

# By-Laws of the Kiski Astronomers

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## **Article I**      **Titles and Aims**

1. The club name shall be the Kiski Astronomers.
2. The club's major objectives are:
  - a. To educate the general public in the subject of astronomy, both amateur and professional.
  - b. To add stature to the term "amateur astronomer".
  - c. To increase the members' knowledge of astronomy through informal discussion, field trips, and active participation.
  - d. To encourage the members of the club to actively participate in the observer programs of ALPO, AAVSO, Astronomical League, and other amateur organizations.

## **Article II**      **Meetings and membership**

1. Membership of the club shall be open to all persons having a sincere interest in astronomy. An individual may become a member of the Kiski Astronomers upon acceptance of these By-Laws, upon majority approval by the membership at a regular club meeting where a quorum exists, and upon payment of the prescribed dues to the Treasurer.  

There shall be no discrimination in membership.
2. Quorums are required for the transaction of official business. A quorum will be defined as 25% of the members in good standing being present.
3. The club shall hold regular monthly meetings on the first Thursday, September thru May. The meetings shall begin at 7 PM.
4. Special meetings may be called by the President.
5. The President and/or the Vice President will be responsible for planning the meetings.
6. Motions may be made from the floor, noted and passed by simple majority.
7. The officers shall have no veto power.

## **Article III**      **Election of Officers**

1. There shall be four (4) elected officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
2. The nomination of officers shall take place at the November meeting and the election of officers shall take place at the December meeting. The newly elected officers shall take office at the January meeting.
3. The term of office shall be for a period of (1) one year.
4. The office of president shall be decided by a simple majority vote of members present and in good standing. The person receiving the second highest vote total shall be elected vice president. In case of a tie, a run off vote between the tied candidates shall be conducted under the same rules.
5. The offices of secretary and treasurer shall be decided by simple majority. In case of a tie, a run off vote between the tied candidates shall be conducted under the same rules.

6. At no time may one person occupy more than one of the elected offices. There are no restrictions on the number of appointed positions a person may hold whether or not he/she currently holds an elected office.

**Article IV**      **Membership**

1. The dues for adult membership shall be \$15.00. This shall also be considered a family membership which includes spouse and dependents.
2. Student membership shall be \$10.00 for full time students unless covered under the club family membership plan.
3. Honorary lifetime membership may be bestowed on a club member for outstanding contributions to the club and/or astronomy community by nomination and simple majority vote. Honorary members are exempt from paying dues.
4. Membership in the Kiski Astronomers may be revoked for any individual upon 2/3 approval by the membership in attendance at a regular club meeting where a quorum exists.

**Article V**      **Membership Benefits**

1. Astronomy related magazine subscriptions may be purchased as an option under the club membership discount plan.
2. Voting privileges
3. Membership in the Astronomical League.
4. Club Newsletter.
5. Membership directory.
6. Additional club based discounts.

**Article VI**      **By-Laws**

1. The By-Laws are to be followed to resolve all disputes.
2. Revisions (amendments and additions) to these by-laws may be proposed at any meeting by members present having voting privileges. Proposed revisions must be electronically published (or sent by postal mail to individuals if the above is not available) at least one week prior to the business meeting in which they will be voted upon.
3. The by-laws will be in effect after being approved by majority vote of the members in good standing present at a quorum meeting.
4. Roberts Rules of Parliamentary Procedure shall be used as a guideline when conducting business except as otherwise provided in these By-Laws.

The By-Laws approved and adopted on DATE:      **February 2, 2012**