

By-Laws of the Kiski Astronomers

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Article I **Titles and Aims**

1. The club name shall be the Kiski Astronomers.
2. The club's major objectives are:
 - a. To educate the general public in the subject of astronomy, both amateur and professional.
 - b. To add stature to the term "amateur astronomer".
 - c. To increase the members' knowledge of astronomy through informal discussion, field trips, and active participation.
 - d. To encourage the members of the club to actively participate in the observer programs of ALPO, AAVSO, Astronomical League, and other amateur organizations.

Article II **Meetings and membership**

1. Membership of the club shall be open to all persons having a sincere interest in astronomy. An individual may become a member of the Kiski Astronomers upon acceptance of these By-Laws, upon majority approval by the membership by either online voting or during a social meeting.
2. There shall be no discrimination in membership.
3. The club shall hold regular bi-annual social meetings in November/December (winter) and can be held as our Holiday Party and in June/July (summer) and can be held as our Summer Picnic.
4. Motions may be made either online or during a social meeting. Motions will be passed by simple majority of those either present at the meeting or a simple majority that reply online.

Article III **Election of Officers**

1. There shall be only one informal club officer, designated as the 'Club Coordinator'.
2. The duties of the office will consist of social organizing and minimal planning of the next scheduled social meeting and to be a point-of-contact for the club. The officer will serve a six month term, with a new election occurring at the next social meeting.
3. The nomination and election of the 'Club Coordinator' shall take place at the bi-annual Winter and Summer social meetings and the newly elected officer takes office immediately at the end of the meeting where they are elected. The office shall be decided by a simple majority vote of members in good standing present at the social meeting. In case of a tie, a run-off vote between the tied candidates shall be conducted under the same rules.

Article IV **Membership**

1. There shall be no dues collected for membership.
2. Honorary lifetime membership may be bestowed on a club member for outstanding contributions to the club and /or astronomy community by nomination and simple majority vote.

3. Membership in the Kiski Astronomers may be revoked for any individual upon 2/3 approval by the membership by either online vote or during a social meeting.

Article V **Membership Benefits**

1. Astronomy related magazine subscriptions may be purchased as an option under the club membership discount plan.
2. Voting privileges
3. Membership in the Astronomical League (AL dues are the responsibility of individual members)
4. Participation in all club social media outlets.
5. Additional club based discounts.

Article VI **By-Laws**

1. The By-Laws are to be followed to resolve all disputes.
2. Revisions (amendments and additions) to these by-laws may be proposed at any social meeting by members present or online having voting privileges. Proposed revisions must be electronically published at least one week prior in which they will be voted upon. The member that proposes any changes is responsible for publishing these changes to the membership.
3. The by-laws will be in effect after being approved by majority vote of the members in good standing present at a social meeting.
4. Roberts Rules of Parliamentary Procedure shall be used as a guideline when conducting business except as otherwise provided in these By-Laws.

The By-Laws approved and adopted on DATE: **November 5th, 2015**