

- Attendance record at public and executive meetings of more than 97%.
- Always been the liaison between the St. John's Centre and Memorial University—meeting space, parking, equipment storage space, and speakers.
- Frequent speaker, media contact, and liaison with other groups.
- Key player in obtaining funds and proposal for the “Universe Centre,” a provincial observatory/planetarium/meeting centre.
- Co-Chair for the 1994 GA and member of the organizing committee for the 2004 GA.
- Heavily involved with the Canada-Wide Science Fair, serving on the organizing committee and judging for RASC awards at regional and Canada-wide fair.
- Valued and frequently called-upon member of the St. John's Centre.
- Fred has given much of himself for the advancement of astronomy at the local and provincial level and is a deserving candidate for the Service Award.

Roland Dechesne, Calgary Centre

- For his outstanding contributions to the Calgary Centre of the RASC over many years.
- Member of the RASC since 1977.
- Twice served as president of the Calgary Centre.
- Currently Past President and Chair of the Membership & Promotion Committee.
- Roland's efforts and commitment to the Society have been numerous, consistent, of high quality, and with excellent follow-through.
- Initiated, developed, and maintains the Calgary Centre's presence on social media including Facebook, Twitter, and the Calgary Meetup Group.
- Regular public speaker at RASC and University of Calgary-sponsored public events as well as many non-RASC events.
- Active and involved member of Council for many years.
- Key person in helping to create public star nights in the community of Vulcan, Alberta.
- Leadership role in research and education on Light Pollution Abatement.
- Researching roadway lighting laws in Canada and in the US.

- Taken the lead in helping to develop responsible lighting policies and in communicating light-pollution issues with individuals, communities, and local and regional governments.
- Provided assistance to the Lethbridge Astronomical Society and Waterton Lakes National Park to develop responsible-lighting protocols.
- Roland's multi-level and long-term engagement with astronomy has had a significant positive impact on the RASC as a whole.
- He continues to show passion and excellence in all that he undertakes.

President's Award

Randall Rosenfeld, Unattached Member

Established in 2008, this award is to be given at the President's discretion, usually once a year, to a member who has made an important contribution to the Society. The intent of this award is to recognize a significant contribution that might not fall under the criteria for any of the RASC's other national awards.

Randall Rosenfeld appeared on the RASC national scene in 2008, when he accepted the role of Archivist for the Society. Randall possesses remarkable talent, energy, and knowledge of astronomical history. He has been active on three committees: as past-chair of the Membership and Promotion Committee, and as current chair of both the Green-Laser Pointer Committee and the History Committee.

As Archivist, he oversaw the reorganization of the Society's library, the preservation of its most valuable holdings, the digitization of several significant holdings, and the placing of these on the Society's Web site. Randall has taken an active interest in the astronomical artifacts that the Society has accumulated over the years, researching them and seeing that they are appreciated and preserved. As an artist familiar with techniques from past centuries, Randall has made our members more aware of our pre-CCD, pre-photographic recording heritage and has encouraged other members to contribute to the Society.

His contributions have been many in recent years, and not all of them are described here. This award particularly acknowledges his outstanding work in preserving the RASC's material history: our library, our artifacts of value and historical significance, and our scientific heritage. It is individuals who make things happen. The RASC is fortunate to have Randall Rosenfeld in its ranks.

The full citations for all of the 2012 national Award winners can be found on the Society Web site: www.rasc.ca/awards