

ALPO Central Office Development Update - Number 3 – Endowment Update

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This latest update finds the ALPO Endowment growing thanks to ALPO members that have voluntarily contributed beyond the current, regular dues levels. The ALPO Secretary thanks all members and non-members that have donated toward the ALPO and its Endowment. Members that make contributions are regularly recognized in the *Journal of the Association of Lunar and Planetary Observers (The Strolling Astronomer)*, annually.

The ALPO Endowment has now grown to a value of \$60,685.85. Of course, the purpose of the Endowment is to provide a base for funding of a central office for the ALPO, in the future. Growth in the Endowment over the past couple of years has come in part from memorial donations made in the names of two recently deceased colleagues, long time planetary imager and ALPO Board member Don Parker, and ALPO Board member and Founder Walter Haas. The loss of two uniquely accomplished individuals in the annals of amateur astronomy leaves us sad for our loss but appreciative for the lives they lived and how they affected our lives as well.

The ALPO also offers a charitable bequest option as mentioned in the last update. For more information please click on this link, [“Making a Charitable Bequest to the ALPO”](#). Donations, never too small, can be made at any time either sending a check to the ALPO to our Springfield, Illinois postal address given below or online on the [Astronomical League website](#). Whatever option you choose, contributions through expanded memberships, charitable bequests, or donations, all are greatly appreciated!

Speaking of ALPO history, please check out the ALPO presentation [The ALPO: Its Origins Purpose and Progress](#) given at the 2016 ALCON on the ALPO website under the link for the 2016 ALCON presentations to the upper left of the ALPO website’s main page. The ALPO has had a rich past with many amateur contributing observations, talents and skills in many areas of expertise, and continues to do so today.

Also, check out Tim Robertson’s [ALPO Podcasts](#) on the ALPO website. Tim is the host of Observer’s Notebook, a program that includes fascinating interviews with ALPO staff, members, and others that are involved in some aspect of Solar System astronomy. It’s a great way to get to know people involved with the ALPO, up close and personal, if you can’t make it to the annual meetings or other gatherings. The link to the [ALPO Podcasts](#) is located on the ALPO website’s main page, to the upper right of the page.

The ALPO thanks you for your support in whatever capacity you participate in, as observers, readers of our literature, or contributing in various ways to strengthen our mission.

Best regards,

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