

# Northern Colorado Astronomical Society Meeting Minutes 1/8/25



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**Agenda**

Reports:

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

Elections – 2026 Officers:

- Additional Nominations
- Candidate Introductions
- Voting

Announcements

Tonight’s Program –

Joe Izen – Planetary Astrophotography

**Attendance**

52 in person, 18 online, total 70

**Treasurer’s Report**

**Since Last Report**

	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenses</b>
Memberships	\$775.00	\$0.00
PayPal Fees	\$0.00	\$44.51
Astronomical League		\$0.00
Meeting Refreshments		\$34.81
Business Cards		\$0.00
Insurance		\$315.00
DarkSky Membership		\$100.00
T-Shirts	\$0.00	\$0.00
Donations	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$775.00</b>	<b>\$494.32</b>

**Balances**

<b>Checking</b>	\$ 1,695.83	5-Jan-2026	<b>5-Jan-26</b>	
<b>PayPal</b>	\$ 560.17	5-Jan-2026	Members thru 1/31/2026:	181
<b>CD</b>	\$ 2,122.99	4-Oct-2025	Members thru 1/31/2027:	40
<b>Checks On Hand</b>	\$ -	-	Members thru 1/31/2028:	1
<b>Value of unsold shirts</b>	\$ 100.00	1-Dec-2025		
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 4,478.99</b>	<b>5-Jan-2026</b>		

\*10 memberships for 2026 were paid prior to 12/1/2025 and accounted for in 2025

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## Balance Sheet as of 12/2/25

2026 Northern Astronomical Society Budget - January 2026							
Income		2026 Budget			2026 Actual		
	Each	No.	Amount	No.	Amount		
Paid Memberships*	\$ 30.00	167	\$ 5,010.00	25	\$ 625.00		
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Total Memberships		167	\$ 5,010.00	31	\$ 775.00		
Donations			\$ 250.00		\$ -		
Equipment Sales							
T-Shirts in inventory @ \$20/shirt	\$ 20.00	5	\$ 100.00		\$ -		
<b>Total Income</b>			\$ 5,360.00		\$ 775.00		
Expenses		Due	Each	2026 Budget		2026 Actual	
				No.	Amount	Paid	Amount
FoCo Museum of Discovery donation	Feb	\$800.00	1	\$ 800.00			\$ -
Insurance	Jan	\$315.00	1	\$ 315.00	Y		\$ 315.00
Member Meetings		\$ 40.00	12	\$ 480.00			\$ 34.81
DarkSky International membership	Jan	\$100.00	1	\$ 100.00	Y		\$ 100.00
State of Colorado filing fee	Jun	\$ 25.00	1	\$ 25.00			\$ -
Astronomical League dues (per member, + \$10)	Jun	\$ 6.00	167	\$ 1,012.00			\$ -
PayPal fees (from memberships and misc.)		\$ 1.54	150	\$ 231.00			\$ 44.51
Outreach Supplies		\$ 55.00	12	\$ 660.00			\$ -
Scope Loan Program		\$200.00		\$ 200.00			
Printing		Varies	Multiple	\$ 800.00			\$ -
Special Events		\$125.00	2	\$ 250.00			\$ -
<b>Total Expenses</b>				<b>\$ 4,873.00</b>			<b>\$ 494.32</b>
<b>Net</b>				<b>\$ 487.00</b>			<b>\$ 280.68</b>

### Welcome New Members!

We now have 181 members. 40 current members have renewed for 2026 so far. Membership expires January 31 – ***please renew before that if possible.***

11 New members - Welcome

- Kevin McManus
- Larry Adams
- Sarah DeLong
- Michelle Taylor
- Glenn McComb
- Chris deMontmollin
- Adam Freeman
- Julie Stout
- William Hutchinson
- Isabelle Chen-Angliker
- William West

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## Outreach Report - Greg Halac

