

	14. 2022 Member's Meeting Format	Information Discussion	Judy Black	n/a
9:00 PM	Adjournment (Next meeting: January 4, 2022)			

RASC, Halifax Centre – AGM & Member's Meeting

Saturday, December 4, 2021 – 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Via Zoom – Meeting ID 961 6655 9250

Agenda Items		
Time*	Item	Responsibility
1:00 PM	AGM	Judy Black
1:45 PM	Welcome & Introductions - Photo Montage	Judy Black Paul Gray
1:55 PM	1. Presentation: <i>Dr. Phil Groff</i>	Dr. Phil Groff
2:45 PM	2. Food for the Soul	Paul Heath
2:55 PM	3. What's Up? (December)	Dave Chapman
3:30 PM	4. News from the Board	Judy Black
4:00 PM	5. Adjournment	
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM	<i>Astro-Chat</i>	

* Times are for Board of Director information only and for informing presenters of the length of their presentations; they will not be published on the Halifax Centre website. Times will be adjusted for each meeting.

Halifax Centre Board of Directors - Minutes of Meeting

November 30, 2021 - 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

held via Zoom Meeting ID 973 6789 2867

Present: Judy Black, Peter Hurley, Kathy Walker, Matt Dyer, Paul Heath, Tim Doucette, Pat Kelly, Gregg Dill, Lisa Ann Fanning, David Hoskin, John Liddard

Regrets: Wayne Harasimovitch, Mary Lou Whitehorne

1. Welcome & Introductions

Judy called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and welcomed members.

The meeting agenda was reviewed. There were no changes or additions proposed to the agenda.

211130MN-Mot01

It was moved by Paul Heath and seconded by Kathy Walker to approve the November 30, 2021, Board of Directors meeting agenda, as tabled.

CARRIED.

The Action Lists were reviewed.

From January 7, 2021

Action 7: Closed.

From June 1, 2021

Action 2: Open. Judy had made the request to Phil Groff previously, but the National lists still appear to be there. Judy will re-do this action. There was some discussion of experiences when renewing membership and checking the box to join a discussion list. Greg asked that it be investigated. It was uncertain which lists Pat administrates. It was agreed that this needs to be clarified. Judy agreed to call and try to sort it out.

From September 7, 2021

Action 10: Closed. To be re-actioned when required.

From September 28, 2021

Action 6: Open.

Action 14: Closed. John will get keys cut as they are required.

Action 15-17: Closed.

Action 18: Closed. To be actioned in January 2022.

From November 2, 2021

Action 1: Open.

Action 2: Closed.

Action 3: Open.

Action 4-5: Closed.

Action 6: Open.

Action 7-9: Closed.

Action 10: Closed. Ian declined.

Action 11-12: Open.

The minutes of the November 2, 2021, Board of Directors meeting had been circulated by email by Peter on November 23, 2021. Pat had provided corrections by email on November 24, 2021. No additional changes were proposed.

211130MN-Mot02

It was moved by David Hoskin and seconded by Pat Kelly to approve the November 2, 2021, Board of Directors Meeting minutes, as amended.
CARRIED.

ONGOING ITEMS

2. Upcoming Meeting Dates & Guest Speakers

a) 2021 Meeting date confirmation and approval

Judy pointed out that upcoming meeting dates are listed in Agenda Note #1 and #2. The next Board meeting is shown as January 4, 2022, and that date was agreed, but also that subsequent dates will need to be approved by the incoming Board. It was agreed that the date for the Member's meeting would be December 3, 2022, not December 10, 2022.

211130MN-Mot03

It was moved by Pat Kelly and seconded by Gregg Dill to approve the list of 2022 Member's Meeting dates.
CARRIED.

211130MN-Act01

Judy Black to post the 2022 Member's Meeting dates on the Centre website.

b) Confirm Member's Meeting agenda

The next Member's meeting date is December 4, 2021. The AGM will be held before the Member's meeting. The draft agenda for the Member's meeting was attached to the Board meeting agenda. Judy pointed out that the announcement of the Astroimaging Contest results had been left off the draft and would be added. Judy indicated that the People's Choice part of the contest had gone out earlier in the day using SurveyMonkey, closing Friday. Judy informed the Board of the adjudicators' decision of the contest winner in each of the 3 categories and she thanked the 3 adjudicators Blair MacDonald, Tim Doucette and Fiona Morris.

211130MN-Act02

Lisa Ann Fanning and Judy Black to work together on a piece for Nova Notes announcing the results.

c) Zoom/SMU Bookings

There has been no change with respect to meeting space at SMU.

d) Guest Speakers and Ideas for Future Presentations

Judy pointed out that we have guest speakers in place until March, as shown in agenda Note #1. Pat indicated that he had not heard back from Randy Attwood regarding a confirmed date and agreed to follow up with him.

211130MN-Act03

Pat Kelly to confirm a Member's Meeting presentation date with Randy Attwood.

3. Report from National Council Representative

Judy indicated that there was nothing new to report from the National Council. The next Council meeting will be held the day after our AGM so she won't have anything to report until the new year.

4. Education and Public Outreach

Paul reported that he only received one request from a grade 6 teacher looking for ideas for activities for a module on astronomy. He indicated that the National I&D Committee was still looking for speakers or for questions for the Black History Month event they were putting together.

5. RASC Halifax Centre Website

Judy indicated that changes made to the website were listed in Agenda Note #3. On the Centre YouTube channel, the "Centre Meetings and Presentations" has been moved up in priority above the 2015 GA presentations and the most recent Centre "What's Up?" video has been moved to the top.

6. Financial Update

Gregg reported that the Centre has approximately \$5900 in the bank, and that he was working with Ian Anderson, our auditor, to prepare a financial statement. The difficulty is that RASC National is still not able to produce revenue reports from the new Driven! system like those produced by the old system and that he is having to make projections of processing and membership fees. He indicated that reports show that the Centre is still getting \$23 per membership although we had agreed to increase our Centre fee previously. Judy indicated that she had received an email from the National office confirming that our agreed fee increase would be implemented immediately.

211130MN-Act04

Judy Black to determine when she had sent the email to National office about the Centre fee increase and then contact National office again to enquire why the Centre fee increase hasn't been implemented.

Gregg reminded us that Pat had communicated to National office on September 11, 2021 that the Centre wanted to reduce the number of copies of SkyNews we receive from 50 to 20. Paul indicated he had received 50 copies of the November/December issue of SkyNews but had received only 20 copies of the January/February issue. Paul agreed to confirm how many copies of each issue he had received and then email the information to Gregg and Pat.

211130MN-Act05

Paul Heath to confirm how many copies of SkyNews issues he had received by email to Gregg Dill and Pat Kelly.

211130MN-Act06

Pat Kelly to contact National office, after hearing from Paul Heath regarding number of issues he has received and from Gregg Dill regarding number of copies on the invoices and ask National office to correct their invoices to match our requested number of copies of SkyNews.

Options for an auditor for the coming year were discussed. Judy indicated that Dave Lane had served as auditor in the past and it was agreed that Judy should ask Dave if he would consider serving as auditor again.

211130MN-Act07

Judy Black to ask Dave Lane if he would serve as auditor in the coming year.

Gregg indicated that he hadn't distributed a draft income statement and balance statement to the Board before the meeting, to avoid confusion, but that he would before the AGM on Saturday if he was able to.

Pat reported that the Bylaws state that if an auditor isn't appointed at the AGM, then the Board can appoint one after that. It was agreed that if Dave Lane declined, then we would ask at the AGM if anyone would volunteer or if they could recommend someone.

UPDATES/REPORTS

7. SCO

• **Upgrade Status**

John reported that there was nothing new since the last meeting. He had inspected SCO recently and the propane tank is now at approximately 35%. He thought that it had last been filled in March 2020, and that at that time Superior had filled the tank without the gate having been opened (which is a good because it means the tank can perhaps be filled without snow having to be cleared. He mentioned concern that the tank might need to be filled soon.

211130MN-Act08

John Liddard to check with Superior Propane if there was any concern with the tank getting too low.

