

MID-STATES REGIONAL REPORT

July 2022 for 2021 Year- End Reporting

Submitted by Peggy Walker, Regional Representative

REGIONAL GOALS:

1. Set up quarterly regional zooms for the year
2. Connect with the AWAL clubs in the region
3. Finish booking future MSRALS
4. Update bylaws that have never been revised and were missing standing resolutions
5. Develop Word Press website and convert the Wix site to Word Press
6. Update MSRAL logo
7. Encourage more participation in MSRAL.io group
8. Need a regional newsletter – short and sweet
9. Set up virtual observing network
10. Pursue regional college speakers for members club meetings and MSRAL Conventions
11. Establish Jr. Astronomer Convention for 2024 in Omaha
12. Establish Youth Amateur of the Year Award
13. Set up regional calendar of events
14. Build the regional council as an active, viable committee
15. Request reserve funds for the regional convention in 2024 and other projects
16. Encourage college and university campus clubs (even high school) to join AL/MSRAL and develop a regional network and mentorship programs.

REGIONAL PLANNING:

- #4 Top Priority finish the MSRAL Bylaws with complete standing resolutions
- #7 Get the membership in the discussion group where work can continue between quarterly meetings. Make a group for Pres & V.P., ALCORs, Newsletter/Facebook, Youth/Outreach
- #9 virtual regional network on July 12th Round Table Regional Zoom
- #10 have a speakers consortium on Wix site for people to go find a speaker for their club or MSRALs
- #11 Jr. Astronomer Convention for 2024, need to get committee together, review resources and ages, will do S.T.E.A.M. activities. Will start on planning committee after ALCon 2022.
- #15 Submit a regional funds request to Executive Committee

REGIONAL STATUS:

- #1 First quarterly MSRAL zoom roundtable was held July 12, 2022
- #2 Emailed and called AWAL clubs got Central Missouri and NE KS are back in the loop
- #3 Waiting on Tulsa for MSRAL 2023, 2024 is booked in Omaha, 2025 goes back to AR
- #4 Have two veterans (1 an attorney) going through bylaws along with all presidents who attended convention were handed copies to proof since emailing has not worked.
- #5 Created Wix site that has current information on it and links to all clubs and a convention registration page attached that will stay in place until Word Press site is finished. Word Press in process.
- #6 Logo has the name cut off of it needs tweaking
- #8 Made a newsletter with quick facts and overviews for two pages only that can be added to club newsletters **(see attached)**
- #11 Developed a youth/outreach group to start planning MSRAL 2024 is tied to #15 request for reserve funds both discussed on July 12th Round Table Regional Zoom
- #12 The amount \$250.00 was set aside at the 2022 MSRAL in St. Louis for Youth Amateur of the Year.
- #13 In process to gather people to maintain this. Will need to be done in Word Press so that it can be added to the webpage. Discussed on July 12th.

- #14 The first MSRAL zoom discussed need for io group for Presidents and V.P. to finalize bylaws having V.P.s invited in case President cannot make it to a meeting by each club will have one vote. Plus, I can maintain contact with the clubs' leadership.
- #16 Many college students attend existing clubs, but this will develop a student network in the region discussed on the 12th of July.

OFFICER LIST:

MSRAL Chairman: N/A
 MSRAL Vice-Chair: N/A
 MSRAL Treasurer: N/A
 Regional Representative: Peggy Walker astroleague_steam@cox.net (re-elected 2nd 3 yr. term)
 Regional Secretary Treasurer: Mike Gallagher mikejgallagher@msn.com (re-elected for 2nd 1 yr. term)

MSRAL CONFERENCE 2022: June 3 to 5 at Jefferson College, MO & Washington University, Danforth Campus, St. Louis, MO

Member Societies Present: 9 societies out of 21 MSRAL Attendees: 77 \$1,749.00 added to MSRAL

