



What's Up With the Astronomical League June 2020

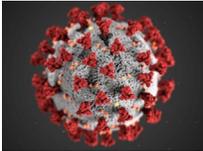
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Time-sensitive news from the Astronomical League provided to League members

Reopening After COVID-19 Shutdown



Most of the states are taking steps to reopen. This becomes a delicate exercise for societies' outreach efforts to strike the prudent balance between safety and reopening outreach activities at their various venues. Some astronomical societies are scheduling their outreach activities online only using such programs as Zoom, Facebook Live, etc. Others are considering scheduling physical outreach events at their venues once again.

As the Astronomical League published in the early days of the shutdown, we still recommend that each society make these decisions based on the best scientific information available and your local and state rules and regulations that vary between locations. The measures that were recommended early in the process such as mindful hand washing, the use of hand sanitizers, wiping down of surfaces, physical distancing, etc. are still good ideas. Many medical personnel and groups are still recommending the wearing of masks, particularly when large groups of people are present.

Hopefully, we will get back to normal soon, whatever the new normal turns out to be. In the meantime, please stay safe, and thanks for your membership and support of the Astronomical League.

Deadlines & Other News from the AL National Office

2020 Dues

The deadline for club dues is June 30. This statement will be sent to club ALCors and Presidents shortly. Please try to remit payment promptly.

Election Ballots

Ballots for League officers will be sent just after the dues statements. This year the offices on the ballot are for president and vice president. The return deadline is July 1.

The Role of Your Club's ALCor

The ALCor is the club's liaison between the League and the club. Communications from the League are sent to the ALCor for communication to the society. Please make sure club roster updates are sent to rosters@astroleague.org timely so members get mailings from the League.

League Sales

Check out the new offerings for June and more at store.astroleague.org.

AL Council Meeting Tentatively Scheduled for Thursday, July 16, 2020

Because of the Postponement of ALCon 2020 until the first week of August 2021, as ALCon 2021, the Council Meeting for the League will be held virtually, tentatively on July 16, 2020. The official invitation will be sent to Council members soon. The Council is composed of League officers (Executive Committee), regional chairs, regional representatives, and the immediate past president of the Astronomical League.

Regional chairs and committee chairs, please submit your electronic yearly reports to the League Secretary, Chuck Allen, as soon as possible before the online council meeting. Email to secretary@astroleague.org.

Regional Virtual Meetings With Society ALCors, Other Officers

The Executive Committee of the AL recently suggested that we schedule electronic meetings with the ALCors and club officers in each of the regions. The distances between clubs in each region are often substantial, so this is an attempt to improve the communication between societies in the regions and the League. More information will follow soon.