

Middle Atlantic Planetarium Society History Database

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Mr. K.'s Mobile Dome Planetarium, Buffalo, NY • Strassenburgh Planetarium, Rochester, NY

YEAR: 2007

CONFERENCE INFORMATION:

Theme:

Conference Site: Wheeling, West Virginia

Conference Date: October 9 –13, 2007

Conference Host: Steve Mitch, Benedum Planetarium, Oglebay Resort & Conference Center

Notable Event: Triple Conjunction SEPA, MAPS, GLPA.

Keynote Speakers: David Levy, James Kaler, Charles Wood and Dr. James Sweitzer.

Margaret Noble Address Speaker: none

Officers 2007:

President: Gloria Villalobos, Novins Planetarium, Toms River, NJ

President-Elect: Steve Mitch, Benedum Planetarium, WV

Past President: Patty Seaton, HB Owens Science Center, MD

Treasurer: Anthony J. Villano, Fair Lawn Schools Planetarium, NJ

Secretary: Sam Storch, Edwin Hubble Planetarium, Brooklyn, NY

Board Members 2007: Kevin Conod, Lee Ann Hennig, Ted Williams

YEAR: 2008

CONFERENCE INFORMATION:

Theme: "A Different Kind of Conference"

Conference Site: Suits-Bueche Planetarium, Schenectady Museum, Schenectady, New York

Conference Date: May 14 –17, 2008

Conference Host: Steve LJ Russo and Megan EN Dominguez, Suits-Bueche Planetarium, Schenectady Museum, Schenectady, New York

Conference Hotel: Holiday Inn of Schenectady

Notable Event:

Keynote Speakers: Heidi DeBlock, Assistant Professor of Surgery and Anesthesiology at Albany Medical Center & NASA physician; Syzygies: Eclipses, Transits, and Occultations, Dr. Jay Pasachoff, Professor of Astronomy and Director of the Hopkins Observatory at Williams College in Williamstown, MA

Margaret Noble Address Speaker: The Greatest Planetarium Special Effect of All Time, Sam Storch

Officers 2008:

President: Gloria Villalobos, Novins Planetarium, Toms River, NJ

President-Elect: Steve Mitch, Benedum Planetarium, WV

Past President: Patty Seaton, HB Owens Science Center, MD

Treasurer: Keith Johnson, Edelman Planetarium, NJ

Secretary Sam Storch, Edwin Hubble Planetarium, Brooklyn, NY

Board Members 2008: Lee Ann Hennig, Steve Russo, Ted Williams

YEAR: 2009

CONFERENCE INFORMATION:

Theme:

Conference Site: Lanaham-Seabrook, Maryland

Conference Date: May 13 –16, 2009

Conference Host: Patty Seaton, H.B. Owens Science Center, Bowie, MD

Conference Hotel: Bowie Comfort Inn and Conference Center

Notable Event:

Keynote Speakers: Glen Fountain, Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Lab

Margaret Noble Address Speaker: Lee Ann Hennig

Officers 2009:

President: Steve Mitch, Benedum Planetarium, WV

President-Elect: Patty Seaton, HB Owens Science Center, MD

Past President: Gloria Villalobos, Novins Planetarium, Toms River, NJ

Treasurer: Keith Johnson, Edelman Planetarium, NJ

Secretary Sam Storch, Edwin Hubble Planetarium, Brooklyn, NY

Board Members 2009: Lee Ann Hennig, Steve Russo, Ted Williams

YEAR: 2010

CONFERENCE INFORMATION:

Theme:

Conference Site: University of Southern Maine, Southworth Planetarium, Portland, Maine

Conference Date: May 19 –22, 2010

Conference Host: Jerry LaSala, Edward Gleason, and Steve Innes

Conference Hotel: Eastland Park Hotel

Notable Event:

Keynote Speakers:

Margaret Noble Address Speaker: Susan Button

MAPS 2010 Distinguished Service Award Winners: Steve Mitch and Sam Storch

Officers 2010:

President: Steve Mitch, Benedum Planetarium, WV

President-Elect: Patty Seaton, HB Owens Science Center, MD

Past President: Gloria Villalobos, Novins Planetarium, Toms River, NJ

Treasurer: Keith Johnson, Edelman Planetarium, NJ

Secretary Sam Storch, Edwin Hubble Planetarium, Brooklyn, NY

Board Members 2010: Lee Ann Hennig, Paul J. Krupinski, Mike Smith

YEAR: 2011

CONFERENCE INFORMATION:

Theme: "Teaching In The Dark"

Conference Site: H.W. Ray planetarium, Centennial School District, Warminster PA (Don Knapp); Sandy Run Middle School Planetarium, Dresher PA (Kim Small) & Edelman Planetarium, Rowan University, Glassboro NJ (Keith Johnson).

Conference Date: May 4 – 7, 2011

Conference Host: Keith Johnson, Kim Small and Don Knapp

Conference Hotel: Holiday Inn Fort Washington

Notable Event:

Keynote Speakers: Dan Hooper, 'In Search of Our Universe's Missing Matter and Energy,' Kavli Institute for Cosmological Physics at the University of Chicago; Jack Northrup, 'Science Standards and the Planetarium.'