New Society Member: Astronomical Society of Southeastern Missouri

2 Clubs did not return questionnaire to date: 9 clubs have 30 or less membership, 5 clubs are 30 members to 100, and 5 clubs have 100 or more members

REGIONAL MEMBERS:

1. ARKANSAS OKLAHOMA ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY – AOAS Est. AL 4/26/2004

Members: 12 New Members: 0 # of Members who attend MSRAL: 0

Is conducting: Club Meetings, School Visits, Library Telescope, Star Party

No: Club Zoom, Virtual Star Party, Sidewalk Astronomy, Library Events

Not on FB or on MSRAL FB Not in MSRAL.IO group

Pres. Leonard Lynch nspace01@swbell.net **ALCOR Charles McLane** cmclane@aoas.org

Club is full of older members, some not in great health they lost a few due to COVID.

Programs: Not Listed

2. ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF EASTERN MISSOURI – ASEM Est. AL 4/25/2005

Members: 119 New Members: 2 # of Members who attend MSRAL: 4-8

Is conducting: Club Meetings, School Visits, Library Events, Library Telescope, Star Party

No: Sidewalk Astronomy, Virtual Star Party

Is on MSRAL FB Is on MSRAL.IO group **The most active club for observing programs in the region**

Pres. Chuck Simms C.Simms@asemonline.org **ALCOR Marvin Stewart** MStewart2004@charter.net

Programs:

Citizen Science Asteroid – Gold

Citizen Science Variable Stars – Gold

Bright Nebula Advanced

Lunar Observing Program and Binocular

Citizen Science Planet Hunters Gold, Silver

Outreach Award Outreach, Stellar, Master

Library Telescope Award

Citizen Science GwitchHunters Bronze

Open Cluster Observing Advanced

AL Observing Challenges Observe the Moon

Double Star Program

Citizen Science Cosmological Jellyfish Gold

Citizen Science Star Notes Bronze

Citizen Science Supernova Hunter Gold

Citizen Science Dark Energy Explorers Bronze

Sketching Observing Award

3. ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHEASTERN MISSOURI – ASSEMO Est. AL 2022

Members: 12 New Members: 0

of Members who attend MSRAL: 3

Is conducting: Club Meetings, is forming now connected to the college

No:

Not on MSRAL FB

Not in MSRAL.IO group **Newest club to the region**

Pres. Peggy Hill phill@semo.edu

ALCOR Pam Mills pamills@semo.edu

Programs:

4. ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF KANSAS CITY – ASKC Est. AL 7/7/1950

Members: 701

New Members: 8

of Members who attend MSRAL: 15

Is conducting: Club Meetings, School visits, Star Party

No: Sidewalk Astronomy, Library Visits, Library Telescope, Virtual Star Party

Not on MSRAL FB

Not in MSRAL.IO group

Pres. Terry Conner president@askc.org

ALCOR Jerel Williams jerel1948@yahoo.com

Did have two members pass this year

Programs:

5. ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF NORTHWEST ARKANSAS – ASNWA Est. AL 5/18/1979

Members: 5

New Members: 0

of Members who attend MSRAL: 0

Is conducting: Star Party

No: Club Meetings, School Visits, Sidewalk Astronomy, Library Visits, Library Telescope, Virtual Star Party

Not on MSRAL FB

Not in MSRAL.IO group

Pres. Ed Jones edwincjones@yahoo.com

ALCOR Eliot Neel archistarz@yahoo.com

After COVID they no longer hold “regular meetings” anymore.

