



# THE STAR DIAGONAL

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## The President's Message

Hello All:

Time flies when you are having fun. It also flies when you are running around like a chicken missing its head, but here we are and its time for the elections once again. Please come and vote and let your voice be heard. It has been my pleasure to serve and I would be happy to give one more year. This year I am not promising clear skies or even windless nights, but I will promise that if you come out to the meetings and star parties, you will generally have a good time, if you put the effort to do so. We have a good group of people that come out to the star parties and we always have fun. I would also like to thank everyone that has given me so much support this year. I know that we have been awfully busy this year. I think we have only had about three weekends without a star party this summer and I appreciate all the effort from everyone.

This month we will be doing the elections and I would like a discussion on the web page that Larry and Mike have been working on. I would like to see a discussion on what you would like to see on the page. I would also like to get a feeling on what you all would like to see for activities and meetings in the coming year. This is helpful even if I am not re-elected to office because it will give a direction to the executive committee for planning the events in the coming year.

This month we have our star party at Eden Park. It is supposed to be a Solar and star party. I thought it would be fun to have a little potluck dinner in between the Solar and the star party. It will be a fun last get together for the summer. If you are interested contact me at [cbrowne@readytek.net](mailto:cbrowne@readytek.net) or at 388-6556 and let me know what you would like to bring. This way we can avoid the potato salad incident of this last spring. I will supply the

hot dogs and hamburgers. The party is scheduled for the 10<sup>th</sup> of September.

Clear skies

Craig Browne

## OAS Minutes, August 2005

We were at Monte Cristo so no formal meeting was held. We had some great observing and real fun tea parties. I really enjoyed some of the views through Ron's 25". My family also enjoyed another trip to the beach at Bear Lake.

I have also really enjoyed the Antelope Island Star Party. The sky was good. The only problem was that we had planned to hold this star party in town so we had a little more than a quarter moon to deal with. We have had friendly encounters with several park employees. Hopefully we can develop a good relationship with them and keep holding our parties out there. The parking lot is now much larger than it used to be. It is so big that we really get strung out so we should probably use our vehicles to make it smaller.

Dave

## Note From The Treasurer

The yearly dues are due this month and they are still a bargain at \$12.00 per year. Other important information is that the balance of money in the bank totals \$2476.38 .

I have received the Astronomy Magazine calendars for 2006 and I will be bringing them to the Sep. meeting. The cover price is listed at \$12.99 but I'll be selling them to our members for \$10.00.

The Astronomy Magazine is only available for subscription from clubs one month per year. Any new members or members that wish to renew their subscription will need to do it this month. The cost of the subscription is \$34.00 per year or \$60.00 for two years. So bring your check book or cash or gold and show up to the meeting. You may want to vote me out of office, but I know where the money is.

See ya there Doug Say, Treasurer

## Still Accepting Nominations For Club Officers

It's that time of year again. At the September Meeting we will hold elections for new officers. Thanks to Mike Kline for calling most of you and asking for volunteers. It is not too late for any member to except a nomination or nominate someone else for one of the positions. We have openings for President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasure. As per club rules, all nominees must accept the nomination prior being placed on the ballot. We will take nominations at the September meeting until just before the elections.

Being a club officer is a great way to be involved in Astronomy and help guide the direction of the club.

Thanks,

Lee Priest,

Mike Kline

This Years Nominating Committee

## From the OAS Constitution

### ARTICLE III - Officers and Committees

#### Section 1.

The officers of this organization shall be a **President**, a **Vice-President**, a **Treasurer**, and a **Secretary**, all of whom shall be members in good standing. Each officer shall serve a term of one year or until his successor is elected or appointed.

#### Section 2.

All officers, together with the immediate past President, shall constitute the **Executive Committee** of the organization.

#### Section 3.

The duties of the officers shall be as follows:

a. The President shall be the chief executive of the organization and shall preside at all meetings of the organization and of its officers. He shall appoint the members of all committees and be a member ex officio of such committees, except the nominating committee.

b. The Vice-President shall assist the President as the President may direct and shall assume the duties of the President in his absence.

c. The Secretary shall give notice to the members of all meetings and shall keep the minutes of all meetings and such other records and shall perform such other duties as the President or these by-laws may direct.

d. The Treasurer shall have custody of all funds of the organization, shall collect all dues, and shall keep books and records showing all funds received and disbursed and all assets and liabilities of the organization. These books shall be open to the inspection of any member at any meeting. The Treasurer shall not make any expenditure in excess of fifty dollars (\$50.00) without the approval of the members or the Executive Committee.\* The Treasurer shall audit the records of his predecessor upon taking office, and shall give a full account to the members at the Annual Meeting prior to leaving office and at such other times as the President may direct.

e. The Executive Committee, of which the President is Chairman, shall transact all business affairs, present all recommendations, and consider all matters concerning the welfare of the organization.

f. **Nominating Committee:** A Nominating Committee of three (3) members shall be appointed by the President at least two (2) meetings prior to the Annual Meeting. Its duties shall be to nominate a slate of officers at the Annual Meeting, as more fully described in Article IV below.

g. Such other committees as the President may at his discretion appoint.

### ARTICLE IV - Election of Officers

Section 1. Officers of the Organization shall be elected at the Annual Meeting.

Section 2. At least one (1) week prior to the Annual Meeting, the chairman of the Nominating Committee shall submit to the President a slate of candidates to be nominated, each of whom shall have been contacted by the Committee and shall have agreed to serve if elected.

Section 3. At the Annual Meeting, the Chairman of the Nominating Committee shall place in nomination the slate of officers selected by the committee. Additional nominations may be made by any member for any office, provided that prior consent of the nominee has been

obtained, and provided further that a person elected to one office may not be nominated for the concurrent term of another office.

Section 4. Officers shall serve until their successors have been elected. Vacancies occurring prior to that time in any office except the President shall be filled by the President by appointment. If a vacancy occurs in the office of President, it shall be filled by the Vice-President, who shall then appoint a new Vice-President.

Section 5. No officer except the Secretary or Treasurer may be elected to the same office for more than two (2) successive terms.

The rules contained in "**Robert's Rules of Order Revised**" shall govern meetings of this organization and its committees in all situations where they are applicable and are not inconsistent with the Constitution or these by-laws.