- **Astrophoto Fundraising**

Judy reported she had checked with Blair MacDonald and no orders had yet been received for astrophotos. As a result, she had included a reminder to members in the email she had sent today to the Centre Announce List. She will also include a reminder during the Member's meeting on Saturday. Gregg reported that we had sold 10 of the 20 calendars that we had received from the printer. Judy will include a reminder of the calendars on Saturday as well.

- **External Funding**

Judy indicated she had included this item because she had learned that one Centre uses an arrangement with a local casino to generate income. That option may not be available to us and we might not want to use it if it were. However, she wanted us to think about whether there might be groups that we could partner with in order to generate some revenue or if there were grant opportunities that we might take advantage of. She indicated that she would include that question at the Member's meeting on Saturday also.

8. Member Survey Results

Judy reported that she had compiled the results and prepared a summary, that Pat had reviewed and corrected. She will circulate the summary to the Board. In summary, it seems members feel we are doing a great job over the past year. A lot indicated they looked forward to getting back to in-person meetings. And there were a lot of suggestions. We'll put it on the agenda for the meeting in January.

211130MN-Act09

Judy Black to circulate the summary of the Member Survey results to the Board.

9. Astroimaging Contest

Judy had revealed during the Action items discussion that Jason Dain was the winner of all 3 categories. She asked that we keep it to ourselves until the announcement at the Member's meeting on Saturday. In discussing the outcome with Blair MacDonald, they realized that prizes had not been arranged. Judy had contacted Alan Sutherland at Atlantic Photo Supply, who indicated that they be pleased to donate 16"x24" gallery-wrapped canvas prints, as in the past, but not until January because materials wouldn't be available until then. This would be communicated to the winners for them to arrange with APS. Judy reminded us that the people's choice winner wouldn't be determined until Saturday and that the award is a \$50 APS gift certificate. Because that was a cash expenditure, a motion was required.

211130MN-Mot04

It was moved by Gregg Dill and seconded by Tim Doucette to award a \$50 gift certificate from Atlantic Photo Supply to the winner of the People's Choice for the 2021 Astroimaging contest.
CARRIED.

10. Snapping Turtle Nest Protection

John indicated that there was nothing to report.

GOVERNANCE

11. AGM

Judy indicated that the agenda for the AGM was included in Agenda Note #4. Only the Librarian's and the Financial Report were outstanding, but the latter had been addressed. After the Executive position reports, the order of reports was arranged alphabetically except the Nominating Committee report which was the last. She reminded us that we had agreed previously that the reports would not be read at the AGM. It had been included in the announcement of the AGM that members should read all the reports ahead of the meeting and only questions would be addressed. The only exceptions would be the Financial and Auditors reports. Those would need separate motions for approval.

12. 2022 Nominations

The procedures for the Nominating Committee report and elections were reviewed and discussed. It was concluded that the Governance Committee should review the Bylaws and Policies again to ensure that they were consistent. We did test our capability to conduct an online election, if required, using the online polling option within Zoom meetings.

Pat suggested that it would be useful to have polls for all approvals required for the AGM set up ahead of time, to facilitate all voting, and this was agreed. Polls would be for approval of the agenda, previous minutes, Appointment of the Auditor, approval of financial report and approval of all reports as presented. Judy confirmed that the results of polls get recorded in the Zoom meeting results report. We did discuss details of the process of moving from the Zoom AGM meeting to the Zoom Member's meeting. It will be one meeting, not a webinar format, and those that choose to participate in the Member's meeting but not the AGM, or that are not members, will be in the "waiting room" until the AGM is completed. All participants will be muted, but they will be able to unmute themselves if they wish to speak; however, Judy will have the ability to mute a participant if they forget to do so themselves.

Judy pointed out that the list of nominations presented in Agenda Note #5 was incorrect; Jaime Whynot will be replacing Wayne Harasimovitch as a director. Peter confirmed that the list that had been sent to the Announce list did include Jaime. Gregg pointed out that his 2022 term would be his 5th year of 5. Peter also confirmed that on the appointed position list, he and Tony Schellinck were listed as nominated and the auditor position was listed as vacant. Judy indicated that she had corrected Dave Chapman's DSP Committee report to indicate that Peter and Tony had been nominated as co-chairs, not appointed, and similarly that in the Observing Chair report that David Hoskin had been nominated, not appointed.