Programs: Master Observer

Herschel 400

Messier List

6. ASTRONOMICAL ASSOCIATION OF LAWRENCE – AAL Est. AL 4/5/2000

Current Members: 30 New Members: 5 # of Members who attend MSRAL: 0

Is conducting: Club Meetings, Sidewalk Astronomy, School Visits, Library Events

No: Library Telescope, Star Party, Virtual Star Party

Not on MSRAL FB Not in MSRAL.IO group

Pres. Rick Heschmeyer rickheshmeyer@gmail.com **ALCOR William Winkler** wite6581@gmail.com

Programs:

7. ASTRONOMY CLUB OF TULSA – ACT Est. 1937 AL 1/16/1947 (85 years old)

Members: 214 New Members: 0 # of Members who attend MSRAL: 2

Is conducting: Club Meetings, School Visits, Star Party

No: Sidewalk Astronomy, Library Events, Library Telescope, Virtual Star Party

Not on MSRAL FB Not in MSRAL.IO group

Pres. John Land astrorulsa.pres@gmail.com **ALCOR None listed selecting a new one**

Programs:

8. BARTLESVILLE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY – BAS Est. & AL 8/19/1959 (63 years old)

Members: 26 New Members: 0 # of Members who attend MSRAL: 0

Is conducting: Club Meetings, Sidewalk Astronomy, Library Events, Library Telescope, Star Party

No: School Visits, Virtual Star Party

Not on MSRAL FB Not in MSRAL.IO group

Pres. Craig Brockmeier bvillastro+president@gmail.com **ALCOR Denise Gregg**

bvilleastro+alcor@gmail.com

Club is down in membership some families have moved which took their 12+ youth club Bartains down to 4 students currently

Programs:

9. BROKEN ARROW SIDEWALK ASTRONOMER – BASWA Est. & AL 11/5/2013

Members: 9 New Members: 3 # of Members who attend MSRAL: 2

Is conducting: Sidewalk Astronomy, School Visits, Library Events, Star Party, People with Disabilities

No: Club Meetings, (outreach group in shadow of large Tulsa club), Library Telescope-Tulsa County not interested in the two I won

Moderates the MSRAL FB Participates in MSRAL.IO group

Pres. Peggy Walker BAsidewalkastro@yahoo.com **ALCOR Rick Walker** rixworx@cox.net

Programs:

10. CENTRAL ARKANSAS ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY – CAAS Est. AL 5/18/1992

Members: 94 New Members: 14 # of Members who attend MSRAL: 4

Is conducting: Club Meetings, Library Events, Library Telescope, Star Party

No: Sidewalk Astronomy, School Visits, Virtual Star Party

Not on MSRAL FB Is in MSRAL.IO group

Pres. Darrell Heath drheath@ualr.edu **ALCOR Robert Togni** rockytongni@gmail.com

Programs:

11. CENTRAL MISSOURI AMATEUR ASTRONOMERS – CMAA Est. AL 7/7/1950

Members: 25 New Members: 2 # of Members who attend MSRAL: 4-8

Is conducting: Club Meetings, School Visits, Library Events, Library Telescope, Star Party, Sidewalk Astronomy, Virtual Star Party

Is on MSRAL FB Not in MSRAL.IO group

Pres. Stephen Bertels sbertels65@gmail.com **ALCOR Randall Durk** cp50dj@yahoo.com

Programs:

12. KANSAS ASTRONOMICAL OBSERVER'S SOCIETY – KAOS Est. AL 1/14/1981

DID NOT RETURN THE QUESTIONNAIRE

Pres. Tony Haidai thaidai@cox.net **ALCOR Paul Ramirez** Ramirezpm2@gmail.com

13. NORTHEAST KANSAS AMATEUR ASTRONOMERS LEAGUE – NEKAAL Est. AL 10/22/1983

Members: 31 New Members: 4 # of Members who attend MSRAL: 0

Is conducting: Club Meetings, Star Party

No: Sidewalk Astronomy, School Visits, Library Events, Library Telescope, Virtual Star Party

Not on MSRAL FB Not in MSRAL.IO group

Pres. Doug Goodin dgoogin@ksu.edu **ALCOR Janelle Burgardt** star44_lady@yahoo.com

Programs:

