

Northern Colorado Astronomical Society Meeting Minutes 12/4/25



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Agenda

Reports:

Treasurer - Charlie Davis
New Members - Greg Marino
Outreach - Greg Halac

2026 Budget and Dues Proposal – Greg Marino

Opening Nominations – 2026 Officers

Announcements –

Tonight's Program – Fulldome Show "Experience the Aurora"

Attendance

40 in person, 7 online, total 47

Treasurer's Report

Balance 11/5/25

\$ 570.42	Checking
\$ 2,122.29	CD
\$ 934.68	PayPal
\$ 100.00	Unsold Shirts
\$ 3,728.09	<i>Total</i>

Major Expenses

PayPal fees
Meeting refreshments

Income

New memberships
Member renewals

Welcome New Members!

We are thrilled that our club is continuing to grow! We now have 170 members!

New members in November:

- Ross Cuniff
- James Hein
- Olivia Jones

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Balance Sheet

2025 Northern Astronomical Society Budget - December 2025							
Income		2025 Budget		2025 Actual			
	Each	No.	Amount	No.	Amount		
Paid Memberships	\$ 25.00	130	\$ 3,250.00	169	\$ 4,225.00		
Donations			\$ 502.00		\$ 270.00		
T-Shirts					99	\$ 1,980.00	
T-Shirts in inventory @ \$20/shirt					5	\$ 100.00	
Total Income			\$ 3,752.00		\$ 6,575.00		
Expenses		Due	Each	2025 Budget		2025 Actual	
				No.	Amount	Paid	Amount
FoCo Museum of Discovery donation	Feb	\$ 6.00	130		\$ 600.00	Y	\$ 600.00
Insurance	Jan				\$ 315.00	Y	\$ 315.00
Member Meetings and refreshments					\$ 480.00		\$ 529.14
DarkSky International membership	Jan				\$ 100.00	Y	\$ 100.00
State of Colorado filing fee	Jun				\$ 10.00	Y	\$ 25.00
Astronomical League dues (per member)	Jun				\$ 780.00	Y	\$ 960.00
PayPal fees (from memberships and misc.)				100	\$ 136.00		\$ 289.96
Outreach & Educational Supplies					\$ 820.00		\$ 422.39
Astronomy Day Expenses							\$ 2,304.22
Marketing & Print Material					\$ 500.00		\$ 824.89
Miscellaneous							\$ 11.58
Website Hosting							\$ 356.36
T-Shirts							\$ 1,668.22
Total Expenses						\$ 3,741.00	
Net				\$ 11.00		\$ (1,831.76)	

Outreach Report - Greg Halac

COMPLETED EVENTS

Date	Start	Site	Event	Duration	Guests	Scopes	Notes
11/5/25	18:00	McGraw ES		1	59	3	20% clr; Moon, Saturn
11/7/25	19:00	FRCC Observatory		2	52	2	
11/8/25	18:00	Big Thompson ES		2	61	6	Clear
11/15/25	18:30	LCP Horsetooth Mtn		2.5	41	6	40% clr
11/19/25	18:00	Greeley Arroyos del Sol		1	44	6	60% clr; New Site
11/22/25	18:00	LCP Horsetooth Mtn	Members	2.5	9	7	Clear
11/29/25	19:00	FCNA Fossil Creek Res		1.5	38	3	Validate 20F limit

CANCELED EVENTS

Date	Start	Site	Duration
11/10/25	19:00	Poudre Learning Ctr	Clouds
12/2/25	18:00	Compass Comm. HS	Clouds

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NEXT MONTH EVENTS

Date	Start	Site	Event	Duration
12/5/25	19:00	FRCC Observatory		2
12/6/25	12:00	Lvld Library	Solar	2
12/13/25	18:30	LCP Horsetooth Mtn		2
12/19/25	19:00	FCNA Fossil Creek Res		2

