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- MAY - 1976 -

MAY ELECTION MEETING: The May meeting is one of the most important of the year because of the Board Member election.

Each year four directorships become vacant and must be filled by

members of the society.

The slate prepared by the election committee headed by Harvey Kuehn presently consists of five candidates:

- John Geraci - does comet observations and advanced observing.

- Edward Hafkemeyer - interested in general astronomy and actively interested in the reduction of light pollution.

- Dwight Harris - is a member of the Milw. School of Engrg. interests include general observations, photography, and equipment construction.

- Kenneth Krahn - presently a board member eligible for re-election. Interested in telescope building and aiding beginners.

- James Toeller - past board member, past program chairman, past president, eligible for election. Active in Portascope mirror grinding and in 25" telescope program.

Nominations from the floor will also be entertained: however, the nominee must be at the meeting, and the nominator should give a brief resume' about the candidate.

While the newly elected board members elect your officers for the next year, relax and enjoy the interesting film "UNIVERSE FROM PALOMAR".

Double your enjoyment - bring a guest: Time: Friday, 21 May 76, 8 p.m.

Place: Physics Bldg., corner of Kenwood & Cramer. Room 133

NCRAL RESUME': A spacious meeting place filled to capacity with enthused amateur astronomers and guests, and pleasant surroundings both inside and out surely oversimplifies the description of the setting for the NCRAL convention in Madison.

Among the many fine papers were two by members of our society: "Eclipsing Binary Program of the AAVSO" by Ed Halbach, and "A Method of Measuring the Reaction Time of Occultation Observers" by Robert James.

UW-Madison's Dr. Vernon Suomi dazzled the after dinner audience with an out-of-the ordinary presentation about weather on planet Venus.

Words of praise must be given to Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Koster and assistants who put the convention program together and to the Sheraton Inn-Madison Gateway for attending to every meeting place detail.

MEETINGS

- Fri., 21 May - May General Election Meeting. Members and guests welcome.

- Fri., 21 May - Board of Directors. Board members will convene

after the May General Election meeting adjourns.

- Wed., 2 June - STAFF, 7 p.m. at the Observatory. All members of all ages are welcome. This is a good opportunity to become acquainted with your fellow members, learn about observatory equipment and procedures, and exchange ideas. These meetings are not work parties.

- Each Monday night - 25" Telescope, 7 p.m. at the home of Director Ed Halbach, 2971 S. 52 St. All members welcome. Call 541-1181 first. The purpose of these meetings is to participate in the planning, design, and construction of the 25" Telescope and Observatory. With enough physical and financial help, it will become one of the few large reflecting telescopes in the state.

- August 19-22 - National Convention of the Astronomical League -

Kutztown, Penn.

MEMBERS NIGHT: Keyholders in charge are

15 May E. Halbach 541-1181 5 Jun. A. Gillard 461-4228 22 May P. Murn 464-1539 12 Jun. R. James 421-2162

29 May D. Harris 276-8590 19 Jun. H. Kuehn 774-6256 Members may use the facilities for any worthwhile project on these nights-no outsiders please, except parents of young members. Call the keyholder the Fri. before the duty night - cancel Sat. if necessary. Keyholders are urged to come out anyway. The keyholder is also responsible for tours during the week preceding his night. Requests should be cleared through James Toeller (352-7144).

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Here's another appeal for volunteers to help out at the Open House nights July 19, 26, and all the Monday nights in August. Also, help is needed to clean and straighten up the Observatory and grounds Sat., 10 July in preparation for the many expected visitors. Sign up at the May meeting or call Harvey Lindemann at 871-5900.

- FULL FLOWER MOON THURSDAY, 13 MAY - FULL HOT MOON FRIDAY, 11 JUNE -

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