

methane images. It may represent a previously unknown type of eruption in a small cyclonic spot in the early stages of development of a STB structured sector. An update will be provided in the presentation.

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ASSA Annual General Meeting

The 2020 AGM was unique in that because of the Covid 19 pandemic it was a virtual AGM, hosted by the Pretoria Centre courtesy of Chair Bosman Olivier using Webex. A few members of Council had a few dummy runs to sort out potential problems. The AGM was successfully held on 13 August, 2020 at 18h30 and attended by 40+ members via Webex. Because this was a virtual AGM, no awards could be physically handed out, this was especially relevant for the awarding of the Overbeek Medals. It was decided to make the Medal awards for both 2020 and 2021, so that both could be handed out at the 2021 AGM.

The minutes and supporting documentation will be placed on the ASSA website page <https://assa.saa.ac.za/about/council-and-officers/agm-reports/>

ASSA Annual General Meeting - Awards

Overbeek Medal 2020 - Magda Streicher

Magda Streicher is South Africa's doyenne of deep sky observing and has been so for over 20 years. She has developed a unique way of recording her results; in an age when digital astrophotography dominates both amateur and professional observations, Magda still draws the most accurate and beautiful sketches of her observations. These are accompanied by brief descriptions and get published in MNASSA, Nightfall and several overseas journals as Deep Sky Delights. Her books and catalogues of her observations are well known; most recently her Astronomy Delights, published in 2012 is a beautiful miscellany of her Deep Sky Delights for which she was deservedly awarded the McIntyre award. This year she has added

details of all 88 constellations that she has observed over the past many years, to her volume of *Astronomy Delights*, creating an incredible, massive volume of over 550 pages! Finally her observation of Sirius B after many years of eye watering attempts, turned to tears of joy when she succeeded recently; she regards this as her crowning glory. Many amateurs have imaged it digitally, with difficulty, but I cannot recall single amateur to have actually seen it! Being Magda, she spent a long time sketching what she saw and published it! Magda has observed the night sky in a way that would have made Jan Overbeek proud; I can think of a no more deserving person to receive the Overbeek Medal for 2020. - *Case Rijdsdijk*

Overbeek Medal 2021 - Clyde Foster

Clyde Foster's digital imagery of Shallow Sky objects, primarily of the major planets and the occasional comet has grown enormously over the past few years; partially due to his interaction with other amateurs, and a few professional astronomers, both locally and internationally. His recent images of the planets Saturn and Jupiter, mainly the latter, where he has collaborated with the NASA's Juno mission, have produced images with a resolution that almost challenges the laws of Physics!

He has been active member of the ASSA in promoting, and participating in, pro-am collaborations and been overseas several times to do this, where he has presented at international Conferences on Planetary imagery. His discovery of a feature on Jupiter's surface, aptly named Clyde's Spot, indicates the level to which his work has risen and been recognized. I cannot find a more deserving winner of the 2021 Overbeek medal than Clyde Foster. - *Case Rijdsdijk*

A Presidential Award -Ronnie Glass

Ronnie Glass, having initially joined ASSA's Cape Centre in 1964, has had a long association with the Society. This has not been a passive involvement. Perhaps generally unremarked but certainly not unappreciated, he has given freely of his financial accounting expertise since the late 1970s, supporting seven treasurers over the period of more than 40 years. His carefully considered professional advice, informed by the institutional knowledge that can only be gained through long-term continuity of perspective, has been a valuable asset which will be sorely missed. In appreciation for his outstanding contributions to the Society, I have no hesitation in recommending him for the President's Award. Long may he enjoy his well-deserved retirement. - *Chris Stewart*

Directors' Awards

Rodney Hyman

The ASSA Instrumentation Section hereby recognises the long-term support of Rodney Hyman to the Society, and in particular to the Amateur Telescope Making fraternity. Notably, without his excellent aluminising service, telescope making would be a far more difficult endeavour. A regular participant of the Telescope Making Class, Rodney has in many other ways provided additional services such as engraving, laser cutting, materials sourcing and electronics expertise. Without these, many amateurs would not have been able to attain such professional finishes to their work - or in many cases even to bring their instruments to completion. Further, Rodney has been a staunch supporter of ScopeX throughout its entire existence. Beyond this, he has greatly assisted in keeping the historic 26.5" refractor at the observatory operational, eliciting much credit to the Society from SAASTA.

For these reasons and many more, Rodney has earned the heartfelt gratitude of the astronomical community. -Chris Stewart

Jose da Silva

After observing a few exoplanets with Neville Young Jose moved on to a formal exoplanet programme using the telescope at the Unisa observatory.

He became part of an international collaboration between China, USA, UAE, Czech Republic, Spain, Cyprus, Chile and now SA. The aim is to search for habitable exoplanets around non-flare G, K and M (red dwarf) type stars within 100 light years of Earth. Based on his excellent work he was then invited to join an exoplanet project with The Russian Academy of Sciences's Pulkovo Observatory in St Petersburg and is co-author on a paper on the transit timing variation of this same exoplanet, WASP-4b. The paper will be published in the Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society (MNRAS) in the UK. Last year I considered Jose for the award of an Observing Certificate but anticipating that he would soon move on to greater things delayed the nomination. I now believe he is certainly an excellent candidate for the award of the Director's Observing Commendation which is why I have nominated him. -Dave Blane

ASSA General Meeting - Elected Officials 2020/2021

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President	Chris Stewart
Vice President	Case Rijdsdijk
Treasurer	AJ Nel
Membership Secretary	Wilmi Nel

Secretary	Lerika Cross
Council member	Dr Pierre de Villiers
Council Member	Dr Pieter Kotze
Council Member	Dr Ian Glass
Council Member	Clyde Foster
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Cape Chair	Marius Reitz
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Johannesburg Chair	Carmel Ives
Pretoria Chair	Bosman Olivier
Hermanus Chair	Dr Pierre de Villiers

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Web Manager	John Gill
ASSA Observing Director	Kos Coronaios
ASSA Communications Dir.	Case Rijdsdijk
ASSA Outreach Director	Kos Coronaios
ASSA Archivist	Chris de Coning
SAAO Liaison for Website	Dr Christian Hettlage

Sections (Groups)	Directors
A - Shallow Sky: Asteroid, Meteors, Comets, Lunar, Occultations, Planetary, Satellites, Solar	Clyde Foster
B1: Deep Sky	Douglas Bullis
B2: Double and Variable Stars Section	Dave Blane
C: Photometry, Spectroscopy	Percy Jacobs
D: Cosmology and Astrophysics	Bruce Dickson
E: Southern African Astronomy History	Chris de Coning

F: Possible vacancy for a Dark Sky Section	In abeyance
G: Imaging Section	Martin Heigan
H: Instrumentation: including ATM	Chris Stewart
I: Citizen Science	Allen Versfeld

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