

By-Laws of the Raleigh Astronomy Club

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Article I Meetings

The Club will hold a regularly scheduled indoor meeting monthly. Weather permitting, an outdoor Club observing session will be held monthly. The Executive Committee, shall provide ample notice of the meeting schedule to the membership.

Article II Quorum

Twentyfive voting-eligible Club members or twenty percent of the voting-eligible Club members, whichever is less, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business by the Club.

Article III Dues

Any change in the amount of the annual dues for members, Individual and Family, will be determined by the Executive Committee and will be submitted to the membership at a regular meeting for a vote. The Executive Committee will notify the membership at least one meeting in advance of the proposed change and provide for absentee votes. The voting-eligible Club members will determine the acceptance or rejection of the dues amounts by a majority vote, a quorum required. Dues for the fiscal year are due on January 1.

Article IV Funds and Disbursements

Section 1. Club funds. The Executive Committee will determine how Club funds will be accounted for and spent. This will be done in a manner that benefits Club goals and activities.

Section 2. Expenditures. The Executive Committee members shall act in the best fiscal interest of the Club. Expenditures shall be disbursed from Club accounts with proper accounting of each transaction. Expenditures shall be tracked and reported appropriately and be available for viewing by the membership. All Club expenditures will be managed against a budget approved by a quorum of voting Club Members in June of each year.

Article V Organization of Committees

The Executive Committee shall, within ninety days following their election, call a meeting of the Executive Committee and other members as appropriate for the purpose of assigning committees, renewing committees, and appointing directors of committees.

Article VI Committees

Section 1. The Executive Committee can add or remove standing committees as necessary. The Executive Committee will detail the duties of each committee.

Section 2. The Executive Committee will appoint members to serve on any committees, with the member's consent.

Section 3. The Executive Committee will publish the list of all committees to the membership and notify the membership of any changes.

Article VII Amendments

The voting-eligible Club members can amend these ByLaws at any regular meeting of the Club by a majority vote, a quorum required. Any amendments must be submitted to the voting membership at least one meeting in advance of the vote, and the Executive Committee shall notify the membership of the vote at least one week in advance of the vote and provide for absentee voting.

Article VIII – Voting

Section 1. Any voting-eligible Club Member can propose a vote for any item of club business. The motion must be seconded by another voting-eligible Club member. The vote will be conducted at the next regular indoor meeting of the Club.

Section 2. Votes can be tendered in person or via an absentee ballot. Absentee ballots will be made available by the Executive Committee at least one meeting before the vote. Written absentee ballots must be received at the club post office box the day before the vote, delivered in person to an officer by the start of the meeting on the day of the vote, or online if supplied by the Club.

Section 3. Additional absentee voting methods, similar to on-line voting, can also be used, if approved by the Executive Committee and the voting-eligible Club members by a majority vote, a quorum required.

Section 4. No results of absentee or on-line balloting shall be released before the vote in the regular indoor meeting.