211130MN-Act010

Judy Black to send link to draft 2020 AGM minutes to Announce list.

211130MN-Act011

The Governance Committee to review the existing Centre Bylaws and Policies regarding elections to ensure there are no inconsistencies in processes.

13. RASC Bylaw Change

Judy indicated that this agenda item was for information only, and that it was a change to a National Bylaw. Previously those in Executive positions of a Centre were unable to serve on the National Board. That had created an issue for some smaller Centres. This change will need to be ratified at the National AGM in June 2022. The details are provided in Agenda Note #6.

NEW BUSINESS

14. 2022 Member's Meeting Format

Judy indicated she wanted us to start to think about the Member's meeting format, both the date and time, and whether we might implement a streaming format when we returned to in-person meetings. The reasons we had switched from a Friday evening timing to a Saturday afternoon timing were discussed. There was discussion of the experiences with several other groups that had moved to a hybrid-meeting format. Bob Russell, during a previous Astrochat session, had indicated he had some experience with the equipment requirements for live streaming. And we would need to discuss with Dave Lane what might be possible before making a request for network access to SMU. It was also suggested that we ask members about their choice of date and timing, and of streaming format.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Judy adjourned the meeting. She pointed out that the next Board meeting is scheduled for January 4, 2022.

Adjournment at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Peter Hurley, Secretary

ACTION LIST (as of November 30, 2021):

<i>From June 1, 2021</i>		
210601MN-Act02	Judy Black to contact Phil Goff to indicate that Halifax Centre will continue to use its own discussion list for Centre communication and request that they inactivate the Halifax Centre forum on the National site.	Open
<i>From September 28, 2021</i>		
210928MN-Act06	Gregg Dill to verify that Superior Propane will buy back unused propane in the tank.	Open
<i>From November 2, 2021</i>		
211102MN-Act01	John Liddard , in consultation with Ian Anderson and Gregg Dill, to establish the value of Halifax Centre capital equipment.	Open
211102MN-Act03	Peter Hurley to add review the power upgrade on the March 2022 Board meeting agenda.	Open
211102MN-Act06	Peter Hurley to provide John Liddard with contact information for the turtle conservation group in Nova Scotia.	Open

211102MN-Act11	Judy Black to ask Paul Gray if he would consider acting as Halifax Centre liaison to the 2024 Solar Eclipse RASC Task Force.	Open
211102MN-Act12	Peter Hurley to contact staff at Discovery Centre to indicate that we have started to make plans for the 2024 solar eclipse and would be interested in collaborating with them again.	Open
From November 30, 2021		
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211130MN-Act02	Lisa Ann Fanning and Judy Black to work together on a piece for Nova Notes announcing the results.	Open
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211130MN-Act011	The Governance Committee to review the existing Centre Bylaws and Policies regarding elections to ensure there are no inconsistencies in processes.	Open

MOTION LIST (November 30, 2021):

211130MN-Mot01	It was moved by Paul Heath and seconded by Kathy Walker to approve the November 30, 2021, Board of Directors meeting agenda, as tabled. CARRIED.
211130MN-Mot02	It was moved by David Hoskin and seconded by Pat Kelly to approve the November 2, 2021, Board of Directors Meeting minutes, as amended. CARRIED.
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AGENDA NOTES

