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Newsletter for the Shoreline Amateur Astronomical Association

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December Meeting

The December meeting of the Shoreline Amateur Astronomical Association will be held on December 21 at 7:30 PM in the West Ottawa Middle School Planetarium in Holland, Michigan. The agenda will be as follows:

7:30-7:35 The November Night Sky Tour.

7:35-7:45 The Observer's Log - A review of objects to observe in the constellations Pisces and Cassiopeia.

7:40-8:40 The 1990 Night Sky - a brief talk detailing interesting sky happenings next year. This will be followed by *The Creation of the Universe - Part II* the last part of a video covering current theories of cosmology.

8:40-9:00 General Business Meeting.

November Meeting Highlights

On November 16th our customary sky tour was followed by a general business meeting. First order of business was the election of 1990 officers as follows: Robert Wade was elected President, Peter Burkey was elected as Vice-President, Michael Cote was reelected as Secretary, and Mark Logsdon was reelected as Treasurer. Sandy Plakke was again

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asked to serve as the fifth member of the executive board. Congratulations (perhaps condolences would be in order?).

The feasibility of club discounts for *Sky & Telescope* or *Astronomy* magazines were discussed. Decisions were postponed until the December Meeting. It was also noted that Constitution changes would have to be put in effect each time dues were changed, so the club officers were to propose amending the constitution so that it would not be necessary.

The new SAAA SKY LOG notebook inserts were made available @ \$1.00 per 25 sheets. Many

members are already putting them to good use. The club also voted to fund a subscription to IOTA (International Occultation and Timing Association). This will enable us to receive detailed predictions of occultations and lunar grazes for our observing area.

The main feature was the first part of a video concerning present theories on the creation of the universe. It was received quite well and will be concluded in the December meeting.

December Executive Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 December 7th by Vice-President Robert Wade. Mark Logsdon, Sandy Plakke, and Peter Burkey were also present.

Extensive discussion followed concerning proposed amendments to the SAAA Constitution. The officers felt we could not now require all full members of the SAAA to receive *Sky & Telescope*. Since we are a new club and since many members are astronomy novices, *Astronomy* magazine would be more appropriate for them. Additionally, recall that if we elected to receive S&T at club rates, it would be received by every member as a benefit of membership - it could not be an elective option (minimum 10 members, \$16/member/year). *Astronomy* on the other hand requires only 5 members (\$14/member/year).

Accordingly, the following amendments are proposed to the constitution in an effort to move towards S&T in the future, and yet make a publication available to members at reduced rates. The changes will be voted on in the January meeting, so if you have strong opinions, come make them known! In summary, the changes are:

1. remove dues amount from the constitution.
2. make two types of membership, differing in ability to hold club office and in receiving an astronomical publication.
3. make the requirements for the Vice-president the same as those for the President, since the Vice-president may need to serve as President.

ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Any person with a sincere interest in astronomy may be admitted to membership.

SECTION 1

~~There shall be three classes of membership:~~

- ~~1. Junior - limited to full-time students.~~
- ~~2. Senior - adults of at least 62 years.~~
- ~~3. Regular - anyone who is not eligible for Junior or Senior membership. In addition, persons eligible for Junior or Senior membership shall be admitted to Regular membership in place of the Junior or Senior membership, if they so desire.~~

~~There shall be two classes of membership:~~

- ~~1. Full - A Full membership entitles the member to hold a club office, attend monthly meetings, receive the monthly newsletter as well as a commercial astronomical publication, and attend special club events such as Star Parties.~~
- ~~2. Contributing - A Contributing membership entitles the member to attend monthly meetings, receive the monthly newsletter, and attend special club events such as Star Parties.~~

SECTION II

~~Dues for Senior membership shall be \$12.00 per year. Dues for Junior membership shall be \$12.00 per year. Dues for Regular membership shall be \$20.00 per year.~~

~~1. The Full and Contributing membership classes are further subdivided into Senior, Regular, and Junior memberships. The Senior class includes those aged 62 years and older, the Regular class includes those aged 19 - 61 years, and the Junior class includes those 18 years or less.~~

~~2. Dues for Full and Contributing members shall be set for the following year no later than the November meeting and are due no later than the following January meeting.~~