

## July 6th Addendum to July 4th First Light Lite

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Given that July 5th's meeting was so chock full of business, I thought it wouldn't hurt to send along a little recap of what transpired during the business portion. Updates to this will appear in the next First Light Lite.

**Officer elections:** New 2018-19 CCAS Officers are: Jim Lynch, President; Ashish Dutta, Vice president; Mike Hunter, Treasurer; Katie Sisson, Secretary. For CCAF, Joel Burnett was elected as Foundation Board Member.

**Brochure:** A good draft of our updated CCAS brochure was shown at the meeting, and after making some final corrections, will go to the printer soon.

**Day of Astronomy:** The membership approved the planning of a "Day of Astronomy" in late summer or early fall, with a full day (and evening) program. This event will also be dedicated in honor of Werner Schmidt for his generous contributions to the Society and Foundation. The detailed plans will be formulated at upcoming Foundation and Society officers/board meetings.

**CCAS account:** At present, CCAS has around ~2.6 thousand dollars in its account, and after the collection of this year's dues (due at the August meeting, or soon after, with checks being best for our records) it might be closer to 3.7 thousand. The membership was asked if it was amenable to this being spent on: 1) the Day of Astronomy expenses, 2) a wide format CCD camera (amount to be split with CCAF), and 3) basic spectroscopic display (RPSEC) equipment. There being no objections, we will proceed looking into these, and keep the Society informed of what is being considered and prices.

**Telescope training sessions:** Mike Hunter brought up the topic of further telescope training sessions. Given that the 16" WSO scope has some serious problems, the emphasis in the short run will switch to using some of the other scopes in the Observatory, e.g the 18" , scopes that can be put on the (now operational) outside pier mount, and others.

**Ian Ferguson:** Ian Ferguson's mother, Jolanda, sent us a very nice note about Ian's progress out in Colorado.

Ian is having a great time out at CU Boulder at the Summer Science Program in Astrophysics, though the program, as we well knew, is enormously challenging. . .but that just makes it all the more worth it! Ian has been working with the brand new 20" PlaneWave telescopes installed in the Sommers-Bausch Observatory last year and has been enjoying the CLEAR skies (!) as he and his team work on asteroid determination orbits.

Ian and his mother both are planning to participate in our Day of Astronomy, and we will be keeping in touch with them as we formulate dates/times/plans!

**Final note (until next time):** As Mike Hunter stressed at the meeting, we are making progress, but we need everyone to participate in some form, and we need to recruit some new members. These will be strong themes in the coming year!