

# Astronomical League Business Meeting Notes – July 28, 2023

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AL Bylaws have been approved and published. Bylaws are important for the day to day organization to function properly. Thanks to Chuck Allen for his dedication to this project.

1. Convention process has been updated and refined and allows improved transparency in convention negotiations
2. Contracts and signed agreements with hosting clubs required
3. Zoom meetings will now be considered as live meetings
4. President allowed to present ad hoc awards for special service to AL
5. Per Aaron Cleavenger: bylaws will be posted on the website, effective Sept 1, 2023.
6. Dues will be increased \$1 per member, or 20%
7. Thanks to Chuck Allen for his legal expertise in crafting Bylaws

Funding for several AL Awards has expired, most notably Horkheimer. We are looking for sponsors for awards on going..

Maynard Pittendreigh:

1. Congratulations to BRAS for a great convention
2. Astronomical Outreach is in a golden age. League is here to support local clubs with outreach.
3. Thanks to Mitch Glaze in the national office for a job well done with the Sales Office.

League website is now online: [ASTROLEAGUE.org](http://ASTROLEAGUE.org) needs content updates and corrections, including club information. Please keep your club rosters up to date on going

AL continues to investigate implementing live+online meetings. We need a quality product to attract viewers. This is an ongoing process.

Look for AL Live online programs. Find links on Facebook Events and League Website. Programs are archived.

Gary Tomlinson is retiring as Astro Day Coordinator. MIKE Morgan of Omaha has been appointed as New Astronomy Day Coordinator We will continue to work with S&T to promote Astronomy Day. Some clubs do Astronomy Day activities in a different time of the year.

Communicating AL programs and activities to both clubs and public continues to be an ongoing issue.

Upcoming Conventions

2024 Kansas City

2025 Bryce Canyon

2026 under negotiation. Cincinnati (?)

2027 Colorado Springs (?)

AAVSO presentation by Dr. Brian Kloppenborg. In the past, AAVSO has held joint conventions with AL, and is a sponsor of ALCON 2024

AAVSO members have various backgrounds, different capabilities, and use a wide range of instruments for variable star observations.

Submit data by creating an account and uploading data to AAVSO website.

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