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Our New Membership Secretary: **Kristen Crawford**

AAAP Election Results: The Precincts Are In

by Bill Yorkshire, Chair – Nominating Committee

Under the watchful eye of the accounting firm of Yorkshire, Yorkshire & Poole ☺, all received ballots have been tallied. All of the nominated compadres were elected to serve their respective terms unanimously:

- President: **Lou Coban** ✓
- Vice President: **Zach Koban** ✓
- Recording Secretary: **Diane Yorkshire** ✓
- Corresponding Secretary: **Lori Seitz** ✓
- Membership Secretary: **Kristen Crawford** ✓ (see article below)
- Guide Star Editor: **Eric Fischer** ✓

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Transition of Membership Secretary, New Address for Renewal Checks



Our sincere thanks goes out to **Heather Panek** for serving as Membership Secretary since 2016. As noted above, **Kristen Crawford** has taken the helm of his vital position. (Her husband Brian also serves as Mingo Observatory Associate Director.) The job of Membership Secretary is among the most complex of any AAAP officer, keeping tabs on 300+ memberships. Please show your understanding to Kristen as she gets up to speed in her new job.

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September 1, 2020 Still Earliest Possible Start to Star Party Season



As of July 1, there were no plans to restart our public star parties until **September 1, 2020** at the earliest. With the recent surge in Allegheny County Coronavirus cases, it's quite possible we will cancel all remaining public star parties through the end of the year. For the Fall and Winter business meetings, we may also continue using the Zoom on-line video service that worked so well for the April meeting. We won't know the availability of the Carnegie Science Center, Allegheny Observatory or Pitt's Alumni Hall for the business meetings until August or September at the earliest.

As soon as the Executive Committee renders a decision on all this, we'll let you know via our various lines of communication ([Guide Star](#), Listserver, Facebook, etc.) Meanwhile, AAAP members are welcome to use the Wagman and Mingo observatory sites for their personal observing, in accordance with the rules published in the May [Guide Star](#).

Thanks for your understanding during these truly weird times we're living in. Note: If you are holding your own backyard star parties, please observe all the familiar rules about social distancing, masks, cleaning of touched surfaces, etc.





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