

# Middle Atlantic Planetarium Society

2017 Armand Spitz Regional Meeting – Lanham, Maryland

“Teaching and Learning Under the Stars”

Registration Form: *DEADLINE: May 5, 2017*

## Meeting Details:

- Dates: 19-20 May 2017
- Begins: 9:00 AM, Friday, 19 May
- Ends: 4:00 PM, Saturday, 20 May
- Host Location: Howard B. Owens Science Center
- Host Address: 9601 Greenbelt Road Lanham, MD 20706

## Attendee Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Company/Facility: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I am a US Citizen: Yes / No (NOTE: additional documentation will be needed for the Goddard Tour if you are not a US Citizen. We will contact you directly if this is the case.)

Check if applicable:     New MAPS Member     First MAPS Conference/Meeting

## Registration Fee:

This Regional Meeting has a registration fee of \$30 per person. This fee includes lunch on both days of the meeting, coffee/tea/drinks over the course of both days, and all materials, equipment, and supplies for the workshops, panels, and talks.

Enclosed please find a check for \$30 per person, made payable to “HBOSC”

## Session Proposals:

We are actively seeking presenters for various workshops, panels, and talks which align with the theme of our Regional Meeting. If you are interested in presenting, please fill out the Session Proposal Form on the next page.

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## Session Proposal Form

**Theme: “TEACHING AND LEARNING UNDER THE STARS”:**

The focus of our regional meeting is on best teaching practices in our dome. What lessons are the most successful for you? How do you assess student learning? What new initiatives are you undertaking in the dome? On Friday, the focus is on planetarium educators sharing with each other and providing feedback. On Saturday, we’re inviting 3-8<sup>th</sup> grade teachers in Prince George’s County Public Schools (PGCPS) to collaborate with you on how they can extend astronomy education from the dome to the classroom. Owens will present mini-versions of their 3<sup>rd</sup> grade program on the Sun, “Solar Quest”, and their 4<sup>th</sup> grade program “More than Meets the Eye” on deep sky objects, culminating in a classroom activity where we build our own telescopes to take home and use in the classroom. Please consider presenting a brief talk or demo on that day on lessons about the Sun or on deep sky objects/telescopes. Note that PGCPS curriculum is aligned with the Next Generation Science Standards, so linking your presentations to these standards is a plus!

**Presenter Information:**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**Session Information:**

Type of Session Proposed:     Workshop             Talk             Demo

Duration of Proposed Session:     15 min.             30 min.             45 min.

Day(s) you can present:             Friday             Saturday             Either day

Name of Proposed Session: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Proposed Session: \_\_\_\_\_

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Location of Proposed Session (please select one):

\_\_\_\_ Planetarium theater (55' dome, Minolta Viewlex Series IV projector, limited full dome capability with newly installed mirror dome system – limitations based on our staff understanding of the system at that time! ☺)

\_\_\_\_ Classroom (7 lab tables with two computers at each table, LCD projector for presentation)

**Please mail your forms, along with your registration fee no later than May 5, to:**

**Patty Seaton  
Howard B. Owens Science Center  
ATTN: MAPS Regional Meeting  
9601 Greenbelt Road  
Lanham, MD 20706**

***THANK YOU for your proposal, and for actively participating in this MAPS 2017 Regional Meeting!***

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*TENTATIVE Meeting Schedule*

## Friday, 19 May

Time	Session Name	Location
9:00 – 9:15 AM	Arrival / Registration	Planetarium Entrance
9:15 – 9:45 AM	Introductions/Welcome Activity	Planetarium
9:45 – 10:00 AM	Board bus/travel to Goddard	Parking Area
10:00 AM – Noon	Tour of Goddard Space Flight Center	GSFC
Noon – 12:15 PM	Return to Owens	
12:15 – 1:00 PM	Lunch	Great Room
1:00 – 4:30 PM	Workshops/Sessions/Presentations	Planetarium

## Saturday, 20 May

9:00 – 9:15 AM	Registration/Sign-in	Planetarium Entrance
9:15 – 9:45 AM	Introductions/Welcome Activity	Planetarium
9:45 AM – Noon	Session I (Solar Quest and related talks)	Planetarium
Noon – 12:45 PM	Lunch	Great Room
12:45 – 2:00 PM	Session II (More than Meets the Eye and related talks)	Planetarium
2:00 – 3:15 PM	Telescopes	Room 103
3:15 – 4:00 PM	Wrap-Up / Take-Aways	Room 103

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## Travel Information

### ABOUT US:

The Howard B. Owens Science Center is located in Lanham, Maryland, approximately one mile from the Goddard Space Flight Center. We're about halfway between Annapolis and Washington, D.C., so there are plenty of attractions for a weekend stay!

*ADDRESS: 9601 Greenbelt Road Lanham, MD 20706*

### AIR TRAVEL:

We have three airports convenient to us: Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall, Ronald Reagan Washington National, and Dulles International.

### TRAIN TRAVEL:

Amtrak also has stations nearby, most convenient being Union Station in Washington, D.C., and New Carrollton. ([www.amtrak.com](http://www.amtrak.com))

### LODGING:

We have opted to not secure a block of hotel rooms for this meeting. However, there are many nearby facilities for attendees to book the hotel of their choosing. Below are some of the local options with their current standard nightly rate:

- [Days Inn](#) - \$76 (2-star hotel)
- [Metro Points Hotel](#) - \$76 (3 star hotel)
- [Best Western Capital Beltway](#) - \$78 (2 star hotel)
- [Staybridge Suites Washington D.C. – Greenbelt](#) - \$118 (4 star hotel)
- [Courtyard by Marriott New Carrollton-Landover](#) - \$118 (3 star hotel)
- [Hilton Garden Inn Washington DC/Greenbelt](#) - \$159 (3-star hotel)
- [Greenbelt Marriott](#) - \$188 (3-star hotel)