Margaret Noble Address Speaker: Joanne Young, AVI

Officers 2011:

President: Patty Seaton, HB Owens Science Center, MD

President-Elect: Alan Davenport, M. F. Jordan Planetarium, ME

Past President: Steve Mitch, Benedum Planetarium, WV

Treasurer: Keith Johnson, Edelman Planetarium, NJ

Secretary: Steve Dubois, Ferguson Planetarium, Buffalo, NY

Board Members 2011: Lee Ann Hennig, Paul J. Krupinski, Mike Smith

YEAR: 2012

CONFERENCE INFORMATION:

Theme: "When Worlds Align"

Conference Site: Robert J. Novins Planetarium, Ocean County Community College, Toms River, NJ

Conference Date: May 16 – 19, 2012

Conference Host: Gloria Villalobos

Conference Hotel: Holiday Inn Toms River

Notable Event:

Keynote Speakers: Paul Butler, Department of Terrestrial Magnetism of the Carnegie Institution of Washington, 'Planets Around Nearby Stars.'

Margaret Noble Address Speaker: April Whitt

Officers 2012:

President: Patty Seaton, HB Owens Science Center, MD

President-Elect: Alan Davenport, M. F. Jordan Planetarium, ME

Past President: Steve Mitch, Benedum Planetarium, WV

Treasurer: Keith Johnson, Edelman Planetarium, NJ

Secretary: Steve Dubois, Ferguson Planetarium, Buffalo, NY

Board Members 2012: Lee Ann Hennig, Paul J. Krupinski, Kim Small

YEAR: 2013

CONFERENCE INFORMATION:

Theme: "Spaceship Earth: Educating Its Crew"

Conference Site: Ausherman Planetarium, Earth and Space Science Laboratory, Frederick, MD

Conference Date: July 17 – 20, 2013

Conference Host: Mark Bowman and Jeff Grills

Conference Hotel: Holiday Inn

Notable Event:

Keynote Speakers: Dr. Christopher Horne, Frederick County Public Schools, 'Finding Space Under the Stars;' Dr. Kevin Williams, Buffalo State College, "Mapping Geologic History in Margaritifer Terra, Mars;" Stephanie Bednarek, Space X, "The Next Steps in Space;" Verne Rice, daughter of late Armand N. Spitz.

Margaret Noble Address Speaker: Don Knapp, "Lost in Space: Now What?"

Officers 2013: (changed after July Annual Delegates meeting)

President: Alan Davenport, M. F. Jordan Planetarium, ME

President-Elect: Jerry Vinski, Raritan Valley Community College Planetarium, NJ

Past President: Patty Seaton, HB Owens Science Center, MD

Treasurer: Keith Johnson, Edelman Planetarium, NJ

Secretary: Steve Dubois, Ferguson Planetarium, Buffalo, NY

Board Members 2013: Lee Ann Hennig, Paul J. Krupinski, Kim Small

YEAR: 2014

CONFERENCE INFORMATION:

Theme: "Renew, Refresh, Revive!"

Conference Site: Maryland Science Center's Davis Planetarium, Baltimore, MD

Conference Date: September 10 – 13, 2014

Conference Host: Wendy Ackerman

Conference Hotel: Royal Sonesta Harbor Court Baltimore

Notable Event:

Keynote Speakers: Dr. Frank Summers, Astrophysicist, Space Telescope Science Institute; Fred Espenak, Mr. Eclipse (www.MrEclipse.com); Alan Stern, Principal Investigator, New Horizons Mission to Pluto; Lisa May, Lead Program Executive, NASA Mars Exploration Program; Lora Bleacher, EPO Lead, Solar System Exploration Division, NASA/GSFC.

Margaret Noble Address Speaker: Carter Emmart, Director of Astrovisualization, Rose Center for Earth and Space at the AMNH.

Officers 2014: (changed after September Annual Delegates meeting)

President: Alan Davenport, M. F. Jordan Planetarium, ME

President-Elect: Jerry Vinski, Raritan Valley Community College Planetarium, NJ

Past President: Patty Seaton, HB Owens Science Center, MD

Treasurer: Keith Johnson, Edelman Planetarium, NJ

Secretary: Steve Dubois, Ferguson Planetarium, Buffalo, NY

Board Members 2014: Lee Ann Hennig, Paul J. Krupinski, Megan Norris

YEAR: 2015

CONFERENCE INFORMATION:

Theme: "Universal Knowledge"

Conference Site: Cradle of Aviation and Nassau Community College, Garden City, NY

Conference Date: May 13 – 16, 2015

Conference Host: Kerri Kiker, Planetarium Education Coordinator, Cradle of Aviation Museum.

Thomas Bruckner, Assistant Professor, Nassau Community College and Joel Lamb, Instructor, Nassau Community College, Garden City, New York

Conference Hotel: Long Island Marriot

Notable Event:

Keynote Speakers: **TBA**

Margaret Noble Address Speaker: Steve Mitch

MAPS 2015 Distinguished Service Award Winner: Patty Seaton

Officers 2015: (changed after May Annual Delegates meeting)

President: Jerry Vinski, Raritan Valley Community College Planetarium, NJ

President-Elect: Kevin Williams, SUNY Buffalo State, NY

Past President: Alan Davenport, M. F. Jordan Planetarium, ME

Treasurer: Keith Johnson, Edelman Planetarium, NJ

Secretary: Steve Dubois, Ferguson Planetarium, Buffalo, NY

Board Members 2015: Lee Ann Hennig, Paul J. Krupinski, Megan Norris
