

Call to order: 7:03 PM

Roll Call

Board members present: Laurence Mohr, Kevin Santulis, Jurgen Patau, Martin Mika, Dan Hyslop, Dave Leiphart, Jack Fitzmier

Also present: John Rummel

Presentation by John Rummel about the planning of a special Society banquet

John Rummel has been leading an ad hoc committee to plan a 90th anniversary banquet for the society on April 5th, 2025. Promega will donate use of their Usona building, within walking distance of the Oscar Mayer Observatory, for the event. The committee expects the club share of the cost to be \$1000-1500 minus donations and requests the board to spend \$475 now to retain the caterer for the night. The board also discussed the possibility of presenting Bill Linton with a special patron membership in appreciation for his contribution.

Kevin moved to pay \$475 to the caterer to reserve the banquet date, Jurgen seconded and the motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Astronomical League

There is a strong desire among members to have access to the Astronomical League through the Society. The AL now allows organizations to only pay for their members who desire to join AL and not necessarily the entire membership. MAS members can elect to pay an additional fee to join AL. The membership years of the organizations do not coincide, so Jurgen suggests MAS can collect a double fee from first time members to cover the current AL year plus the June AL renewal. Renewing members will only need to pay one fee for subsequent years.

Jack moved that MAS rejoin the Astronomical League as a partial club members effective October 1st and adopting Jurgen's dues collection plan, Kevin seconds and the motion carries by unanimous voice vote.

Dave moved that Jack Fitzmier be appointed MAS's required Correspondent to AL, Dan seconded and the motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Dan moved to adjourn, Kevin seconded and the motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 PM

Minutes recorded and submitted by Dan Hyslop, secretary