

BY-LAWS  
OF  
PHOENIX ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY, INC.

ARTICLE I

Membership

Membership in the Society shall be open to all persons who express an interest in astronomy. Two (2) classes of membership shall be maintained: Regular memberships, consisting of Single and Family memberships, and Sustaining memberships, which are granted upon the payment of a voluntary additional contribution over and above the amount required for Single or Family memberships. Members may be expelled for non-payment of annual membership dues and may be reinstated to full membership upon payment of past due membership dues. Late payment of dues may preclude annual subscription to Sky and Telescope magazine.

ARTICLE II

Officers and Directors; Duties

The officers of this Society shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer and four (4) Directors.

A. President and Vice President. The President shall preside at the regular monthly meetings, at meetings of the Board of Directors, at the annual business meeting and at any special meetings which may be called from time to time. All duties of the President shall be assumed by the Vice President in the absence of the President. The President and Vice President together shall be charged with the responsibility of the preparation and planning of the programs for the regular monthly meetings to be held from September through May of each year. This responsibility shall include, but not be limited to: the engagement of speakers, the rental of films and whatever arrangements are necessary for the planning of field trips.

B. Secretary-Treasurer. The Secretary-Treasurer shall be charged with the responsibility of recording the minutes of each meeting, handling any necessary correspondence with other societies and organizations, collecting all Society dues, maintaining proper records of paid members, maintaining proper records of the custody and disbursement of all Society funds, and the payment of subscription orders for the magazine Sky and Telescope, to which all members are entitled upon payment of dues. All disbursements of Society funds shall be made by check and all checks shall require the signatures of both the Secretary-Treasurer and President.

C. Directors. The Directors shall attend the meetings of the Board of Directors called by the President from time to time as required. A special meeting of the Board of Directors also may be called by any three (3) Directors upon three (3) days notice to the other Directors. In the event the offices of President (assuming there is no Vice President to succeed him), Vice President or Secretary-Treasurer become vacated for any reason prior to the expiration of an elected term, the Directors shall appoint a successor to fulfill the unexpired term in which such vacancy occurs.

D. Voting by Officers; Majority Vote. The President, Vice President and Secretary-Treasurer shall be Directors of the Society during their term of office and shall be entitled to vote on all matters. Action taken by the Board of Directors shall be upon a majority vote of the Directors present and voting at a regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors.

### ARTICLE III

#### Nomination and Election of Officers and Directors

A. Nominating Committee. A nominating committee shall be appointed by the Directors from among the members of the Society not later than the end of February of each year commencing in 1977. The officers and directors of the Society shall not be members of the nominating committee. The members appointed to the nominating committee shall not nominate themselves for any office or directorship. The nominating committee shall choose not less than one candidate for each office and each directorship for which election will be held at the annual business meeting of the Society held on the last Friday in April of each year.

B. Nominations for Office. The candidates selected for nomination as officers and directors shall be members in good standing and shall be announced by the nominating committee at the regular monthly meeting of the Society held in March of each year to permit consideration of nominees for one month prior to the election. Additional nominations for officers and directors may be submitted by any member of the Society at the annual business meeting.

C. Voting. If there is more than one nominee for any office or directorship, voting shall be by secret ballot. In the event there is only one nominee for each office and directorship, voting may be by a showing of hands or voice vote.

D. Term Of Office. The term of office for President, Vice President and Secretary-Treasurer shall be one year. The term of office for Director shall be two years with two Directors being elected each year for staggered two year terms as follows:

Commencing in April, 1977, four (4) Directors shall be elected to office: two (2) to serve terms of one (1) year each and two (2) to serve terms of two (2) years each.

Commencing in April, 1978 and thereafter, two (2) Directors shall be elected each year to serve terms of two (2) years.

### ARTICLE IV

#### Limitation Upon Expenditures

The officers and/or Board of Directors of the Society shall not expend or incur an obligation to expend an amount in excess of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) without the prior approval of a majority of the members of the Society present at a regular or special meeting of the Society.

