



Agenda Item

File #: 21-0882

Requested Agenda Date:

8/3/2021

Requested Agenda Title:

Clark Planetarium Board Re-appointments: Ahsan Iqbal, District 4; James Karner, PhD, District 4; Bianca Lyon, District 1; Olga Siggins, District 4

Requested Agenda Item Description: Ahsan Iqbal recently retired from Boeing, but he has continued to foster a relationship between Boeing and the Planetarium, which has included financial support and program opportunities. For the past two years, Ahsan has donated a trip on his private catamaran to the Planetarium gala, which raised ~\$7,000 each year to support our school programs. Ahsan was also incredibly supportive of Planetarium leadership throughout the COVID pandemic.

James Karner, PhD, is a professor of Geology at the University of Utah and is also a member of The Antarctic Search for Meteorites team (ANSMET). The Planetarium team has collaborated with James to share his expertise and adventures in Antarctica through our programs and social media. Jim is enthusiastic about our mission and has been a strong ambassador and financial supporter.

Bianca Lyon works at the Utah Office of Tourism and oversees Utah's dark skies and astro tourism programs. Not only has she connected the Planetarium to opportunities through her role at the Office of Tourism, she has consistently helped with our annual legislative activities, attended events and been an enthusiastic member and financial supporter.

Olga Siggins is General Counsel at Northrop Grumman, which is one of the Planetarium's largest funders. She also served on the 2020 nomination committee and helped us welcome six new board members, all of whom help further the board's initiative to create a diverse board with strong community and industry connections. Olga has also been a strong supporter of the Planetarium's embrace of the arts as a component of its programming.

Re-appointments terms will begin July 1 and run through June 30, 2024.

Requested Action: Discussion - Vote Needed

Presenter(s) (with titles): Michelle Hicks, Operations Manager

Time Needed: 5 MINS

Is this Item Time-Sensitive and/or Requesting a Time-Certain? Yes and I will send the request in writing

Requesting Staff Member: Michelle Hicks, Operations Manager

Are Supporting Documents Needed for this Agenda Item Request? Yes

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