Agenda Item, Proposed By, & Date Proposed	Description Received (& Proposed Motion, if Applicable)
<p>Agenda Note #1 re: 2021 Meeting Dates</p>	<p>A) 2020 Approved Meeting Dates and Events Board Meeting dates were approved at the January 7, 2021, Board of Directors meeting. They have been posted on the RASC(HC) website. November 30</p> <p>Members' Meeting dates were approved at the October 28, 2020, Board of Directors meetings. They have been posted on the RASC(HC) website. December 4 (AGM)</p> <p>B) Confirmed Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • December 4: AGM Dr. Phil Groff • January 8, 2022: Blair MacDonald (Pandemic Astrophotography) Chris Young (Astronomy Lore) • February 5, 2022: Dr. Jennifer West* (Magnetic Tunnel Project) *Research Associate, Dunlap Institute for Astronomy & Astrophysics, UoT Keegan Oickle (Youth Committee & Projects) Dave Chapman • March 5, 2022: David Shuman (NASA Missions) ?? Randy Attwood (2024 Total Eclipse) Chris Young (Astronomy Lore) • April 2, 2022: ?? Randy Attwood (2024 Total Eclipse) • May 7, 2022: ?? Randy Attwood (2024 Total Eclipse) <p>June 4, 2022: September 10, 2022 (Labour Day = Sept 5) October 1, 2022 (Thanksgiving = Oct 10) November 5, 2022 December 3 (or 10), 2022</p> <p>C) Suggested Speakers Special Presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr. Leslie Rogers & Sara Seager ○ Kaja Rotermund (formation of a high-redshift galaxy cluster) ○ https://rasc.ca/find-speaker ○ Karim Jaffer (Montreal) re student research using RASC robotic Telescope ○ Dr. Samantha Lawler: New to the U of R and very busy rebuilding the astronomy program. She also has her core research and took on a leadership role in the StarLink issues and lobbying the federal government about it.
<p>Agenda Note #2 re: Approval of 2022 Meeting Dates</p>	<p>Approved Meeting Dates, 2022</p> <p>Dates for 2022 require approval by the Board. We have speakers confirmed for the first three proposed below. What I am asking is that the dates for the 2022 Member's meetings and the January 2022 Board meeting dates be approved. With only a minor change in the composition of the 2022 Board, we can certainly wait until the January meeting to approve the Board dates. The Member's meeting dates, once approved, would be posted on our site following the AGM.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 8, 2022: Board: Jan 4 • February 5, 2022: Board: Feb 1 • March 5, 2022: Board: March 1 • April 2, 2022: Board: March 29 • May 7, 2022: Board: May 3 • June 4, 2022: Board: May 31 • September 10, 2022 (Labour Day = Sept 5) Board: Sept 6

