

CLUB CHARTER

CHARTER OF THE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF BAY COUNTY

August 1991

This charter describes the purpose, by-laws, and goals of the Astronomical Society of Bay County (the Society). To promote the science of astronomy, the undersigned establish the Society as a non-profit corporation.

ARTICLE I: SOCIETY PURPOSE AND GOALS

The purposes of the Society are to promote astronomical education in our schools, to distribute astronomical news to the local community, and to keep informed of the latest developments in astronomy.

ARTICLE II: ACTIVITIES

To achieve the goals of Article I, the Society will conduct monthly meetings, fund a Junior Astronomer of the Year Award, publish a monthly newsletter, provide astronomy lectures for Bay County Schools, sponsor astronomical viewing sessions, and plan the construction of an observatory in Bay County.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Society is open to anyone with an interest in astronomy. There will be equal opportunity for all regardless of age, sex, religion, race, or ethnic background.

ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS

The officers will be: President, Vice-President, News Editor, Treasurer, and Membership Director. Officers must be members of the Society. The term of office will be one year, and elections will be held in the month of January. The group of officers, taken together, will be known as the Executive Committee. Officers will be elected by majority vote of the members attending the election. Non-members will not be permitted to vote. Vacancies will be filled by special election to be held at the next meeting held after the announced withdrawal.

ARTICLE V: DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

The President will preside at all meetings and chair the Executive Committee. The Vice-President will preside in the absence of the president. Additionally, the Vice-President will serve as the Programs Officer. The Treasurer is responsible for the Society's bank account; to pay all debts accrued by the Society; to operate the Post Office box; and to inform the Membership Chairperson of new members. The News Editor will write, edit, print, and mail the monthly newsletter. The Membership Chairperson is responsible for running membership drives and for keeping the membership mailing list current.

ARTICLE VI. AMENDMENTS

This charter can be amended by a 2/3 vote of members present at any regular meeting. However, the amendment must have been printed and distributed to all members at least one month prior to the vote.