The RASC 2020/21 Board of Directors

There have been some changes to our Board of Directors. Here is the current list of board members.

- Robyn Foret (Calgary), **President**
- Charles Ennis (Sunshine Coast), **1st Vice-President**
- Michael Watson (National Member), **2nd Vice-President**
- Eric Briggs (Toronto), **Secretary**
- Catherine Carr (Toronto), **Treasurer**
- Chris Gainor (Victoria), **Past President**
- Brendon Roy (Thunder Bay), **Director**
- Phil Groff (Toronto), **Executive Director**

Meet the RASC

Welcome to a new section of the bulletin where we meet some of the amazing people that make up our astronomical society! If you'd like to introduce yourself to our members send a blurb here.

Katrina Ince-Lum
RASC Toronto Centre

I care deeply that all humans should receive the same opportunities in life, be treated equally, and not be tarred by the brush of bias based on their appearance, whether a sports bra, hijab, skin colour, age, purple hair, cosplay or tattoos/piercings. It's also important to me that people speak up when they witness injustice. It's important that we listen to the stories of others, and try to have empathy for different life experiences.

My own journey toward asking to be able to serve on the Inclusivity and Diversity Committee has been a long one. As a cis-gendered woman (my sense of identity and gender corresponds to my birth sex; this is not so for all humans) I've been told my presence at RASC events is because of my gender. I've been the token. It's been said to me at astronomy conventions "oh, isn't it nice to see a lady astronomer" when the same would never be said to a man, and I've experienced sexual harassment. Conversely I've also had many amazing life experiences and made great friends. I am the kind of person to act, do and say something when a negative interaction occurs, although it would've been easier to just leave and be one less woman that the RASC lost and didn't know why. Sometimes it takes me some time to figure out how that action will manifest. Being on this committee is one way I hope to work towards a better, more inclusive, RASC future.

Katrina Ince-Lum (she/her) is a long time member of the Toronto Centre and astronerd. She's into community science and rockets. She is a proud service award winner and Aussie-Canadian who works as a Registered Massage Therapist and is an Anthropology student at York University and gets to see the southern skies far too infrequently.

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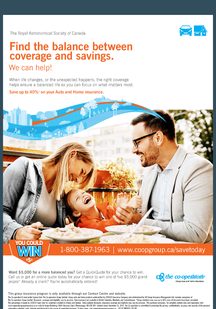
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