## ARTICLE V

### Ownership of Society Property

Title to all real and personal property owned by the Society shall be held for use by the Society as a whole, subject to such rules regarding its use and protection as may be approved by the membership of the Society from time to time.

## ARTICLE VI

### Committees

The President of the Society may from time to time designate committees and appoint members thereto to assist in the planning and preparation of programs when considered necessary. The actions of all committees shall be subject to the review and approval of the Board of Directors. No committees shall have the authority to obligate the Society, expend funds belonging to the Society or transfer, alter or dispose of property belonging to the Society without the prior approval of the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE VII

### Membership Meetings

A. Annual Business Meeting. The annual business meeting shall be held the last Friday in the month of April of each year at a time and place determined by the officers and announced to the entire membership by either a monthly meeting announcement card or any other written or printed publication which may be periodically issued to the entire membership. The election of officers and Directors shall take place at the regular annual business meeting.

B. Monthly Meetings and Events. Monthly meetings and events may be called at any time by the officers subject to giving notice thereof to the entire membership by the monthly meeting announcement card or any other written or printed publication which may be periodically issued to the entire membership.

C. Special Business Meetings. Special business meetings may be called by the officers or shall be called upon written demand signed by six (6) or more voting members of the Society. Announcement or notice of any such special business meeting shall be made upon either the monthly meeting announcement card or any other written or printed publication which may be periodically issued to the entire membership. Such notice shall give a summary of all matters to be considered and acted upon at the meeting being called. No other matters except those for which summary notice has been given shall be considered or acted upon at such meeting.

D. Quorum and Voting by Members. Those voting members of the Society present at any annual, monthly or special business meeting shall constitute a quorum for transacting the business of the Society. A two-thirds majority vote of the voting members present shall be required for:

1. removal of any officer or director of the Society, or
2. the passage, amendment or repeal of any article or by-law of this Society.

For all other matters of the Society's business a simple majority of the members present at any business meeting shall be sufficient for the approval of business.

E. Recess and Continuation of Meetings. When necessary, in order to complete a business meeting, the meeting may be recessed and reconvened at a later specified time and place upon the approval of a majority of the voting members present.

## ARTICLE VIII

### Amendment of By-Laws

These By-Laws may be amended or repealed by a two-thirds vote of the voting members present at a meeting called for that purpose, for which notice and a summary of the proposed by-law changes have been given to the entire membership by a monthly meeting announcement card or other written or printed publication.

## PHOENIX ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY., INC.

### AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS

I, the undersigned Secretary-Treasurer of Phoenix Astronomical Society, Inc. hereby certify that on April 15, 1977 at 8:00 P.M. at Phoenix College, at a special business meeting, duly called for such purpose, the following amendments to the Society's By-laws were adopted by resolution by a legal quorum of voting members.

### ARTICLE I - MEMBERSHIP

The initial paragraph remains intact as written, but is redesignated as Paragraph A, and Paragraph B is added to read as follows:

B. A voting member of the Society shall be defined as any person holding a regular or sustaining membership with the paid up dues for the year. Each such person shall be entitled to one (1) vote in all matters of Society business requiring the approval of the members. In family memberships, voting members shall be defined as a husband and wife, and any other family members of the age of 13 years or older.

### ARTICLE II

#### OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS: DUTIES

C. Following the words, "in which such vacancy occurs" the following sentence is added:

In the event any Non-Officer Directorship shall be vacated prior to the expiration of the elected term, a special election shall be held by the members at the next practicable regular meeting of the Society in the month following notification to the members, to fill the vacated Directorship for the unexpired term in which such vacancy occurs.

ARTICLE IV

LIMITATION UPON EXPENDITURES

Article IV is hereby amended as follows:

The officers and/or Board of Directors of the Society shall not expend or incur an obligation to expend an amount in excess of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) without the prior approval of a majority of the members of the Society present at a regular or special meeting., with the exception of the presumed automatically authorized expenditure of the issuance of a check annually to Sky Publishing Corporation for the members' subscriptions to Sky & Telescope magazine.

Chuck Nash

[HIS SIGNATURE IS WRITTEN HERE]

Secretary - Treasurer