IPS Affiliate Report

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 most US states, 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):**

   Effective at the Vernal Equinox, GLPA welcomed four new members to our Executive Committee (33% of the 12 committee members). We continue our work to engage newer members of the community in a variety of ways across our organization.

   We’re investigating methods to make our annual conference more open and accessible to all attendees including schedule adjustments, offering childcare support, and developing best practices for future conference hosts.

   The GLPA Code of Conduct has been modified to include age as a ‘protected class’. The new Code of Conduct is as follows: “We pledge to treat all people with respect and provide a harassment and bullying-free environment, regardless of sex, sexual orientation and/or gender identity, disability, physical appearance, body size, race, nationality, ethnicity, age and religion. In particular, sexual language and imagery, sexist, racist, or otherwise exclusionary jokes are not appropriate. We will treat those outside our community with the same respect as people within our community.”

   GLPA has adopted minor modifications to our organizational logo and is currently developing written policies and guidelines for its use.

   GLPA is continuing to partner with the Pacific Planetarium Association (PPA) on their series of monthly professional development webinars. We are also acting on ways to continue supporting and meeting the online needs of planetarians, both in our region and beyond.

5. **Name of publication/newsletter:** GLPA Newsletter
6. **Contact Information**: 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, msmtp@adlerplanetarium.org

10. **Officers/Board of Directors**:  
    GLPA Executive Committee  
    President: Waylena McCully  
    President-Elect: Dan Tell  
    Past-President: Geoff Holt  
    Secretary: Tiffany Stone Wolbrecht  
    Treasurer: Steve Burkland  
    IPS Representative: Mike Smail  
    Membership Chair: Paulette Epstein  
    Publications Chair: Bart Benjamin  
    Education Chair: Peggy Hernandez  
    Conference Planning Chair: Renae Kerrigan  
    Development Chair: Kris McCall  
    Technology Chair: Tom Dobes

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**: 200

15. **Number of IPS members**: 94

16. **Membership growth in the past year (select one)**:  
    a. 0 – 5% (IPS membership growth)  
    b. 6 – 10%  
    c. 11 – 20% (GLPA membership growth)  
    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. Evansville Museum, Koch Immersive Theater & Planetarium, Evansville, IN
   b. Drake Planetarium & Science Center, Norwood, OH
   c. Michigan Science Center, Detroit, MI
   d. Bell Museum, St. Paul, MN
   e. Williamsville Space Lab Planetarium, Williamsville, NY

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 2019 conference, and at the 2020 Michigan state meeting. 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 to reach new audiences, as some of their attendees are not even GLPA members. I also write a quarterly column of IPS News for the GLPA Newsletter.

Events Planned: January 1 - December 31 (Fill in all that applies)
   a. Conference(s)
      • Date(s): October 21-24, 2020 (To be replaced by Virtual Event)
      • Location: Kalamazoo Valley Museum, Kalamazoo, MI
      • Contact Person: Mark Reed, marksreed@aol.com
   b. Special Event(s) Ohio State Meeting (canceled)
      • Date(s): April 18, 2020
      • Location: Hoover-Price Planetarium, Canton, OH
      • Contact Person: Suzie Dills
   c. Special Event(s) Michigan Virtual State Meeting
      • Date(s): May 9, 2020
      • Location: Zoom
      • Contact Person: Paulette Epstein
   d. Special Event(s) II-WIMPS (Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin, Minnesota Planetarium Society) Virtual State(s) Meeting
      • Date(s): May 16, 2020
      • Location: Zoom
      • Contact Person: Mike Smail