14. NORTHEAST NEBRASKA ASTRONOMY CLUB – NENAC Est. & AL 11/20/1995

Members: 19 New Members: 2 # of Members who attend MSRAL: 0

Is conducting: Club Meetings, Sidewalk Astronomy, School Visits, Library Events, Library Telescope, Star Party

No: Virtual Star Party

Not on MSRAL FB Not in MSRAL.IO group No tech does not own a cell phone

Pres. Rev. Gary Fugman fugman@abbnebraska.com **ALCOR is the same contact**

Programs:

15. OMAHA ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY – OAS Est. 1938 AL 10/3/1962 (84 years old)

Members: 155 New Members: 2 # of Members who attend MSRAL: 2

Is conducting: Club Meetings, Sidewalk Astronomy, School Visits, Star Party

No: Library Events, Library Telescope, Virtual Star Party

Is in MSRAL FB Is in MSRAL.IO group

Pres. Jon Larson relayer370@gmail.com **ALCOR Michael Gallagher** mikejgallagher@msn.com

Programs: Herschel 400 Asteroid Observing Outreach Award

16. OZARKS AMATEUR ASTRONOMERS CLUB – OAAC Est. & AL 3/10/2014

DID NOT RETURN THE QUESTIONNAIRE

Pres. Henry Stratmann Stratmann701@live.missouristate.edu **ALCOR retired**

17. PLATTE VALLEY ASTRONOMICAL OBSERVERS – PVAO Est. AL 9/29/2000

Members: 10 New Members: 0 # of Members who attend MSRAL: 0

Is conducting: Club Meetings, Library Events

No: Sidewalk Astronomy, School Visits, Library Telescope, Star Party, Virtual Star Party

Not in MSRAL FB not in MSRAL.IO group

Pres. Mark Urwiller mark.urwiller@gmail.com **ALCOR Robert Wenzl** wenzl4007@gmail.com

Programs:

18. PRAIRIE ASTRONOMY CLUB – PAC Est. AL 11/28/1967

Members: 60 New Members: 6 # of Members who attend MSRAL: 0

Is conducting: Club Meetings, Library Events, Star Party

No: Sidewalk Astronomy, School Visits, Library Telescope, Virtual Star Party

Is on MSRAL FB not in MSRAL.IO group

Pres. Bob Kacvinsky kacvinskyb@yahoo.com **ALCOR none indicated**

Programs:

19. SPRINGFIELD ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY – SAS Est. 11/12/1947 AL 2/25/91 1950 (75 years old)

Members: 14 New Members: 6 # of Members who attend MSRAL: 0

Is conducting: Club Meetings, Star Party

No: Sidewalk Astronomy, School Visits, Library Events, Library Telescope, Virtual Star Party

Not in MSRAL FB not in MSRAL.IO group

Pres. John Moody fordracer1@juno.com **ALCOR Dale Flippo** daleflippo@att.net

Programs: Stellar Evolution

20. ST. LOUIS ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY – SLAAS Est. 1936 AL 1/26/1950 (86 years old)

Members: 225 New Members: 20 # of Members who attend MSRAL: 12

Is conducting: Club Meetings, Sidewalk Astronomy, School Visits, Library Events, Library Telescope, Star Party, Virtual Star Party

No:

Is in MSRAL FB Is in MSRAL.IO group

Pres. Jim Small jrsml@earthlink.net **ALCOR Bill Winningham** treasurer@slasonline.org

Programs:

21. SUGAR CREEK ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY – SCAC Est. AL 1/5/2001

Members: 34 New Members: 3 # of Members who attend MSRAL: 0

Is conducting: Club Meetings, Star Party

No: Sidewalk Astronomy, School Visits, Library Events, Library Telescope, Virtual Star Party

Not in MSRAL FB Not in MSRAL.IO group

Pres. Bill Murphy murphter@yahoo.com **ALCOR Paul Anderson** m46astro@gmail.com

Programs: