



Please take time to carefully answer all questions. Please note that growth in membership is IPS's current top priority and we want to hear about your progress.

1. **Name of Affiliate:** Great Lakes Planetarium Association (GLPA)
2. **Geographical area served by Affiliate:** GLPA primarily serves the US states of Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin, but we have members in almost every US state, and several countries around the globe.
3. **Language(s) spoken by the members of the Affiliate:** English is the primary language spoken, but we have members who speak Spanish, French, Italian, and other languages as well.
4. **Affiliate News (Highlights, Projects, Initiatives):**

We are currently investigating a new platform to allow interested parties to purchase and download our full-dome productions, and classic show kits directly through our website. We've also completed migration of all our administrative documentation to Google Docs and Drive, and are continuing efforts to ensure that all our data is GDPR-compliant.

Our 2018 conference saw our first Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion educational workshop, and we are looking at ways to continue that as a series for future conferences.

There is also significant effort being put into modernizing and streamlining our conference planning documentation, to make the process the best we can for future GLPA conference hosts. This included a significant restructuring in how sponsors pay for exhibition time at our annual conference.

We've also been continuing to collaborate with PPA in the PWS (Planetarium Web Seminar), an online PD livestream that occurs on the last Friday of every month.

5. **Name of publication/newsletter:** *GLPA Newsletter*
6. **Name of publication/newsletter:** Bart Benjamin, Editor. Bart.benjamin@icloud.com
7. **Website address:** <http://glpa.org>
8. **Contact information for webmaster:** Tom Dobes, Technology Chair. tdobes@mcpstars.org
9. **IPS representative and contact information:** Mike Smail, msmail@adlerplanetarium.org

10. Officers/Board of Directors:

GLPA Executive Committee:
President: Geoff Holt
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11. How many portable planetariums are there in your region? Dozens

12. In what activities/initiatives/projects are your portable planetariums involved?

We don't have a firm 'Portables Association' in GLPA, and as such there are no current initiatives specifically centered on portable domes in our region.

13. Contact information for portables in your region: Dayle Brown, DayleDavid@comcast.net

14. Number of affiliate members: 175

15. Number of IPS members: 91

16. Membership growth in the past year (select one):

- a. 0 – 5% (We had an expected loss in membership because we no longer require sponsors to join GLPA to exhibit at our annual conference)
- b. 6 – 10%
- c. 11 – 20%
- d. 21 – 30%
- e. 31 – 40%
- f. 41 – 50%
- g. More than 50%

17. List at least 5 facilities that have IPS members and are members of your Affiliate:

- a. Greenfield-Central High School, Greenfield, IN
- b. Peoria Riverfront Museum, Peoria, IL
- c. Allen F. Blocher Planetarium, Stevens Point, WI
- d. St. Cloud State University Planetarium, St. Cloud, MN
- e. Prairie Planetarium, Lakefield, MN

18. In what ways have you recruited new members to IPS? What are your affiliates goals for IPS membership in the coming year? I gave IPS Update talks at the GLPA Business Meeting during our 2018 conference, and at the 2019 Illinois, Ohio, and Michigan state meetings. Copies of *The Planetarian* and IPS membership brochures were also available to attendees. These presentations highlight the ongoing discussions and plans of IPS, and then feature the ways that IPS membership is beneficial to planetarians. I feel the state meetings are especially useful, as some of their attendees are not even GLPA members.

I also hosted two IPS-related poster presentations at our 2018 GLPA conference that allowed me to talk directly with attendees about the organization, by-law changes, and election information. The posters included a digital voting interface to gather information on 2022 conference site preferences.

I've also made suggestions for people the IPS President could target in his New Year's Resolution to approach a new person every day about IPS membership.

Events Planned: January 1 - December 31 (Fill in all that applies)

a. Conference(s)

- Date(s): October 23-26, 2019
- Location: Ritter Planetarium, Toledo, Ohio
- Contact Person: Alex Mak, amak@utoledo.edu

b. Special Event(s) WIMPS (Wisconsin Minnesota Planetarium Society) State Meeting

- Date(s): April 12-13, 2019
- Location: Whitney and Elizabeth MacMillan Planetarium, Bell Museum, St. Paul, MN
- Contact Person: Sally Brummel

c. Special Event(s) Indiana State Meeting

- Date(s): April 13, 2019
- Location: Holcomb Observatory and Planetarium, Butler University, Indianapolis, IN
- Contact Person: Jeff Bowen

d. Special Event(s) Illinois State Meeting

- Date(s): April 13, 2019
- Location: Illinois State University Planetarium, Normal, IL
- Contact Person: Tom Willmitch

e. Special Event(s) Ohio State Meeting

- Date(s): April 27, 2019
- Location: Coshocton Planetarium, Coshocton, OH
- Contact Person: Ron Derewicki

f. Special Event(s) Michigan State Meeting

- Date(s): May 18, 2019

- Location: Dassault Systèmes Planetarium, Michigan Science Center, Detroit, MI
- Contact Person: Paulette Epstein