### COMPLETED EVENTS

Date	Start	Site	Event	Duration	Guests	Scopes	Notes
12/13/25	18:30	LCP Horsetooth Mtn		2	20	7	95% clr; Sat,Jup,Orion
12/13/25	12:00	Lvld Library	Solar	2	136	4	95% clr
12/11/25	18:00	Compass Comm. HS		1.5	14	2	10% clr
12/7/25	11:00	FCMoD	Solar	2	78	5	
12/5/25	19:00	FRCC Observatory		1	14	2	

### CANCELED EVENTS

Date	Start	Site	Event	Cause
12/27/25	19:00	FCNA Fossil Creek Res		Forecast
12/26/25	19:00	LCP Horsetooth	Impromptu	Wind
12/19/25	19:00	FCNA Fossil Creek Res		Wind
12/6/25	12:00	Lvld Library	Solar	Clouds
12/2/25	18:00	Compass Comm. HS		Clouds

### THIS MONTH EVENTS

Date	Start	Site	Event	Duration
1/9/26	19:00	Ascent Classical Acad	River Bluffs	1.5
1/10/26	18:00	LCP Horsetooth Mtn		2
1/16/26	18:00	Irish ES		1.5
1/23/26	19:00	FCNA Fossil Creek Res		2

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## 2025 Outreach Summary

120 events scheduled:

- 80 Held
- 4864 attendees
- 26 volunteers

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## Thank You Volunteers!

### Individual Event Counts:

NAME	2025	NAME	2025
Adlhoch, Joe	15	Hornbostel, Patrick	6
Caldwell, Andy	24	Izen, Joe	1
Caldwell, Jon	42	Johns, Carla	2
Catlin, David	17	Leyendecker, John	7
Clark, Hugh	1	Lines, John	26
Darling, Pam	2	Lowry, Bruce	14
Davis, Charlie	4	Lowry, Kathy	14
Dunn, David	3	Marino, Greg	30
Edens, Beth	12	McGrill, Thomas	4
Fiechtner, David	3	Ruecker, Bill	14
Gaidarzhy, Alexei	1	Rysavy, Josh	7
Godowski, Ken	2	Sireno, Robert	48
Halac, Greg	67	Turenne, Guy	1

NSN Outreach Pins on order for the 15 volunteers with  $\geq 5$  events logged.

Contact Greg Halac if you are a member and want to be added to the volunteer email list.

## Nominations – 2026 Officers

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

- Nominated for President – Greg Marino (incumbent).
- Nominated for VP – Greg Halac.
- Nominated for Treasurer - Charlie Davis (incumbent).
- Nominated for Secretary – Kathy Lowry and Julie Stumph.

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

### Are there other nominations for any of the four officer positions?

Unopposed positions will be elected by a simple Yea or Nea vote.

Contested positions will be elected by paper ballot, counted by outgoing Secretary

### *During the meeting, the following members were voted into office or 2026:*

President - Greg Marino

Vice President - Greg Halac

Secretary - Kathy Lowry

Treasurer - Charlie Davis

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## **Tonight's Program**

### **Planetary Astrophotography by Joe Izen**

NCAS member Joe Izen is Professor Emeritus in Experimental Elementary Particle Physics at the University of Texas at Dallas. He is research-active and a member of the ATLAS experiment at CERN's Large Hadron collider, but tonight he proudly wears his amateur astronomy hat. Joe's astrophotography journey began during the era of wet chemistry in the 1960's. The 2017 total solar eclipse reignited Joe's love of astrophotography. He was the UT Dallas Physics liaison with the Texas Astronomical Society and the faculty advisor to the UT Dallas Astronomy Club. In 2023, Joe was a guest scientist for the Gingin Gravity Discovery Center's livestream coverage of the Ningaloo Solar Eclipse in Western Australia. In 2024, he was guest scientist for the Caravanas de Mexico eclipse RV tour. Joe is a member of the Modern Eddington Experiment team hoping to best the precision of prior measurements of the deflection of starlight by the Sun's gravity during upcoming eclipses. Closer to home, Joe hosts astronomy star, comet, and eclipse parties for neighbors and friends at his home in Wyoming, including an NCAS Dark Sky Weekend this past September.