

Minutes of Pre-Council Zoom Meeting on 6/8/2025

- Those Council Members attended the Meeting:
 - Charles Allen
 - Aaron Clevenson
 - Terry Mann
 - Dena McClung
 - Gary Carter
 - John Attwell
 - Don Knabb
 - Alan Sheidler
 - Maynard Pittendreigh
 - Mike Coucke
 - Bruce Bookout
 - Mike Humphrey
 - no proxies
- Visitors attending the Meeting:
 - John Martin
 - Mitch Glaze
 - Kris Larsen
 - John Goss
 - Jim Fox
- Meeting called to order by President Charles Allen at 1501 Eastern Time.
- Secretary Aaron Clevenson confirmed that we have met the two quorum requirements.
- Proposed Budget
 - Income is fairly well set. No concerns were raised.
 - Charles Allen reviewed the Expenses. No concerns were raised.
 - League Sponsored Awards, Item H – League Sponsored Awards: adding \$400 to cover 11 Master Observer Plaques.
 - Treasurer Mike Coucke explained the Treasurer's costs.
 - Operations – Web Services – Virtual AL-Con: need to add \$330 to cover annual costs.
 - Webmaster John Martin explained the standard Web costs. John will break down the single item to multiple items: web services, email services, and email marketing.
 - Need to add \$1500 for Dropbox.
 - Gary Carter moved, Mike Coucke seconded that add:
 - \$1500 for Dropbox.
 - \$3560 for webservices.
 - \$330 for Alcon Virtual. Motion carried.
 - Mitch Glaze explained the National Office section

- Under National Office, Item 8 – Equipment needs for the National Office - \$400.
- Under National Office, Item 5 – Equipment equipment for management National Office - \$400.
- Under National Office, Item 3 – Equipment needs for the National Office - \$500.
- Under National Office, Item 9 – Historian, and related activities: need to add \$1000.
- Item 4 under Income change Net Sales to \$0.00.
- Charles Allen explained the first two items, (a) and (b), under Publications. John Goss explained item (c).
- Aaron Clevenson moved and Gary Carter seconded that we approve the \$4000 to cover the “Take First Steps” handout. Motion carried.
- Charles Allen explained section 8 of the Budget.
- Aaron Clevenson moved and Deloris Mlay seconded that we add \$2000 to be split among support for the 10 regional websites. Motion carried.
- Gary Carter moved and Mike Humphrey seconded that we approve the budget as amended. Motion carried.
- Maynard Pittendreigh moved and Aaron Clevenson seconded that the Treasurer be empowered to approve and pay requests for reimbursement as long as they do not cause the expenses to exceed the budgeted amount by \$100. For those items exceeding this limit, the Treasurer will confer with the President. The President is empowered to approve payment or will bring the request to the Executive Committee to amend the budget. Motion carried.
- Bylaws
 - Jim Fox explained the By-Laws changes.
 - Gary Carter moved and Terry Mann seconded that we approve Motion 1. Motion carried.
 - Gary Carter moved and Terry Mann seconded that we approve Motion 2. Motion carried.
 - Mike Humphrey moved and Gary Carter seconded that we approve Motion 3. Motion carried.
 - Gary Carter moved and Terry Mann seconded that we approve Motion 4. Motion carried.
 - Terry Mann moved and Deloris Mlay seconded that we approve Motion 5. Motion carried.
 - Maynard Pittendreigh moved and Gary Carter seconded that we not approve Motion 6. Motion carried.
 - Terry Mann moved and Mike Humphrey seconded that we approve Motion 7. Motion carried.
 - Gary Carter moved and John Attwell seconded that we postpone Motion 8 until the Council Meeting in Utah. Motion carried.

- Charles Allen asked that the non-Council Members exit the meeting at this time.
- Aaron Clevenson confirmed that we still have a quorum.
- Maynard Pittendreigh moved and Mike Humphrey seconded that we increase the budget to include an hourly increase of 20% for Mitch Glaze, Mike Stoakes, and Judith Riley.
- Aaron Clevenson confirmed that we still have a quorum.
- ALCon 2026 proposal from Cincinnati. Charles Allen discussed their proposal.
 - Mike Coucke moved and Aaron Clevenson seconded that we authorize Charles Allen to move forward and approve the contract for ALCon 2026. Motion carried.
- All other agenda items will be postponed until the Council Meeting in Utah:
 - Convention Planning
 - Regional Elections
 - Observing Program Division
 - Website Division
 - Media, Library Telescope Program
 - National Office Report
 - Old Business
 - New Business
- Aaron Clevenson moved and Gary Carter seconded that we adjourn. Motion carried.
- Meeting was adjourned at 1751 Eastern Time.