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> October 1, 2022 (Thanksgiving = Oct 10): Board: Sept 27 November 5, 2022: Board: Nov 1 December 3 (or 10), 2022; Board: Nov 29 (or Dec 6) 																																	
<p>Agenda Note #3 re: Website Updates</p>	<p>RASC YouTube (https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0eaHd9ZkSOw-7l_cFMdbyw): When subscribers and non-subscribers log into our YouTube channel, “our most recent talk” is shown at the top. Changed: The “What’s Up?” video produced by the Centre is at the top for subscribers. Changed: “Centre Meetings & Presentations” has been moved up in priority above the 2015 GA presentations for subscribers and non-subscribers.</p>																																	
<p>Agenda Note #4 re: AGM Agenda</p> <p>For approval</p>	<p>Annual General Meeting (AGM)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome & Opening Remarks <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Approval of 2021 Agenda Approval of AGM Minutes (December 5, 2020) Appointment of Auditor for 2021-2022 Audit Reports <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Q&A regarding pre-circulated reports Approval of reports as presented (with any amendments) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> President Report – Judy Black VP Report – Pat Kelly Secretary Report– Peter Hurley Auditor Report – Ian Anderson Treasurer Report – Gregg Dill National Council Representative Report – Judy Black Dark-Sky Preserve Committee – Dave Chapman Governance Committee Report – Judy Black Librarian Report – Wayne Harasimovitch Nova Notes – Lisa Ann Fanning, John McPhee Observing Chair Report – Dave Chapman Outreach Chair Report – Paul Heath St. Croix Observatory (SCO) Report – John Liddard Call for Nominations and Election of 202 Board of Directors <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Nominating Committee Report – Peter Hurley <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nominations for Board of Directors Elections for positions Call for Nominations for Appointed Positions <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Nominations for Appointed Positions – Peter Hurley Adjournment of AGM 																																	
<p>Agenda Note #5 re: Nominations</p>	<p>This is the list being brought forward for election at the AGM. Further nominations can be accepted at the AGM. The nomination must be made with a seconder to the nomination; the person must agree to have their name brought forward for election.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="451 1486 1372 1848"> <thead> <tr> <th>Position</th> <th>Name</th> <th># Terms Office held (as of 2021)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>President</td> <td>Judy Black</td> <td>Year 2 of 3 possible</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vice-President</td> <td>Patrick Kelly</td> <td>Year 1 of 3 possible</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Treasurer</td> <td>Gregg Dill</td> <td>Year 3 of 5 possible</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Secretary</td> <td>Peter Hurley</td> <td>Year 2 of 5 possible</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Director</td> <td>Tim Doucette</td> <td>Year 1 of 10 possible</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Director</td> <td>Matthew Dyer</td> <td>Year 2 of 10 possible</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Director</td> <td>Wayne Harasimovitch</td> <td>Year 2 of 10 possible</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Director</td> <td>Paul Heath</td> <td>Year 4 of 10 possible</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Director</td> <td>David Hoskin</td> <td>Year 2 of 10 possible</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Director</td> <td>Kathy Walker</td> <td>Year 1 of 10 possible</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>These appointed positions will be considered by the newly elected Board at its January 2022 meeting.</p>	Position	Name	# Terms Office held (as of 2021)	President	Judy Black	Year 2 of 3 possible	Vice-President	Patrick Kelly	Year 1 of 3 possible	Treasurer	Gregg Dill	Year 3 of 5 possible	Secretary	Peter Hurley	Year 2 of 5 possible	Director	Tim Doucette	Year 1 of 10 possible	Director	Matthew Dyer	Year 2 of 10 possible	Director	Wayne Harasimovitch	Year 2 of 10 possible	Director	Paul Heath	Year 4 of 10 possible	Director	David Hoskin	Year 2 of 10 possible	Director	Kathy Walker	Year 1 of 10 possible
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	Appointed Position	Name	# Terms Office held
	Honorary President	Mary Lou Whitehorne	In office until December 2023
	National Council Representative	Judy Black	Year 1 of 5 possible
	Co-Editors, Nova Notes	Lisa Ann Fanning, John McPhee	Year 1 of 5 possible
	Chair, Observing	David Hoskin	
	Chair, Education & Public Outreach (EPO)	Paul Heath	Infinite number has and can be served
	Librarian	Jerry Black	
	SCO Manager	John Liddard	Year 2 of 5
	Co-Chair, Dark-Sky Preserve (DSP) Committee	?? Tony Schellinck ?? Peter Hurley	
	Auditor	?? Ian Anderson	
Agenda Note #6 re: Change to RASC Bylaw #1	<p>Recently it was brought to the attention of the national Board of Directors that one of the antiquated provisions in the Society's By-Law No. 1 has been causing some problems for our smaller Centres.</p> <p>By-Law Section 9.1.4 is a carry-over from the by-law that was in place for many years before changes were made in 2012 as a result of the new Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act. This provision of the By-Law stated: <i>No person who is a Director of the Society, or who is President, a Vice-President, Secretary or Treasurer of the Society, may simultaneously be the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer or a National Council Representative of a Centre.</i></p> <p>This prohibition has had the unfortunate effect of preventing committed members, who are officers or National Council Representatives of Centres, from standing for election to the Board of Directors of the Society. As a result, the Society has been deprived of the opportunity to benefit from a large number of talented leaders on the national Board.</p> <p>At its recent meeting in October, the Board discussed this provision and voted to remove it from the By-Law. With a governing Board of 9 (nine) Directors and a well-defined Code of Conduct for Directors, the Board concluded that any Directors holding dual roles such as those described in Section 9.1.4 could easily separate their responsibilities at the Centre level from those at the national level, and could avoid any conflict, real or perceived.</p> <p>We hope that this action will open the floor to new nominees from Centres where active and committed volunteers who are Centre officers or National Council Representatives wish to offer their guidance and expertise to the Society as a whole by standing for election for the position of Director at the national level.</p> <p>Although the Board's action to delete Section 9.1.4 from the By-Law has immediate effect, it must be ratified by the membership at the next annual general meeting in June 2022. We anticipate that you will wish to draw this matter to the attention of your Centre councils or boards, nominating committees, and general membership.</p>		