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Special Announcement:
Nominations for election to the RASC Board of Directors

Dear RASC Members,

I hope that you and yours are all coping well, keeping safe and making the best of this unusual world of COVID-19 we find ourselves in.

While much has changed, and pivot and cohort have become a more important part of our vernacular, the Governance and Operations of the Society continue to demand attention. Your Board of Directors and the Society Office have been very busy this past year. As we plan for the upcoming General Assembly and Annual General Meeting, scheduled June 26 and 27, we are making another appeal for Nominations for election to the Board of Directors. Three (3) Director's positions are up for election at the Annual General Meeting, with each position having a three year Term.

We also wish to point out some important changes to the Society's Policy with regards to that and to explicitly bring your attention to the following changes, offered in summary below. You can review the entire Policy Manual here: <https://www.rasc.ca/rasc-policy-manual>.

Policy G9: Nomination and Election of Directors – All Members who meet the Eligibility Requirements provided in Section 126 of the Canada Not-for-Profit Corporations Act are eligible for nomination to the Board and there are three Methods of nominating a member. All nominations following one of these Methods and approved as nominees by the Nominating Committee will be considered to have been nominated as Directors. The Nominating Committee will also determine which confirmed nominees it may recommend for election. All Society Members will receive a notice to include the name and Candidate Statement of all nominees as well as the Nominating Committee's recommended nominees.

This amendment realigns Policy G9 with the Canada Not-for-Profit Corporations Act.

Policy B1: Terms of Office - Each director shall be elected to a term of office of three years, except where the director is elected to fill the unexpired portion of the term of a director who for any reason has left the Board before the expiry of that director's term. A person may be elected to any number of successive terms of office as a director.

Note that the previous version of Policy B1 included Term Limits for Directors. That Policy contravened the Canada Not-for-Profit Corporations Act and has been amended to comply with the Act.

We do hope that you will consider who amongst your peers may be a good candidate for nomination for a position as a Director of the Society. As we can all attest, it will offer the successful candidates a unique opportunity to shape Astronomy in Canada while presenting a great learning opportunity, often-times presenting interesting and exciting challenges along the way.

Take good care everyone and please feel free to reach out to me or any of your other Directors if you'd like more insight.

On behalf of your Board of Directors,

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