

Hawaiian Astronomical Society By—Laws

I. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1.

A. Membership is open to the general public. ~~Membership other than honorary shall take effect January 1, provided that payment of the appropriate annual dues, payable on or before January 1 of each year, is made. Payment after this date shall be prorated for the remainder of that calendar year. Members whose dues are not paid by March 10 shall be automatically dropped from membership in the Society.~~

Rewrite: Membership is open to the general public, and shall take effect the month of the first issue of the Astronews after the payment of dues. Membership expires in twelve months.

B. Four classifications of membership shall exist:

- a) Student membership, open to any person who is a full-time student.
- b) Family membership, open to any group of persons who live in one household as a family.
- c) Regular membership
- d) Honorary membership, open to those so elected by the Society.

In addition, there will be a surcharge for people who wish to receive a printed copy of the “Astronews” newsletter, rather than an electronic version.

C. Upon recommendation by the officers and a two thirds vote by the Society, honorary memberships will be conferred. Honorary membership takes effect immediately and lasts for the life of the honorary member. Honorary members shall have no obligations to the Society, shall have all privileges, but may not hold office.

D. Upon joining the Society, families must indicate names of each person who is to be a member so that individual membership cards may be assigned. Each then shall have full privileges of membership. Additional family members may be added any time for a fee.

E. Any member may resign from the Society by submitting his or her resignation in writing to the treasurer.

F. ~~Every member and member family shall be mailed a copy of these bylaws upon request.~~

A copy of these bylaws will be placed on the H.A.S. Web site.

Section 2.

A. The general membership meeting of the Society shall be held at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month unless otherwise ordered by the Society or by the Board of Directors;

~~provided the Society meets quarterly.~~

B. Seminars, observing sessions, star parties and other special events may be called by the Society.

C. The annual meeting will be the December general membership meeting.

D. Notice of the general and annual membership meetings shall be published in the "Astronews".

Section 3.

A. All members (excluding honorary) have voting rights, one per member. Proxy votes will not be allowed.

II. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1.

A. Powers of the Board of Directors (BOD) shall be to initiate and complete business for the Society by a two thirds vote of the BOD.

B. A quorum shall consist of five (5) directors.

C. The BOD shall consist of the five officers and two directors elected at large by the Society.

Section 2.

A. Nominees for **the** board shall ~~have been members of the Society for at least six (6) months and currently~~ be **members** in good standing.

B. At the November general membership meeting, a committee shall be appointed by the president to present nominations for each member of the board at the December meeting. The Society then shall elect by ballot two (2) board members at-large and five officers.

C. BOD members will serve for one year beginning at the close of the meeting at which they are elected or until the next annual membership meeting in December if elected in mid-year to fill a vacancy.

Section 3.

A. Board members may resign by submitting a written resignation to any other board member.

B. By a two-thirds vote of attending membership, a director may be removed provided previous notice of intent has been published in the "Astronews". A notice of intent to impeach must be published by the "Astronews" Editor provided he or she has been presented with a petition stating cause and signed by 10 percent of the general membership or if a motion to impeach has been passed by a two thirds majority during a general membership meeting.

C. Vacancies will be filled by special election at the general membership meeting following publication of the vacancy in the "Astronews".

Section 4.

A. Board of Director meetings shall be held as often as necessary, or upon the request of three (3) board members. The President shall chair the meetings and any H.A.S. member may attend. '

B. Notice of BOD meetings will be available from board members.

III OFFICERS

Section 1.

A. The officers of this Society shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and an "Astronews" Editor.

B. Officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these bylaws.

Section 2.

A. The duties of the President shall be:

- a) The President shall govern the monthly membership meeting in an orderly manner.
- b) The President shall preside over BOD meetings.
- c) The President shall effect the objectives of the Society as directed in the Articles of Incorporation.
- d) The President will establish committees as the need arises.

B. The duties of the Vice President shall be:

- a) In the absence of the President, the Vice President shall perform the President's duties.
- b) The Vice President shall assist the President in the President's duties.
- c) The club telescopes shall be the responsibility of the Vice President. The Vice President shall keep track of the telescopes and collect all users fees.

C. The duties of the Treasurer shall be:

- a) Keep correct books and records of account.
- b) File the yearly ~~corporate exhibit with the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.~~
reports with the appropriate governmental agencies.
- c) Maintain membership records.

d) Present monthly Treasurer's reports ~~at the general membership meeting and supply the Secretary with a copy for records.~~

for inclusion in the "Astronews"

e) ~~Publish an HAS Directory~~

D. The duties of the Secretary shall be:

a) Keep and maintain minutes of the general membership meetings and the BOD meetings.

b) Keep up to date on laws affecting non-profit corporations.

c) Keep bylaws current.

E. The duties of the Editor shall be:

a) To publish the HAS "Astronews".

IV. COMMITTEES

Section 1.

A. Committees shall be appointed by the President as the need arises.

V. EXECUTION OF INSTRUMENTS

Section 1.

A. All officers' signatures are required for any and all legal documents pertaining to Society business, with the exception of bank documents.

B. ~~The President's or the Treasurer's signature shall be required for bank transactions.~~
The treasurer's or one other board member's signature

VI. FISCAL YEAR

Section 1.

A. The fiscal year is the calendar year .

VII . AMENDMENTS

Section 1.

A. These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the general membership following publication of intent in the "Astronews".

B. As the By-Laws are amended, the revisions will be published in the "Astronews".

VIII. PUBLICATIONS

Section 1.

~~A. During the month of March each year, the Treasurer shall compile and publish an HAS Directory which will be issued to all members.~~

~~B. The HAS Directory shall list the name, address, and phone number of each member. Any member may refuse to allow the publishing of information concerning himself or herself.~~

Section 2.

A. The Society shall publish a monthly newsletter entitled "Astronews" which shall be issued to all members, except member families which shall receive one copy per family. "Astronews" shall contain the announcement of the next general membership meeting, the minutes of previous membership meetings, club news, astronomy news and room permitting, notices of other topical meetings.

B. The Editor shall be responsible for the publication of "Astronews".

IX- FINANCES

Section 1.

A. All money collected and earned and all gifts received by the Society shall become the absolute property of the Society.

B. All allocation of monies and assets greater than \$200.00 in value shall be accomplished by a two thirds vote of attending members in good standing at general membership meetings.
\$500

C. The BOD with a quorum vote may allot monies and assets of \$200.00 or less. All such allocations will be noted in Board of Directors Minutes and published in the "Astronews".
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X. DISSOLUTION OF THE HAWAIIAN ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

Section 1.

A. The Society will be considered defunct and inviable only when there are not enough regular dues paying members to fill all Board of Directors positions.

B. Only if the Society is defunct may the Society dissolve.

C. The remaining regular members may declare the dissolution of the Society by a simple majority vote of all remaining regular dues paying members. Then all assets of the Hawaiian Astronomical Society will be given to the Bishop Museum Planetarium for the exclusive use of the Planetarium.