

Astronomical League Council Teleconference meeting

July 22, 2012

President Iorg called the meeting to order with a roll call at 3:07 PM EDT.

Present:

President Carol Iorg

Vice President, John Goss w/ regional proxy

Secretary, Bill Bogardus

Executive Secretary, Ron Whitehead

Treasurer, Joanne Hailey

Treasurer Elect, Tom Lynch

Mike Benson

Jim Small

Ron Wiggins

President Iorg began with the report that ALCON 2012 had a windfall turnout of 340 attendees. He stated that at the convention this year, there wasn't time to get the council together to vote on ALCON 2013. He said that Ken Poushedly will chair the convention and has had experience. The facilities will handle up to 500 and the Courtyard hotel is nearby with plenty of room. The convention is planned to run Wednesday through Saturday with talks included from the ALPO group. Since the council voted to meet the day before, it will meet on Tuesday.

After discussion, a motion was made by Jim Small, 2nd by Bill Bogardus to hold the convention at Atlanta beginning July 17 – 20. John Goss added that since ALPO is into observing the moon those dates will fit well.

After roll call was taken it was found to pass by a unanimous vote.

A question was asked about the South East region holding any regional activities during the convention and it was determined that they would. There was discussion on the hotel at Chicago not honoring the convention rate prior to opening day this year.

Bill Reported that changes are in action in the North East region

Ron Whitehead reported that the Great Lakes Region will be holding elections. He also commented on what lessons could be learned from this year's convention.

Bill reported that the Council yahoo group is up and running and invitations have been sent out. Email him if there are difficulties and he can send out another invite.

Discussion followed regarding Sue Rose's question at ALCON regarding incorporation and by-laws changes. We will have to check to see what state the League is incorporated in from either the 990 form or original charter. It might be that we were incorporated in DC. Joanne will look to scanning the documents.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM EDT.

Respectfully submitted

Bill Bogardus

AL Secretary