

# ALPO Central Office Development Update - Number 2 – Charitable Bequest

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This second update is to inform you about the status of the ALPO Endowment and an alternative to the ALPO expanded memberships as a way of giving to the ALPO – charitable bequests.

The ALPO continues to build on its endowment. Since July 2013, \$2650 in contributions through expanded memberships or donations have been added to the ALPO Endowment. The current total value for the ALPO Endowment is \$32,373.36. The Treasurer wishes to thank all that have contributed no matter how large or small their contribution. These contributions advance the organization forward to its objective of eventually, some day, maintaining a central office for archiving and coordinating research and educational programs.

The ALPO offers other opportunities to support our goal for a future central office, namely charitable bequests. A charitable bequest is a gift of assets of some sort that is directed from the estate of an individual, in a will or trust after death, to a non-profit organization. We are making this option available for those that may not be able to afford to maintain a higher level membership but might still want to eventually contribute to the ALPO upon their passing. Our brochure [“Making a Charitable Bequest to the ALPO”](#) explains how a charitable bequest works, what one needs to do get started, and how it will benefit the ALPO. Please review our brochure and if interested, we can supply more materials to support the process. A good attorney should be consulted to write a will or trust that can include a gift to the ALPO. Of course, a discussion with one’s prospective heirs and beneficiaries about your intentions will help to avoid any misunderstandings with those parties.

Naturally, if one just wants to make a plain donation at any time, this can be made directly by either sending a check to the ALPO at our Springfield, Illinois postal address given below or online on the [Astronomical League website](#). Whatever option you choose to give to the ALPO, contributions through expanded memberships, charitable bequests, or donations are greatly appreciated!

Best regards,

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