2026 Budget Proposal

Income	Number	Amount	Dues \$25	Dues \$30	Notes
Memberships	170		\$4,250.00	\$5,100.00	
Donations			\$250.00	\$250.00	Varies 150 - 700/year
Equipment Sales					
Total Income			\$4,500.00	\$5,350.00	
Expenses	Number	Cost			Notes
Museum Donation	1	\$800.00	\$800.00	\$800.00	Increase from \$600
Insurance	1	\$330.00	\$330.00	\$330.00	Assume \$15 increase
IDA Donation	1	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	No change
State of Colorado Fee	1	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	
AL Dues	170	\$6.00	\$1,030.00	\$1,030.00	\$6 per member + \$10
PayPal Fees	160	1.36	\$217.60	\$217.60	
Member Meetings	12	\$40.00	\$480.00	\$480.00	Refreshments, water, nametags, napkins, .
Printing	Multiple	Varies	\$800.00	\$800.00	Rack Schedule Cards, Bus Cards, Etc
Outreach Supplies	12	\$50.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	Misc, educational supplies, stickers, buttons, etc.
Scope Loan Program	Multiple	Varies	\$200.00	\$200.00	Maintenance Costs
Special Events	2	\$125.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	Assume 2 small events
Total Expenses			\$4,832.60	\$4,832.60	
Net			-\$332.60	\$517.40	
	Dues	Break Even			
	\$25.00	189	members		
	\$30.00	150	members		

We need to take 2 votes tonight.

- Verify a quorum – minimum 34 members in good standing
 - Please only vote if you are a paying member
 - Those online can vote by raising a hand on Zoom to be counted by Scott.
1. Vote on Dues Increase – from \$25/year to \$30/year
(Requires 2/3 majority vote)
 1. Approve proposed 2026 budget
(Requires a simple majority)

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Nominations – 2026 Officers

All Officer terms are one year, with a limit of two consecutive terms.

- Our Secretary, Rob Sireno, has served two consecutive years, so we need a new Secretary.
- Our VP, Carla Johns, has indicated she is too busy and cannot serve in 2026. So, we need a new VP.
- Our President, Greg Marino is eligible and willing to serve a second term next year.
- Our Treasurer, Charlie Davis is eligible and willing to serve a second term next year.

You must be a member in good standing to nominate, second or be nominated for an Officer position.

There will be one more call for nominations and then voting at the January meeting.

Confirmed 43 qualified voters (34 votes required for quorum)

Dues increase to \$30 was voted and approved 39 for, zero against.

2024 budget proposal approved 40 for, zero against.

Nominations:

President: Greg Marino (incumbent)

VP: Greg Halac (unless another qualified candidate found)

Treasurer: Charlie Davis (incumbent)

Secretary: Julie Stumph, Kathy Lowry

Announcements

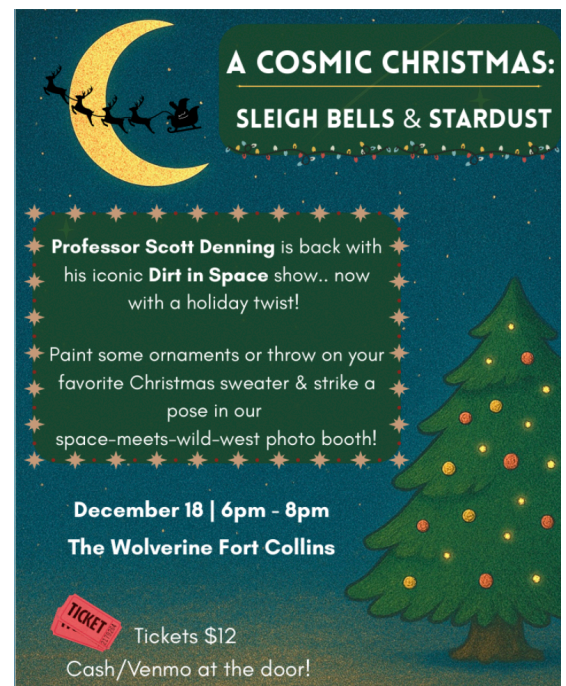
The Cosmic Cowboys will be holding a Cosmic Christmas event with Professor Scott Denning

- December 18, 6PM
- Wolverine, Fort Collins

DarkSky Colorado Fund Raiser

This is our local chapter of DarkSky International – formerly the IDA.

- Fundraising through Colorado Gives - gifts up to \$100 will be matched.
- They appreciate any donation amount.



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Tonight's Program

