

ANTELOPE VALLEY ASTRONOMY CLUB, INC. CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

REVISION OF October, 2002

ARTICLE I

Name

Section I The name of this organization is the Antelope Valley Astronomy Club, Inc

ARTICLE II

Purpose

Section I The purpose of this organization is to promote, through education, a knowledge and appreciation of astronomy. To accomplish this purpose, the members of the Club:

1. Coordinate their activities in astronomical observation, research, and craftsmanship.
2. Correlate these activities with the activities of other astronomical organizations, both amateur and professional.
3. Undertake projects to encourage an awareness of astronomy in the general public, with particular emphasis on developing and sustaining an interest in astronomy among youths.

ARTICLE III

Offices

Section I The principal office for the transaction of business of this organization is located in the County of Los Angeles.

ARTICLE IV

Membership

Section I Membership in the Club is open to all persons who have an interest in astronomy.
Section II The Club has single, family and junior memberships. Family membership shall include all immediate members of a family at a single address. Persons under 14 years of age are eligible for junior membership.
Section III Each membership shall have one vote.

ARTICLE V

Dues

Section I Dues for each membership category are in amounts recommended by the Executive Board and approved by a two-thirds majority vote of a quorum. A notice of the meeting at which a vote on dues will be taken is to be given to the membership at least five days before the meeting.
Section II Review of the dues structure and consideration of changes will normally occur at each annual meeting of the Club.

ARTICLE VI

Officers

- Section I The elected officers of the Club are the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Director of Community Development. The officers are elected from the membership twenty-one years of age or older for a one-year term by a majority of a quorum at the annual meeting of the Club and take office at the regular January meeting following elections. The five elected officers constitute the Executive Board.
- Section II Vacancy in the office of the President will be filled for the unexpired term by the Vice-President.
- Section III Vacancy in the office of Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, or Director of Community Development, will be filled for the unexpired term by appointment by the Executive Board upon approval of a majority vote of members present at a regular meeting of the Club.
- Section IV No officer receives compensation from the Club.
- Section V An officer who consistently fails to perform normal duties and does not respond to ordinary communications from the Club shall be assumed to have resigned the office.

ARTICLE VII

Duties of Officers

- Section I The President supervises the affairs of the Club and presides at the affairs of the Club and presides at its meetings. Will be chairman ex officio of the Executive Board. Assumes temporary responsibility for the duties of another officer in the event of the other officer's absence or resignation. Will create and dissolve committees, both standing and temporary, and appoint Committee Chairpersons to serve the needs of the Club.
- Section II The Vice-President presides in the absence of the President. The Vice-President also serves as program chairman unless the President appoints a different program chairman.
- Section III The Secretary records the attendance and the minutes of meetings, including meetings of the Executive Board. Handles the records and correspondence as directed by the President. The records are to be accessible to the Executive Board or to the membership upon reasonable notice. Will have custody of the agreements to which the club is party. Reviews these documents periodically to insure continued compliance with their provisions when his term expires. Will oversee the timely incorporation of changes to the Club's Operations Manual.
- Section IV The Treasurer has custody of all funds and securities of the Club, and receives and disburses funds under the direction of the Executive Board. Keeps records of the financial condition of the Club. Makes a full report at the annual meeting and presents a summary at regular meetings. The records are to be accessible to the Executive Board or the membership upon reasonable notice.
- Section V The Director of Community Development will perform duties as assigned. Will Chair the Community Development Committee, functioning as the Club's Community Liaison officer.

ARTICLE IX

Meetings

- Section I The annual meeting of the Club is held in October each year at a date determined by the Executive Board. A notice of the annual meeting is to be mailed to the membership at least five days prior to the meeting.
- Section II Regular meetings of the Club are held monthly or otherwise at the option of the President.
- Section III The minimum quorum to transact business for all meetings is ten members, or is fifty percent of the membership if there are fewer than twenty in the membership.
- Section IV A simple majority vote of members present prevails in any vote except in a vote on amount of dues, an amendment of this constitution, or on dissolution of the Club.

ARTICLE X

Dissolution

- Section I The Antelope Valley Astronomy Club, Inc. can be dissolved only by a two-thirds majority of the membership who respond to ballots sent by certified mail to their last known address. The ballots are to be sent by the Secretary upon the direction of the President. In the event of dissolution, any debt of the Club after sale of assets shall be paid by assessment of the membership.
- Section II Upon the dissolution or winding up of the organization, all assets remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of this organization shall be distributed to Antelope Valley public educational institutions and or a nonprofit fund, foundation or corporation which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes and which has established its tax exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

ARTICLE XI

Amendments

- Section I This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of membership present. An Amendment is proposed by submitting to the Secretary a written statement of the proposed amendment signed by three members. A notice of the proposed amendment and of the meeting at which the proposed amendment will be considered is to be given to the membership. This notice is to be mailed by the Secretary at least five days prior to the meeting.

ARTICLE XII

Political Limitation

- Section I No substantial part of the activities of this organization shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization shall not participate or intervene in any political campaign (including the publishing or distribution of statements) on behalf of any candidate for public office.

ARTICLE XIII

Dedication Clause

Section I The property of this organization is irrevocably dedicated to charitable purposes and no part of the net income or assets of this organization shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer or member thereof or to the benefit of any private persons.

ARTICLE XIV

Logo

Section I The club logo shall be as shown:

