

Middle Atlantic Planetarium Society History Database

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Mr. K.'s Mobile Dome Planetarium, Buffalo, NY • Strasenburgh Planetarium, Rochester, NY & Maryvale UFSD Planetarium, Cheektowaga, NY

YEAR: 2016

CONFERENCE INFORMATION: Theme: Innovate, Imagine, Inspire: Taking A New Approach

Conference Site: James E. Richmond Science Center, Waldorf, MD

Conference Date: July 27 – 30, 2016

Conference Host: Monique Wilson, Director

Conference Hotel: Hilton Garden Inn, Waldorf, MD.

Notable Event:

Keynote Speakers:

Margaret Noble Address Speaker: Steve LJ Russo

Officers 2016: (Officers change after MAPS Annual Delegates meeting)

President: Jerry Vinski, Raritan Valley Community College Planetarium, NJ

President-Elect: Kevin Williams, SUNY Buffalo State Ferguson Planetarium, NY

Past President: Alan Davenport, M. F. Jordan Planetarium, ME

Treasurer: Keith Johnson, Edelman Planetarium, NJ

Secretary: Steve Dubois, Ferguson Planetarium, Buffalo, NY

Board Members 2016: Lee Ann Hennig, Paul J. Krupinski, Megan Norris

YEAR: 2017

CONFERENCE INFORMATION: Theme:

Pleiades National Planetarium Conference – All U.S. regions in attendance: GLPA, GPPA, MAPS, PPA, RMPA, SEPA & SWAP.

Conference Site: James S. McDonnell Planetarium, St. Louis Center Center, St. Louis, Missouri

Conference Date: October 10 – 14, 2017

Conference Host: Anna Green, Planetarium Manager

Conference Hotel: Renaissance St. Louis Airport Hotel, St. Louis, MO.

Notable Event:

Keynote Speakers: Dr. Paul Schnek, New Horizons Mission Co-Investigator

Special Guest Panel: MAC's Old Team, Engineer's on project Mercury & Gemini retired employees of McDonnell - Douglas and Boeing St. Louis.

Margaret Noble Address Speaker: Dr. David Hurd

Officers 2017: (Officers change after MAPS Annual Delegates meeting)

President: Kevin Williams, SUNY Buffalo State Ferguson Planetarium, NY

President-Elect: April Whitt, Fernbank Science Center, Atlanta, Georgia

Past President: Jerry Vinski, Raritan Valley Community College Planetarium, NJ

Treasurer: Talia Serpersky, Charles Hayden Planetarium at the Museum of Science, Boston, MA

Secretary: Steve Dubois, Ferguson Planetarium, Buffalo, NY

Board Members 2017: Lee Ann Hennig, Paul J. Krupinski, Megan Norris

YEAR: 2018

CONFERENCE INFORMATION:

Theme: Full Steam Ahead

Conference Site: Treworgy Planetarium & Mystic Seaport Museum, Mystic, CT

Conference Date: May 30 – June 2, 2018

Conference Host: Brian J. Koehler, Supervisor

Conference Hotel: Hilton Mystic, St. Louis, MO.

Notable Event:

Keynote Speakers:

Margaret Noble Address Speaker: Patty Seaton

Officers 2018: (Officers change after MAPS Annual Delegates meeting)

President: Kevin Williams, SUNY Buffalo State Ferguson Planetarium, NY

President-Elect: April Whitt, Fernbank Science Center, Atlanta, Georgia

Past President: Jerry Vinski, Raritan Valley Community College Planetarium, NJ

Treasurer: Talia Serpersky, Charles Hayden Planetarium at the Museum of Science, Boston, MA

Secretary: Amie Gallagher, Raritan Valley Community College, NJ

Board Members 2018: Lee Ann Hennig, Paul J. Krupinski, Patty Seaton

YEAR: 2019

CONFERENCE INFORMATION:

Theme:

Joint MAPS/SEPA Conference

Conference Site: BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina Planetarium, Columbia, SC

Conference Date: June 4 – 8, 2019

Conference Host: Brian J. Koehler, Supervisor

Conference Hotel: Hilton Mystic, St. Louis, MO.

