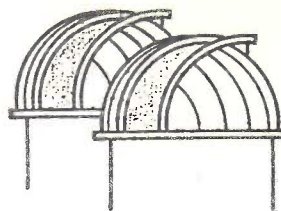


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MAY - 1974

MAY GENERAL MEETING: This is a very important meeting! Every member should make an honest effort to be there.

Each year part of the May General Meeting is taken up by the Board Member election.

The Society's plans, both long and short range, need conscientious, responsible members to encourage their completion. Further, the many problems and proposals that occur in a group as large as the Milwaukee Astronomical Society need the combined experience and orderly discussion that these people can and should offer.

The Election Committee, composed of Ken Krahn, Paul Murn, and LeRoy Simandl has prepared a slate of worthy candidates to replace outgoing members Al Brouillette, Paul Murn, and LeRoy Simandl. Nominations from the floor will be most welcome. The nominator should be prepared to say a few words about his candidate.

Another part of the meeting will be devoted to discussion and voting by the members present on a most important issue. Please read the report from your Treasurer. Acceptance of the proposals in this report will also cause changes in our By-Laws.

The remainder of the meeting will be taken up by an interesting program. The subject will be announced.

Come early and meet your fellow members during the new 7:30 - 8:00 p.m. Get-Acquainted hour prior to the General Meeting!

When! Friday, 17 May 74, 8 p.m.

Where! Room 135 in the UWM Physics & Eng. Bldg. corner of Kenwood & Cramer.

LAST CALL: Register now if you plan to attend the North Central Region 28th meeting. You'll meet in Chicago's remodeled Adler Planetarium, 18 May. Write or call Berton Stevens Jr., 4032 N. Ashland Ave., Chicago Ill. 60613 (281-8258 or 477-6006, X67).

There'll be papers, exhibits, observing at Palos Observatory, a free sky show in the Planetarium, a tour of the Optical Shop, a Banquet featuring a noted speaker, and a flea market if you want to buy, sell, or trade. Details will be available at the May General Meeting.

If you're looking for a ride or can offer one, please call Harvey Lindemann at 871-5900 right away quick! He will coordinate requests and offers.

WELCOME BACK: MR. CRAIG BOBB, 6272 N. 101st. Milw., has rejoined the MAS. His interests include General Astronomy.

OPEN HOUSE: Volunteer help is needed on the evenings of July 15, 22, 29, Aug. 5, 12, 19, 26, all Monday evenings.

The MAS, through its Open House program, can expect many visitors from Milwaukee and the surrounding area. People are needed to man 'scopes, guide, attend the parking lot, or help out where needed. Please sign up at the General Meeting or contact a Society Officer.

NORTHERN LIGHTS: 25 May is the deadline for the June issue of the newsy North Central Region Quarterly Newsletter!

Short, interesting astronomical articles are featured and yours are welcome. Subscriptions are \$1.00/year. Order now from J. H. Fox, 8301 Isle Av. S., Cottage Grove, Mn. 55016.

A REMINDER: Lest you've forgotten, the Staff Meetings are still being held the first Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Observatory.

The main purpose of these get-togethers is to foster more enthusiasm in your Society through exchange of ideas and use of its equipment.

ALL members, particularly the keyholders and the younger members, are urged to attend.

WE'RE HAVING A PICNIC! It will be on a nice Sunday in June. Full details in the June Double Dome.

BOARD MEETING: Board members will convene after the May General Meeting is adjourned.

MEMBERS NIGHT: Keyholders in charge are

May 11	A. Brouillette	228-8421	June 1	A. Gillard	645-9988
18	G. Ceolla	786-9689	8	P. Glaser	547-5435
25	W. Collins	464-9420	15	E. Halbach	541-1181

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 Robert James 421-2162.

- FULL INVASION MOON TUE., 4 JUNE -

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AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM YOUR TREASURER:

During the past several years the cash reserves of our Society have been reduced. This occurred due to abnormal spending for maintenance, fencing, graze telescopes, the comet seeker, and other items.

A committee studied this problem and reports the following: We have

142	\$15.00	memberships	\$ 2130.00
42	1.00	"	42.00
8	10.00	"	80.00
16	7.50	"	120.00
3	5.00	"	15.00
Receipts from Dues			<u>\$ 2387.00</u>

Our Annual Costs are as Follows:

Sky Publishing Co.	\$ 845.00*	31.4%
Dues to Astronomical League	50.00	1.9%
Printing, Stationery, Postage and supplies	450.00*	16.7%
Speakers Fees and Meeting Costs	500.00	18.6%
Observatory Telephone	150.00	5.6%
Observatory Insurance (Annual)	257.00*	9.5%
Observatory Electric	130.00*	4.8%
Observatory Maintenance & Oil	<u>310.00*</u>	11.5%
Minimal Annual Cost	<u>\$ 2692.00</u>	

* These items will increase in the future. Note: The observatory expenses are only one-third of the total.

Note that our dues receipts fall short of our expenses by \$300.00 per year.

The committee recommends the following actions and has the concurrence of the Board of Directors:

We try to reduce spending and economize wherever possible without affecting operations.

We recommend a dues increase as follows:

Active Membership	\$ 20.00
Family "	1.00
Non-resident	15.00
Junior	12.50
Founder	7.50

Members will vote on the recommended dues increase at the May membership meeting.

These increases should increase our income to \$3225.00.

The Board recently increased the \$5.00 observatory key deposit to \$10.00 and will charge \$5.00 per year for the use of these keys.

Please bring this report with you to the meeting.

OVER

PROPOSED CHANGES TO BY-LAWS

Article II Members

Non-Resident Members are those who do not reside within a 30 mile radius of the Milwaukee Astronomical Society's Observatory in New Berlin, Wisconsin, and who do not find it expedient to hold any other class of membership.

Article IV Dues

Section 1: Active members - Each active member shall pay established annual dues which shall entitle him to participate in a group subscription to a national astronomical publication. Any relative of an active member residing at the same address may, upon payment of established minimal annual dues, secure all privileges of active membership except subscription to publications.

Section 2: Non-Resident Members:- Each non-resident member shall pay established annual dues, which shall entitle him to participate in a group subscription to a national astronomical publication.

Section 3: Honorary and Founder Members - Honorary and Founder members shall not be required to pay dues, but shall pay for the group subscription to a national astronomical publication, plus an amount to cover the Society's mailing costs.

Section 4: (To be added at the end of Paragraph)
Dues may be changed only by majority vote at a membership meeting with at least a one month prior notice.

If these changes are approved at the May General meeting, please file them with the copy of the present By-Laws enclosed with this newsletter.