



Agenda

FRIDAY January 12, 2024

6:00 pm to 8:30 pm

1904 Summit Dr NE

In person meeting only

Welcome!

A. Business

1. Review Jan 2023 meeting minutes
2. Treasurer's report
3. Elections of RAC officers, appointments, and positions
 - a. Current officers:

i. Randy Hemann	President
ii. John Attewell	Vice-President
iii. Julie Gawarecki	Treasurer
iv. Brandon Wyman	Secretary
v. John Martin	Webmaster
vi. Bill Davidson	Newsletter Editor
 - b. Current appointments:

i. Bill Davidson	ALCor (Astronomical League Correspondent)
ii. Josef Chlachula	Star Party Coordinator – Rochester
iii. John Attewell	Star Party Coordinator – Eagle Bluff
iv. Kirk Severson	Night Sky Network Representative
 - c. Current positions:

i. Bill Davidson	NCRAL Vice-Chair
ii. John Attewell	NCRAL's Regional Representative to the AL
iii. John Martin	AL webmaster
4. Virtual meeting platform discussion: Continue virtual meeting option and if so, purchase Zoom, MS Teams, or another platform?
5. Sky Quality Meter: Should the club purchase one?

B. Recent/New Activities

1. Member's Observing Notes
2. Library scope update
3. RAC Outreach Meeting Report:
 - a. Review of recent outreach events
 - b. Planning for upcoming outreach programs: RAC calendar review and planning of speakers for meetings and upcoming outreach programs: Randy Hemann, Josef Chlachula, John Martin



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4. Major regional star parties for 2024
 - a. Texas Star Party, cancelled this year in lieu of the April solar eclipse event
 - b. Rocky Mountain Star Stars, June 5-9, [Rocky Mountain Star Stare - The Premier Star Party of the Rocky Mountains \(rmss.org\)](https://www.rmss.org)
 - c. Nebraska Star Party, July 28 – Aug 2, [Nebraska Star Party](https://www.nebraskastarparty.org)
 - d. Okie-Tex Star Party, Sep 27 – Oct 5, [Okie-Tex Star Party](https://www.okietexstarparty.org)
 - e. Heart of America Star Part, Oct dates tbd, [Heart of America Star Party - HOASP \(askc.org\)](https://www.hoasp.org)

5. Major conferences
 - a. NCRAL 2024, May 17,18, DePere, WI: Neville Public Museum Astronomical Society, [Events In 2024 | NCRAL Online \(wordpress.com\)](https://www.ncral.org)
 - b. ALCON, 2024, July 17-20, Overland Park, KS, <https://www.astroleague.org/alcon-2024-kansas-city>

C. Discussions

1. Presentation: None
2. 2024 Topics/FYIs
 - a. Addition of the NCRAL Blotter on RAC website
 - b. NCRAL Speakers Bureau
 - c. April 8, 2024, Solar Eclipse Planning:
 - i. What are member's plans who are traveling to the eclipse?
 - ii. Planning for local events.
 - iii. Eclipse glasses use and distribution.