Notable Event:

Keynote Speakers:

Margaret Noble Address Speaker: Astronaut Clay Anderson

Officers 2019: (Officers change after MAPS Annual Delegates meeting)

President: April Whitt, Fernbank Science Center, Atlanta, Georgia

President-Elect: Brian Koehler, Treworgy Planetarium, Mystic Connecticut

Past President: Kevin Williams, SUNY Buffalo State Ferguson Planetarium, NY

Treasurer: Talia Serpersky, Charles Hayden Planetarium at the Museum of Science, Boston, MA

Secretary: Amie Gallagher, Raritan Valley Community College, NJ

Board Members 2019: Lee Ann Hennig, Paul J. Krupinski, Patty Seaton

YEAR: 2020

CONFERENCE INFORMATION:

Theme: Reaching Beyond the Stars

Secondary Theme: The Year Of Coronavirus

Conference Site: Jet Blue Sky Theater Planetarium at The Cradle of Aviation, Garden City, LI NY

Conference Date: April 22 – 25, 2020

Conference Host: Kerri Kiker, Supervisor

Conference Hotel: Hilton Mystic, St. Louis, MO.

Notable Event: **2020 Conference was cancelled due to Coronavirus Pandemic**

Keynote Speakers:

MAPS 2020 Virtual Conference

Conference Date: September 25-26, 2020

Margaret Noble Address Speaker: MAPS Membership

Officers 2020: (Officers change after MAPS Annual Delegates meeting)

President: April Whitt, Fernbank Science Center, Atlanta, Georgia

President-Elect: Brian Koehler, Treworgy Planetarium, Mystic Connecticut

Past President: Kevin Williams, SUNY Buffalo State Ferguson Planetarium, NY

Treasurer: Talia Serpersky, Charles Hayden Planetarium at the Museum of Science, Boston, MA

Secretary: Amie Gallagher, Raritan Valley Community College, NJ

Board Members 2020: Lee Ann Hennig, Paul J. Krupinski, Patty Seaton

YEAR: 2021

CONFERENCE INFORMATION:

Joint SEPA-MAPS-WAC Conference

Conference Site: Bays Mountain Park & Planetarium, Kingsport, TN

Conference Date: June 22 – 26, 2021

Conference Host: Adam Thanz

Conference Hotel: Bays Mountain Park, Kingsport, TN

Margaret Noble Address Speaker: Michael McConville

Notable Event: **2021 Conference was postponed due to Coronavirus Pandemic and re-scheduled for June 2023.**

MAPS 2021 Virtual Conference

Theme: Re-Entry

Conference Date: June 4 – 5, 2021

Margaret Noble Address Speakers:

1. Joyce Towne: “Persuasion”
2. Noreen Grice: “Diplomacy”
3. Paul J. Krupinski: “Persistence”
4. Larry Berz: “Passion”

Officers 2021: (Officers change after MAPS Annual Delegates meeting)

President: Brian Koehler, Treworgy Planetarium, Mystic Connecticut

President-Elect: Noreen Grice, You Can Do Astronomy, LLC, Massachusetts

Past President: April Whitt, Fernbank Science Center, Atlanta, Georgia

Treasurer: Mike Francis, Stars Science Theater, Massachusetts

Secretary: Amie Gallagher, Raritan Valley Community College, NJ

Board Members 2021: Lee Ann Hennig, Paul J. Krupinski, Patty Seaton

YEAR: 2022

CONFERENCE INFORMATION:

Theme: Dome Visualization and Climate Change

Conference Site: Versant Power Astronomy Center, University of Maine

Conference Date: Wednesday-Saturday, May 18 – 21, 2022

Conference Host: Shawn Laatsch, Director

Conference Hotel: Black Bear Inn & Conference Center

Notable Event: Wednesday 9am – 4pm Mini LIPS Workshop

Guest Speakers: Carter Emmart: What is OpenSpace?

Mark SubbaRao: Science Visualization Tools and Resources from NASA

Dr. Kathy Mills: Sharing Local Climate Impact in the Dome

Sean Birkel: Climate Reanalyzer as a Resource for Planetarians

Margaret Noble Address Speaker: Stephen Fentress, Director RMSC’s Strassenburgh Planetarium
“Fresh Courage Glimmers From Planets”

Officers 2022: (Officers change after MAPS Annual Delegates meeting)

President: Brian Koehler, Treworgy Planetarium, Mystic Connecticut

President-Elect: Noreen Grice, You Can Do Astronomy, LLC, Connecticut

Past President: April Whitt, Fernbank Science Center, Atlanta, Georgia

Treasurer: Mike Francis, Stars Science Theater, Massachusetts

Secretary: Amie Gallagher, Raritan Valley Community College, NJ

Board Members 2022: Lee Ann Hennig, Paul J. Krupinski, Patty Seaton

YEAR: 2023

CONFERENCE INFORMATION:

Title: "Stars for All"

Theme: "It Takes a Universe"

Conference Site: Bays Mountain Park and Planetarium, Kingsport, TN

Conference Date: Tuesday – Saturday, June 20 – 24, 2023

Conference Host: Adam Thanz

Margaret Noble Address Speaker: Michael McConville